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Mission Possible Words of Hope Ministries

The people of Israel ask the great prophet of God, Samuel, for a king.

“Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance. ‘Do everything they say to you’, the Lord replied, ‘for it is me they are rejecting, not you. They don’t want me to be their king any longer. Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods.’ 1 Samuel 8:6-8

So, without getting political, there have been recent protests on the news with people holding up signs saying “No King”. I would argue that we do need a king, but not an earthly one. We need THE KING of the universe to rule over our hearts!!

At this time in history, Samuel was getting older and his sons who were expected to judge the people of Israel were not righteous men. The people were afraid of a powerful nation of Ammonites who were threatening them. Instead of returning to God for protection, the people went to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king over them for their security. Samuel warned them that they were rejecting God Who had protected them so many times in the past from their enemies. The Lord told Samuel to warn the people of how an earthly king would treat them, even so they still wanted a king. God told Samuel to anoint Saul as their king. The name “Saul” means “asked for”.

I love how this story plays out in 1 Samuel chapter 12:12-13. Samuel is addressing the people and

says, “ But when you were afraid of Nahash, the king of Ammon, you came to me and said that you wanted a king to reign over you, even though the Lord your God was already your king. All right, here is the king you have chosen. You asked for him, and the Lord has granted your request.” Like the old expression, you asked for it, you got it!!

Samuel told the people of Israel that if they would worship the Lord and listen to His voice, then all would be well with them and their new king. If you read on in the book of Samuel, you will see that Saul was disobedient to God and God rejected him.

I believe that this is a great life lesson on being careful what you wish for. The Lord has given us his commandments and His Word to remind us how we should live. Moses called the Israelites to commit themselves to the Lord and to love Him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. May we all be committed to our Lord, the one true king, and worship Him only!! Come Lord Jesus!

In His holy name,

Sally



Praise and Prayer

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ~ Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you and in Christ Jesus.

Heavenly Creator, we pray that you will guide Americans and all people worldwide to be calm and hopeful during this time of unrest and uncertainty. Please remind us to trust that which is your plan for us.

Loving Father, we pray for all elected government officials in the United States and abroad and ask you to guide them in decision making. Please guide US leaders to reflect inclusion and efforts toward unification of the people in our country. Help our President to work with all State senators and House representatives to restore cooperative government operations to our nation. We pray for changes in legislation to provide individuals being released from prison an easier path on the outside with better opportunities for employment, safe housing, management of a business and education to learn and practice a trade.

Merciful God, we pray for all who are enduring hardship, loss, confinement, loneliness, sickness, violence and fear. Please protect those affected by violence and those fleeing homelands where they are persecuted. Allow them to find refuge in safe

places with kind, supportive people.

Holy Comforter, please shower your endless love, healing and comfort on those who suffer from illness and give hope to their families, especially our faithful servant, Vivian, who has been a valued member of this ministry to share your words of hope with those on the inside. Bless all the Mission Possible members and St. Luke's Church who work to keep this ministry going.

Great Lord, we ask for courage, strength and mercy for all who will be released from prison in the future. Please help them find the resources needed to make a smooth transition on the outside. Please give courage and patience to those on the inside that they may endure and find hope in you and be moved by the Holy Spirit to accomplish what you will for them.

Please be with all who have suffered losses, separation from loved ones and are grieving.

Please help us to be committed to preserving our natural resources for those who come after us.

Lord and Savior, we ask for your continued blessings on the hands and work of the Mission Possible team and pray for all who receive this newsletter that they will know your

love and grace and share it with others.

We give glory to you, Lord, and thank you for always being present to hear our prayers! In Jesus name, Amen

If you have prayer requests and praise reports that you would like to submit for the newsletter, please mail them to **Mission Possible PO Box 11063, Charlotte, NC 28220.**

"When we pray, mighty forces move. Prayer helps us overcome life's obstacles. It helps give us peace of mind and helps us find our own strength. Prayer helps us build our spiritual house. Ultimately, prayer helps us remember who we are. When we remember who we are, we become the love of God." ~ Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Annapolis, 1996

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." ~ Mother Teresa



Parks, parade vehicles, and even pets are often festooned in patriotic decorations.

Popular foods to eat on the Fourth of July are barbecue, hot dogs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, watermelon, and ice cream as well as local favorites, such as clam chowder in Boston and chili in Texas. Eating contests, especially involving hot dogs or pies, are a time-honored tradition in some towns. Other activities, depending on the region, include corn roasts, picnics, beach parties, and rodeos.

Fourth of July Traditions

Famous Patriotic American Songs

"The Star-Spangled Banner" (Francis Scott Key; U.S. national anthem)

"Yankee Doodle"

"America the Beautiful" (Katharine Lee Bates)

"You're a Grand Old Flag" (George M. Cohan)

"God Bless America" (Irving Berlin)

"This Land Is Your Land" (Woody Guthrie)

"God Bless the U.S.A." (Lee Greenwood)

"Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" (Toby Keith)

Parades and fireworks are typically the most popular ways that Americans commemorate Independence Day. Alameda, California, is believed to have the longest Independence Day parade route in the country, at 3.3 miles (5.3 km) long.

Many communities also host carnivals and concerts featuring local entertainment or military bands performing patriotic tunes. The American flag is ubiquitous on the Fourth of July, as many Americans like to display their patriotism by flying the flag outside their home and dressing in red, white, and blue.

Patriotic Trivia



1. Where was the first celebration of Independence Day held?
2. Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring?
3. What was the name of the newspaper that published the Declaration of Independence?
4. The Fourth of July commemorates which document?
5. Which American president was born on July 4th?
6. Which president of the United States was the first to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?
7. How many stars and stripes does the U.S. flag have?
8. What is the location of the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade?
9. What was the total number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence?
10. Every July 4th, what food is most commonly consumed?
11. Who gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States?
12. What was The Statue of Liberty's official name?
13. Where is the Liberty Bell currently located?
14. Every July 4th, how many hot dogs are consumed?
15. On the Declaration of Independence, who had the largest signature?
16. Which two presidents died on July 4, 1826?
17. What was the estimated population of the US on July 4, 1776?
18. In what year were fireworks first used to celebrate the Fourth of July?
19. During WWII, where was the Declaration of Independence stored?
20. Which country declared independence for the US on July 4, 1960?



(1) Philadelphia in 1777 (2) 13 (3) The Pennsylvania Evening Post (4) The Declaration of Independence (5) Calvin Coolidge, 1872 (6) Thomas Jefferson 1801 (7) 50 Stars, 13 Stripes (8) Bristol, Rhode Island (9) 56 (10) Hot Dogs (11) The people of France (12) Liberty Enlightening the World (13) Philadelphia (14) 150 million (15) John Hancock (16) John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (17) 2.5 million (18) 1777 (19) Fort Knox (20) Philippines

National Day of.....

1. Gingersnap, Postage Stamp
2. Anisette
3. Fried Clam, Compliment Your Mirror
4. Barbecued Spareribs,
5. Bikini, Graham Cracker
6. Fried Chicken
7. Dive Bar, Macaroni
8. Freezer Pop
9. Dimples, Sugar Cookies
10. Kittens, Pina Colada
11. 7- Eleven, Blueberry Muffin
12. Eat Your Jello, Paper Bag
13. Beans N Franks
14. Nude, Tape Measure
15. Gummi Worm, Pet Fire Safety
16. Personal Chef, Corn Fritters
17. Tattoo, Yellow Pig
18. Caviar
19. Play
20. Moon, Fortune Cookie
21. Junk Food
22. Hammock
23. Gorgeous Grandma
24. Drive-Thru, Cousins
25. Merry-Go-Round
26. All or Nothing, Aunts and Uncles
27. Parents, Love is Kind
28. Milk Chocolate
29. Lipstick, Lasagna, Chicken Wing
30. Climb a Mountain
31. Mutt, Avocado

Thank you Vivian

In this newsletter, we want to recognize the faithful service of our friend, Vivian. Vivian will be ending her service with Mission Possible after many years. I am not sure exactly how many years it has been, but probably 19 years or so. As our beloved Vivian has gotten older, her health has gotten more fragile, but her spirit is as strong as ever!! I would challenge you to try to find a more faithful, spirit filled, Godly woman than Vivian. Vivian continues to always push through any adversity or storm in life with the help of her Lord Jesus. Vivian, we will miss your contributions to the monthly newsletter, but we are so grateful for your faithful service to Mission Possible over the years. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand.

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you favor and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



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		Proverbs 20:22	Psalms 139:23	Psalms 40:12	Job 10:12 	Matthew 6:14
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2 Thessalonians 1:10	2 Peter 3:9	Matthew 14:27	Matthew 22:37	1 Timothy 1:19	Revelation 4:8	Romans 2:4
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John 6:40	Jeremiah 1:5	Hebrews 11:1	Romans 11:6	Deuteronomy 31:8	Matthew 8:17	1 John 1:8
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Mark 10:45	Jeremiah 17:7	Isaiah 41:13	Matthew 11:30	1 Corinthians 15:23		