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## Soul-Winning

One thing that has been on my heart recently is soul-winning. Why is soul-winning so uncommon? The explosion of the Chinese church is largely due to the fact that Chinese Christians are soul-winners, but here in the West only a tiny percentage of Christians acknowledge the Lord, never mind winning a soul. I, myself, have been crying out to the Lord, in grief, at the few souls I have helped lead to the Lord. Of course, our Lord said that if we follow him, he will make us fishers of men, so until we have consecrated every area of our lives to him, we can't even start at soul-winning. Pastor Schultze has shared with us some useful principles in this area in Call to Obedience #233, "Jesus – The Model Soul-winner." We learn here the distinction between witnessing and soul-winning. In witnessing, we seek to identify ourselves with Jesus with simple, throw-away comments such as, "It's a beautiful day that the Lord has given us." In soul-winning, however, we seek to go a little further by actually trying to lead a person to Christ. Be warned that soul-winning cannot be fabricated or worked up; it must be led of the Lord. Shadrachers, let us acknowledge the Lord where and when we can and be sensitive enough to the Holy Spirit to know when the Lord is prompting us to go further and lead someone to Christ. I would encourage you to order Call to Obedience #233 and learn some more principles of soul winning as exemplified by Jesus in the woman-at-the-well encounter. —Nicky Farmer

## Book Report

The book, *Eat to Live*, by Dr. Joel Fuhrman, was very enlightening, informative and helpful. The main points of the book were: eating foods with too few nutrients is bad for your health, a large amount of animal products in the diet correlates with a vast number of diseases, and unrefined plant foods offer the best protection from disease. The book states that just low-calorie dieting within itself doesn't work because being overweight is not caused by how much you eat but by what you eat. In fact, eating large amounts of the right food is your key to weight loss and health.

Throughout the book, Dr. Fuhrman sites a vast number of studies that support his claims. One interesting study on the effects of meat consumption on disease was conducted in China. In China, people in one area eat a certain diet, and the people a few hundred miles away may eat a completely different diet. Furthermore, most people stay in the place in which they were born. The study found that there were "huge differences in disease rates based on the amount of plant foods eaten and the availability of animal products." Researchers also found that as the amount of animal foods increased in the diet, so did the emergence of the

cancers that are common in the West. This was convincing evidence that meat is harmful to the body.

In this book, Dr. Fuhrman suggests that 90% of our diet be made up of fruits, vegetables, and legumes. These foods are full of healthy phytochemicals, antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals. In contrast, we should eat very little, if any, of meat, full-fat dairy, cheese, refined grains, oils, and sweets. Eating too much of these foods has been known to cause illnesses such as arthritis, asthma, gallstones, gout, stroke, and osteoporosis. It is wonderful that, by eating the right food, many illnesses like these can be prevented.

Overall, I was extremely pleased with this book. It helped me to understand more about nutrition and the way to prevent disease and weight gain. Although cutting out refined foods and meat is not easy at first, I have found that after a while, a genuine taste is acquired for fruits, vegetables, and legumes. I am thankful for this book and the information therein.

—Lauren Vickers

## Christ and the Scriptures

*"It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God"* (Luke 4:4).

These are the two things, then, that men ought to live by: physical bread and spiritual bread. If we live by these, we shall live well. If we neglect either one, death shall be ours!

When Jesus spoke these words, He prefaced them by saying, "It is written." In each case, Jesus met the word of the devil with the Word of God, with an, "It is written." Over and over again, our Lord went back to the Scriptures.

Jesus had committed Scriptures to memory in His youth. He had learned the Scriptures, He lived by the Scriptures, He fulfilled the Scriptures, and He conquered by the Scriptures. The Scriptures sustained His spirit, and, by virtue of them, He drove back the devil. The Scriptures were both His bread and His sword.

I am trying to impress upon you the necessity and the blessings of knowing the Scriptures. "...*man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*" That, indeed, was Jesus' life. So, we are not to live by our feelings, by our opinions, or by what others say about us, "*but by every word of God.*"

By the time Jesus was twelve, He knew the Scriptures so well that He confounded the doctors, the scribes, the lawyers, and the Pharisees. Jesus inhaled the Word, and He exhaled prayer. He knew how to discern both good and evil. He knew how to converse with the adulterers, the soldiers, the fishermen, the rich, the poor, the dedicated, the careless, and His enemies in the context of the Scriptures. Jesus defeated the devil by using the Scriptures. "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (2 Tim. 2:15).

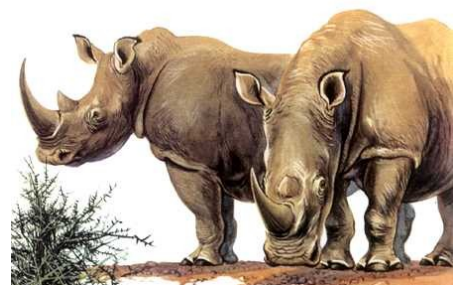
(from *Abiding in Christ*, by Reimar Schultze, CTO Books, 2002, March 27)

## What do rhinoceroses and "crash" have in common?

Order the videos or the sermon tapes from the Shadrach Weekend held in Fayetteville, WV, on March 18–20, 2005, and find out. God moved in a marvelous way. On Saturday night, before the prayer at the end of the message was complete, the altar was full. God was saving and sanctifying souls! Praise the Lord!!!

\$10 for the two videos and \$8 for three audio tapes (shipping included).

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Thirty-three Years a Live Wire was exciting and full of adventure, as well as a lift to the soul. The fact that John T. Hatfield was willing to preach in congregations where people didn't like the message was really great! He didn't bend to the pressures of other people or situations.

At one point in the story, he preached in a congregation and made people upset because his preaching was based on holiness. He ended up going with the pastor to have dinner at the house of the person that was the maddest in that congregation. The man that was upset didn't even want John in his home, but John went inside anyway. When it came time for dinner, the wife had the table set for only three people: the pastor, the "mad" man, and his wife. John didn't care—in fact, he went and sat at the table anyway, and started to eat. At the end of this visit, the wife and husband ended up getting saved. This was because John didn't have the fear of man. Oh, that we would not have the fear of man!

I'm pretty excited about when I get a family, if it's the Lord's will, and get to read this book to them! I recommend this to anyone who loves sanctified adventure full of God's power. —Becky Smith

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Assignments

- Next Due Date: April 16, 2005  
(it's almost here... ☺ )

- Your third book report, witnessing report, and servanthood report
- Keep working on memorizing James 1 – This year, we want you to either quote your memorization to a pastor (who is to send us a small note stating that you completed James 1 satisfactorily) or in person to any Shadrach staff (if any are near you). "Dare To Be a Daniel" is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Surrender vs. Commitment

"He's a committed Christian."

How would you feel if someone said that about you? If I were introduced that way, I would consider that an honor. Commitment is needed in our faith and in every area of our lives. What does it mean? As an illustration, let's say I commit myself to my boss at work at Wal-Mart. What will that include?

- "I'll be at work on the days I'm scheduled."
- "I'll be there on time."
- "I'll do what you want me to do, how you want me to do it."
- "When you need me to work extra, I'll do it, if I can."

Now, that's the kind of worker that an employer nowadays would be glad to have! In fact, a good Christian will be that way for his/her employer. Commitment of this kind would even make a pastor real happy—coming to church consistently, being there on time, showing up at extra services and events, if possible. Wonderful!!

Okay, let's go to the aspect of surrender. What if I said to my boss, "I surrender myself to you." What would that include?

- "I'll be at work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if you want me to."
- "If you want me to go on vacation, I'll go where you think I should go."
- "You can dictate my personal life, like if I get married or if I have children and where I live."
- "Even when I'm not at work, you can tell me what to wear, and how to talk."
- "I'll come over and wash your car, clean your house and watch your children for free upon demand."

Whoa!! That's going way overboard, isn't it? It sure is! There are some things that we need to be committed to, but there is one Person we are to surrender to, and that's Jesus Christ. If you're just looking to get pats on the back from others, then commitment will get you there. If you're looking for an intimate, glorious relationship with Jesus, you will need to go beyond commitment to surrender everything—no strings attached—surrender to all He tells you with His voice, and surrender to all that is in His living, written Word—all your goals, dreams, ideas about Christianity, time... It really will be a great exchange, however! It might look scary on this side of things, but once you let go, you will feel that you are doing all that you are created for.

Are you committed or surrendered? —Karin

*With thee, O my God, is no disappointment. I shall never have to regret that I loved thee too well.*

(Henry Martyn, 18th century missionary to India & Persia)

## Book Report

The Devil's Door, by John Bevere, is about how obedience to God can protect you from the bondage of sin. It said that some people see God's Word as a restraining law instead of protection and life. If you see God's Word as restrictive, then it strengthens the rebellion of your heart. We must have love for God and reverential fear of the Lord. If we have an intense love for God, then we will delight in fulfilling His will. God will work in people that fear Him so that they will want to do His will and then actually do it.

Our weakness is our inability to obey God in our own strength. Grace is when He adds His strength to our weakness. The greater the grace, the greater the capacity we have to serve the Lord. The pathway to grace is humility. But grace is not an excuse for disobedience. We must obey even when it is inconvenient or hard for us. Obedience has to be done faithfully and diligently. We grow through obedience.

When you quarrel, there is pride that you need to deal with. Even if you know that you are right, if you refuse to defend yourself and lay down your pride, then you can see flaws in your own character that you did not see before. We need to let God be the judge of the situation and let Him defend us. We don't need to try to do it ourselves.

I thought this book was well written and interesting. It taught me that you can reason yourself into disobedience, and that you should obey with a willing heart and not a bad attitude. —Ashley Light

*What we give up for Christ we gain. What we keep back for ourselves is our real loss.*

(J. Hudson Taylor, 19th century missionary to China)