

## God Has the Answer; God Is the Answer

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10 a.m. Sunday  
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### Bible Classes

9 a.m. Sunday  
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A deep problem with self-worth can be what triggers sins like profanity, gossip and lying. By cursing, slandering and deceiving we try to compensate for how we feel about ourselves in certain situations. The sins give us a fleeting false sense of power. Why do we keep struggling with the things we say to others? It could be that we keep struggling with the way we see ourselves.

Nothing that has happened to you or that you have done changes these three facts: (1) God made you, (2) Jesus died for you, and (3) heaven is waiting for you. You can decide that these most important truths do not matter, then lose your self-worth and watch everything unravel for you all the way into eternity. When you decide that these things matter most, you'll be faithful to God, live a happy life, be a helpful servant to others, win your struggle with sin, and enjoy eternal life.

Dr. Bill Flatt—counselor, educator, and gospel preacher—in his book *Restoring My Soul: The Pursuit of Spiritual Resilience* identified these tendencies in people who are down on themselves:

- They *overgeneralize*. From one mistake they conclude that they can't do anything right.
- They *eternalize*. From one failure, they conclude that they will never do anything right.
- They *personalize*. They are too absorbed with themselves.
- They *catastrophize*. They think that what they do is the worst thing that has ever been done.

- They *filter*. They only see negative, not positive.
- They *neutralize*. If they see something positive, they find some way to negate it.
- They *absolutize*. Everything becomes a must. They jump to conclusions without adequate evidence.
- They *dichotomize*. Everything is either black or white; there is no gray. They are often very perfectionistic.
- They *self-destruct*. They set up negative self-fulfilling prophecies and make feeling loved seem impossible.

Why throw yourself in a pit that way?

God knows your problems and the problems behind your problems, and he wants to help. Spend some time this week meditating on Psalm 40. In it David admitted woeful truth about himself and wonderful truth about God. It made a difference! For now, delight in how this Psalm begins and ends: "I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD...But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the LORD!' As for me, I am poor and needy, but the LORD takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!" (Psalm 40:1-3,16-17). God has the answer to your problem with self-worth. He is the answer.

*Danny Boggs*



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haight, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Neosho Christian School and Honduras mission work.

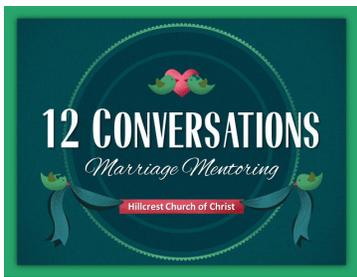
- Pat Risley is in rehabilitation at Medicalodge for her broken pelvis.
- Velda Wood is back at Medicalodge after surgery last week.

**Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday** to help someone in need. One recipient recently said, "What a nice surprise to receive the gift of money from the church right in the middle of big and unexpected expenses. You helped us manage, and you refreshed our spirits."



**BBQ Men's BBQ Night:** Meet at the Hillcrest parking lot at 6:00 this Thursday for a trip to the BBQ Station in Cassville.

Would you like to build a friendship with a couple married 25 years or more and learn from them how to make your marriage stronger than ever? See Danny to get involved in our **12 Conversations** marriage ministry.



**This Sunday's Sermons:**

A.M. *Locking Sin's Triggers: Sexual Sin*  
(Danny Boggs)  
P.M. *Come Now, You Rich, Weep and Howl*  
( James 5:1-6, Danny Boggs)

**Show-Me Youth Conference!** See Luke to sign up to go the Show Me Youth Conference in Conway Saturday, August 26.

**Baby Shower:** We're celebrating Tucker and Abby Anderson's coming baby boy Beckett with brunch at Karen Honeycutt's home Saturday, August 26, at 10 a.m. Abby is registered at Babies 'R Us and Target.



**Mark Your Calendars! Hillcrest Ladies' Retreat** October 20-22 in Garfield, AR.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped start this school year off by celebrating area teachers and schools with a lunch!



**PRAYER LEADERS**

**Sunday, August 20**

- AM Opening: Tim Murray
- AM Closing: Rick Hyder
- PM Opening: Jackson Collinsworth
- PM Closing: Fred Bukowich

**Wednesday, August 23**

- Opening: Karson Thomas
- Closing: Ethan Murray

RECORDS	08-13-17	08-14-16
Bible Study	132	132
AM Worship	201	191
PM Worship	129	151
Wednesday	143	136
Contribution	\$7,437.85	\$7,691.95
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67