

### Sackcloth Underneath

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The first time I recall understanding the significance of the story in 2 Kings 6:30 was sitting in a class taught by Wendell Winkler. He called the lesson "Hidden Cares." He told us to remember that sitting in the audience each week we preached would be any number of folks carrying around hidden cares. Getting nearer to twenty years of full-time preaching, I become more aware of that every day. In fact, preaching this past Sunday on the woman in Mark five who had been suffering for twelve years, I was reminded of this as I looked into the faces of individuals suffering in a variety of ways. While we usually know some of the burdens our brothers and sisters are bearing, there are still many others whose troubles are not as widely known.

Jehoram is no Old Testament hero, but is rather a wicked Israelite king. He does not make the cut for the Hebrews eleven list and he does not even behave properly regarding Elisha after the event mentioned in the verse above, but he does illustrate the many who walk around with hidden cares. The verse reads, "When the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes-now he was passing by on the wall-and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth beneath on his body."

The sackcloth was coarsely woven cloth, often made of goat's hair. It was worn to show mourning and submission to God. No doubt, wearing one of these for any length of time would bring itching, irritation, and discomfort. The garment was apparently meant to reflect outwardly the feelings of the heart and affliction of the spirit of the wearer.

Whether we are preaching or teaching or simply dealing with one another, may we keep a few things in mind. At any given point, the person with whom we are dealing is likely wearing their own "hidden sackcloth." We may not be able to tell this by looking at their facial expressions or through any verbal cues when we converse. Further, the hidden cares they carry may affect the way they respond to us. Let us not assume they are upset with us or that it is even about us at all. Finally, keep in mind that people cope with their hidden cares in different ways. It is no reflection on the quality of our friendship or relationship if they do not share it. Each of us must determine how, when, and with whom we disclose these things. Let us pray for family, church family, coworkers, neighbors, and others with whom we have relationship as they wear these unseen cares.

To those with sackcloth underneath, remember that God has made us family. There are those you can trust to help bear the burdens. Pray about this and then act. Let these cares refine your relationship with God and sharpen your focus on the place where there will be no such cares. Remember that God is gracious and will not give you more than you can bear. This may seem doubtful at times, but on the other side of the sorrow it will be clear.

No matter how "spiffily" or "slobbily" one is dressed, be aware that underneath may be that figurative sackcloth. May this drive us to be more compassionate and understanding in our dealings with one another.

Neal Pollard  
via *Daily Bread*, 2008

*His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Kayla Hayes, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, John Privett, Harold Speir, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Bette Sinden will have surgery on her throat on Friday

**Every "One" Counts:** Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



 **Devo and Donuts** is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and bring your friends.

**Men's BBQ Night:** Meet at the Hillcrest parking lot at  6:00 tonight for a trip to Billy Sims BBQ in Joplin.

A **Halloween party for young adults** (20s-40s, give or take a few years) is this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Molly Cobb's house. Kids are welcome. Wear a costume and bring finger foods to share.

This Saturday, we will host "**Pure on Purpose: Girls Doing Life God's Way**", a day specifically designed for young ladies, their mothers, and their mentors. It will begin at 8:15 with a light breakfast and will end around 1:30 after lunch. It will be in the activities center. If you know a girl age or up who would benefit from this, please invite them.

Please sign up on the bulletin board to help provide **food** for the Pure on Purpose event this Saturday.



## This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *Raised with Him in Baptism*  
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. Caleb Boggs

October 31 is the **Trail of Treats**. We will have a hot dog dinner, games, and costume contest in the activities center starting at 5:30. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

We will need **candy and snack cakes** for the Trail of Treats. Please leave those in the box in the lobby.

**Autumnfest of the Ozarks** is November 9, benefiting Neosho Christian School. Information is on the bulletin board.

The **Deeper Youth Conference** in Fayetteville, AR is November 8-9. It is for grades 7-12 and the cost is \$30 which includes everything. You will leave Friday at 6:30 p.m. and return Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Sign up on Caleb's door by Oct. 27.

Sunday, November 10, will be a **Special Day**. We will have a pot-luck lunch after morning services to honor everyone who is a new member in 2019--those who have been baptized, Christians who have identified themselves with us, and souls who have been restored. Among those being honored are three special young ladies that have all grown up here and made the decision to put on Christ in baptism just a few weeks ago.. They are: **Amelia Collinworth** (daughter of Charles and Keri), **Kailyn Daniels** (daughter of Kent and Jennifer), and **Annie Flint** (daughter of Casey and Amanda),

Additionally, on November 10, **Jason Jackson** will tell us in Bible class about the good work of Christian Courier, and he will preach both morning and evening.

**Ladies Retreat** will be November 15-17 in Kimberling City, MO. Registration forms are on the welcome desk.

Save the date: November 23 is the next **girls' night** for grades 7-12.

*Thank you for all the cards, visits, and love shown to my parents over the past several challenging months. You are such a blessing!*

*Luanne (Bukowich) Waterman*

*I want to thank you for your support and kindness to me. I appreciate the visits and prayers. May God bless you all.*

*Carol Bessman*

*We want to thank you all for the cards, visits, food, and mostly the prayers. You are such a great congregation. We are so blessed to have you for our Christian family. We want to get back to church and will be there as soon as we can. We are improving and are so grateful for all of your help. Thank you also for the prayers for our daughter-in-law, Erma. She is also improving. We thank God everyday for you.*

*Ed and Vera Cornell*

### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, October 27

- AM Opening: Charles Collinworth
- AM Closing: Glen Honeycutt
- PM Opening: John Deffenbaugh
- PM Closing: Kaed Thomas

#### Wednesday, October 30

- Opening: Bill Reiboldt
- Closing: Wayne Douthitt

### RECORDS

	10-20-19	10-21-18
Bible Study	172	127
AM Worship	220	173
PM Worship	141	110
Wednesday	139	128
Contribution	\$8,473.22	\$9,806.67
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58