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have hit a spiritual block, it can be time to change the key. Perhaps you should add fasting, accountability to others, or solitude to your spirit life. Change can be helpful when we are attempting to deepen what we've been doing.

This doesn't mean that you stop praying, or meditation or reading devotionals, they work for some things, but you might want to add other things, new ways to engage God. Just as my green key works for a different door, old things work in their place.

What doesn't work is trying more of the same. You haven't run out of options when you read your chapter in the Bible in the morning and say your prayer of thanksgiving. If that was your only effort, it is as ineffective as me using that green key over and over in the wrong lock.

You might want to add some sacrifice to your routine. Perhaps you could look for a way to do a service to others that can never be repaid to you. There are many ways to move closer to God by taking care of others in need.

I am suggesting that you embrace some new change in your spiritual disciplines this week. What can it hurt?

Grace and peace,
Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The Day Is At Hand

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July 15 , 2018

The office door where I see clients at Eastwood is usually left open for me. My secretary was gone this past Tuesday and the fill in person locked everything up. I have a key to a back way into the office, but I never remember which one it is. To solve that, I marked the key with a color code.

I figured out I do that quite a bit. I have a number of keys color coded. I don't know which one is which. I may have a flaw in my system.

I selected the green key and tried the lock. I tried it again, and again. I might have been there all night because that key didn't work. It wasn't until I abandoned the green key and went with the red key that I gained entry.

Now, I didn't take the green key off and throw it away. I know it fits another of my seldom used locks. It wasn't worthless, it just didn't work in the specific circumstances I was in at the time. Keys are like that.

It can be hard to make changes. Sometimes it is the frustration of unfamiliarity. Sometimes we miss the comfort of the old way. But, if we want access, change can be necessary.

Spiritual growth is the same way. If you've been doing exactly the same kinds of prayers, meditations, reflections, readings and you

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)
ELDERS: Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JULY 15, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:5-11 (Richard Breensing)
SONGS: No. 171—Above All Else
No. 901—Our Savior's Blood Medley
-No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (vs 1, 3)
-No. 903—There's Power in the Blood (vs 1, 3)
-No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus (vs 1)
No. 155—Highest Place
No. 779—I Love You, Lord
PRAYER: Chris Mansel
SONG: No. 367—The Scars in the Hands of Jesus
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Fred Johnson
Teddy Gingrich
Ben Sizemore
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 989—Soon and Very Soon
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 915—Trust and Obey (vs 1)
PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Steve Potter—July 16

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Dominic Rogers, who was baptized at Silver Maple Camp on Wednesday, July 11th! His family was able to be there and Zach had the privilege of baptizing him.

NEWS FROM MEXICO

Take a minute to read the newsletter we received this week from Ubaldo Cardona from Parral, Chihuahua that is posted on the bulletin board.



Dates for Silver Maple Camp:

- Second Session: July 15-21 (Ages 13-18)
 - Director: Bruce Dimick
- Third Session: July 22-28 (Ages 9-18)
 - Director: Mark Haas

More information on the website: www.silvermaplecamp.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirley Shelton—to have an eye procedure soon
Darrell Willinger—was to see his cardiologist last week
Fred Grunder—heart valve replacement last week; now home
Gayle Byer—recuperating from knee surgery
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Stan Aldrich—health concerns
Rick Toland (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - chemo for Stage 4 bladder cancer
Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law—heart problems
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Diane Campbell—MS
Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford

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