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Keep our focus on God, Eyes set toward Eternity, to be Kingdom minded through the mind of Christ.

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.” Psalms 139:7-8

No matter what we think about this world and our part in it, one thing is certain; God knew the end from the very beginning! We were chosen in Him “before the foundation of the world” (Eph.1:4), and we were accepted at the very moment He fearfully and wonderfully made us into being (Ps. 139:14). There is nothing we can do or say that would cause Him to forsake us (Joshua 1:5, Heb.13:5). He upholds us by our right hand, tells us not to fear and promises to help us (Isa. 41:13).

God is our Omnipotent Creator and in Him we live, move and have our being. He knows our humanity is as filthy rags and loves us anyway! No matter where we go or what we do, this immutable fact remains, **God Loves Us!** This will never change. “He is the same yesterday, today and forever” (Heb. 13:8). When He created us He knew exactly who we were, what we would become and how we got here because He loved us first, loves us most and has a plan for our lives (Jer. 29:11). In Him we are made righteous and no longer wear the wardrobe of the world. All ugliness was removed at the cross when our hearts were washed clean at salvation.

When the human soul is not anchored to Christ Jesus it changes with every whim just like the West Texas wind. Jesus loves us, He intercedes for us and the Father never sees our mistakes. So many times we wrestle with trying to find “*the balance*” in everything to attain stability and security. In Him we have these things, however; there is an order of priority. It must be understood **that there is no “balance” in priority BUT “priority” will always set the balance!** It is a paradigm shift in how we process and see things. Priority establishes the order and balance will ensue. When God is not the priority, we float around on the breeze never seeming to get things settled or straightened out in our hearts or minds. We change direction with everything we come in contact with and never able to see



anything else beyond what’s occupying our line of sight at the moment. When we set the priority of God first and keep the right order, we rise above circumstances, find our balance and then begin to see the bigger picture God has for this life. **GOD IS THE PRIORITY** and He sets the order! He has made *us* His priority and gave us an order to live by: God, spouse, children, then everything else! He has His very best interest planted in our hearts so we can have an abundantly blessed life in Him.

There is comfort in knowing that there is no

where we can go that He is not already there waiting for us! There is comfort in knowing that He is always with us and while we may have a plan, it is He who directs our steps (Prov 19:9). Our obedience to seek Him out opens the door to all our blessings. They are in order and ours for the taking because **HE LOVES US!**

“Nevertheless I am continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” Psalms 73:23-26

We hope you enjoy this month’s newsletter and please put it into the hands of others who might need a word of encouragement or a touch from the Lord, as a gentle reminder that Jesus does love us and will continue to do so! Also, spread the word to any Veteran or First Responder of the Thursday evening support group at Church on the Rock North Campus at 6:30. Address is 4501 Milwaukee Ave. Contact Doug for more information.

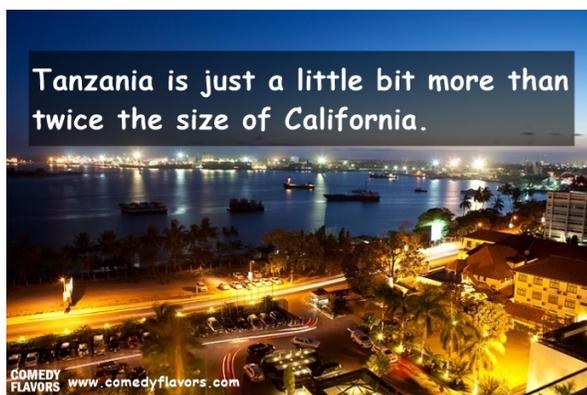


Below is another set of interesting facts about Tanzania, Africa. We leave Sept. 8th and return Sept. 15th. If you would like to participate in the blessing of this mission you can send your tax deductible gift to the address below or use the envelope enclosed. As always we thank you for your prayer support and financial partnership with Loving People Enough Ministries. Together, we do wonderful things to further the Kingdom. Please know that we pray blessings over you also.

**Blessings,
Pastors Doug & Lisa Barber.**

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Located just south of the equator, Tanzania is an East African country that became a sovereign state in 1964. It includes the three spice islands of Zanzibar, Mafia, and Pemba. Three of Africa’s great lakes lie partially in Tanzania. In Tanzania, the poverty level is extremely high. 67.9 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. Tanzania is a country with religious freedom as quite a few world religions have been a part of the country’s history. While there are over 100 languages spoken here, Swahili is the main language that is meant to unify the nation. People of different religions or groups rarely have any serious friction or fighting. Festivals for both Christians and Muslims are recognized equally.

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