

## "THE BEATITUDES OF BEHAVIOR"

Luke 10:37

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In Luke chapter 10 and beginning with verse 25 there is a very familiar story that we have probably known since childhood, but yet I think it is very important for us to understand the beatitudes of behavior. Because when it all boils down it is what we do that really counts.

Beginning with verse 25, Luke chapter 10 reading from the New International Versions.

### READING OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

You know it has been said that all behavior is need motivated. What that really means is we behave in ways to meet our basic needs. Each one of us has to deal with everyday our physical needs, our social needs and our spiritual needs.

When we talk about physical needs obviously we are talking about our need for air, our need for water, our need for food, our need for activity, our need for temperature, our need for the biological functions and their fulfillment.

When we talk about social needs we are talking about the need to be, to feel significant, the need to belong, to feel accepted, the need to do, to feel like we are making a contribution.

When we talk about spiritual needs, everyone of us has the need to be redeemed, the need to be reconciled and the need to live in relationship to God.

There is no human being on the face of the earth today who is not faced with meeting those needs everyday of his life. Now - the problem is when we try to meet those needs it is impossible to meet them all fully and completely. Barriers are set up, and we are not able to meet those needs and we have to delay our gratification. Those barriers in turn cause tension. When we run into tension then it is imperative that we learn how to adjust.

Now the adjusting process in all of our lives is the most important thing that we do. Everyday we are living with adjustment. Everyday we are making adjustments. And the way we make those adjustments determine whether or not we really live the abundant life. And the way we make those adjustments are dependent upon our attitudes, our beliefs and our values, our character, our temperament and our mood, our relationships and our behavior. We behave in ways to handle those adjustments.

What that boils down to is -- that everyday we make choices of what we are going to do and how we are going to live and how we are going to adjust. Everyone of our lives in its adjusting process has to make choices.

When the Bible talks about the adjusting process it talks about it in terms of choice. We are what we choose. And behavior

is the result of three things. It is a result of our choices. We are responsible for those choices but thanks be unto God we can change. That is the very heart of the gospel. The good news of the gospel is that we can change our behavior.

This is the message of Joshua chapter 24 verse 15. Joshua looked at the people of Israel and said,

Choose you this day whom you will serve. If you are going to serve the God of your forefathers, the God your forefathers served on the other side of the river or are you going to serve the God of the Amorites in whose land you are now living.

But then Joshua said, "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Which means we are making a choice to really follow God.

This is the message of Ruth chapter 1 and verse 16 when Naomi and Ruth were coming back from Moab and were coming back to Israel after that the death of their husbands had occurred and Naomi said to Ruth, You've got to stay in the land of Moab. I've got to go back to Israel, but Ruth made a choice. And that beautiful passage in Ruth chapter 1 verse 16 -

Entreat me not to leave you nor to return from following after you. Whither thou goest I will go. Whatsoever you do I will do. Your

people will be my people. Your God will be my God and nothing is going to separate us but death. (regardless of what happens in our lives.)

And it was a choice (tape turns over) - upon your laws.

What he means is - I have made a choice.

In 1 Kings chapter 3 and verse 9 when Solomon was called upon to be King and had to rule over Israel, he prayed,

Oh Lord give your servant a distinguishing spirit that I might be able to distinguish between right and wrong in order to govern these great people that belong to you.

The ability to determine. The ability to distinguish. The ability to choose.

We look at our ability tonight and we ask ourselves, "What is the answer to what is going on?" "Why are things like they are?" "Why is there so much turmoil?" And, "Why is there so much crime?" "Why is there so much conflict?" And, "Why is there so much scandal?" And, "Why is there gridlock?" And, "Why are we faced with social diseases?" And, "Why are we faced with the pandemic of AIDS?" And, "Why are we faced with selfishness?" And, "Why are we faced with greed?" And, "Why are we faced with all of the problems that are in the world?" And, "Why does it seem like sin is rampant?" And, "Why is Satan getting so many people under his

thumb?" And, "Why is the world seem like it is going down the tubes?"

The ANSWER to that is because of the choices that this world has made. And in the midst of the world there is another world. In the midst of the kingdoms of the world there is another kingdom. In the midst of the society of the day there is another society. And that is the social order of Jesus Christ. And He is calling us to make other choices.

And He says,

Choose you this day whom you will serve. Set  
your heart on my law.

And if you follow that way then you will be successful and you will have the joy of the Lord which will be your strength.

Well, we say that sounds fine. But how do I translate that? How do I make that theory into reality? How do I take tht abstract and put it into the everyday kinds of things that really happen? There is so much that we talk about in faith. There is so much that we talk about in God. It is so ethereal that it never becomes a part of our lives.

What we've got to learn to do is to live the exchanged life, to know that God is with us always because of 1 Corinthians 6:19 and 20 when Paul the Apostle said,

Do you not know that your body is the temple  
of the Holy Spirit which is in you and which

you have of God. You are not your own. You are bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body.

It doesn't matter how you feel. It doesn't matter what the circumstances are. It doesn't matter what the situation is. If God be for us -- who can be against us? And in Him we are more than conquerors. Amen, amen and amen.

Well, how do we make the translation? How do we really do that?

The other day I ran into some things that I think are kind of interesting. It was an analysis of little children and what they believed about death. One of them said - You don't have to do homework in heaven. And he was really happy about that. But when you really look at these...

There was one little boy by the name of Randy who was only eight years old who said, when I die I don't want to go to heaven because I want to be with all my friends. Now I don't know what that means exactly. Here is little Steven who was also eight - said, when you die God takes care of you like your mother did when you were alive - only God doesn't yell at you all the time. Well, that is something worth thinking about. Here's little Mangy who was nine - she said, you have to be old before you can die because God seems to love old people the best. And

I'm learning that more everyday as we go along. Here's little Karen who is nine - she said, when I die I want my dog Fluff to come with me. He can go to Dog Heaven and I go to the other place. Now I don't know what the other place really is in her mind. Here's another that says, God doesn't tell you when you are going to die because He wants it to be a big surprise. And here is little Lola who is ten years old and she says, I hope I don't die with my brother because I don't want him to sock me in heaven too. Now - that seems to make a lot of sense does it not? And here is little Marcia who says - when you die you don't have to do homework in heaven unless your teacher is there too. And here is Stephanie who says, Doctors help you so you won't die until you pay their bills. Now I think we will all agree with that will we not?

But then it becomes then a matter of translation. What is this whole thing of translating God's Word into everyday behavior. Because reality is only what we do. Reality is not what you think. Reality is not what you feel. Reality is the translation of your thinking and your feeling into everyday behavior. If we got tried for our thinking we would all be in the penitentiary. If we relied on our feelings then we would always be confused. The feelings come and the feelings go. Some days we are up. Some days we are down.

Some days it is good. Some days it is bad. But there is only one constant that remains. Matthew 25:34-

Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall never pass away.

The governments come - the governments go. The presidents come - the presidents go. The Democrats and Republicans come and the Democrats and Republicans go. But there is one power that ever stays --- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen, amen and amen. Hallelujah be to God forever more.

Jesus Christ was trying to get to us to understand the beatitudes of behavior. A beatitude is that which is blessed. A beatitude is that which is praise. A beatitude is that principle of life tht brings us the highest benefit.

In Matthew chapter 5 when Christ sat on the mountain on the side of the Sea of Galilee that we call the Mt. of Beatitude and He told His disciples -

Blessed are the poor in spirit for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

And you know all of the beatitudes -- He was giving them principles for living.

Now in this story that He tells He gives us the beatitudes for behavior.

Now I see a tremendous group of young people here this evening. That is fantastic. I want you to listen to me very

carefully. You have the greatest challenge before you in the years to come. Whether or not the Church really does its job for the future will be dependent on these young people who sit in these pews this evening. And the thing that is going to carry you through in the time of confusion, in the time of pressure, in the time of problem and in the time of decision is whether or not you have a beatitude of behavior, whether or not you have principles of behavior to live.

First of all, we know that this took place on the road to Jericho. The distance from Jerusalem to Jericho is about twenty miles. It is interesting that Jericho is something like a thousand feet below sea level. And then Jerusalem is about 2,600 feet above sea level. That gives you almost a 3,000 feet drop in twenty miles.

This was an infamous road. It was a place for robbers. It was a place for terrorism. IT was a place for contraband traffic. It was a place where people paid protection to go on that road. That continued up until the 1940s.

Those of you who have been with me to Israel - you know we have seen the old original Jericho road. On one occasion I took a group of people hiking down the old Jericho road. We did the last four miles of the old Jericho road. And they accused me of taking them on a death march. But nonetheless that was the road that

Jesus traveled in his day. Today there is a beautifully paved road there naturally. But the old road is still there.

It was on this Jericho road where the man fell among thieves. He was beaten. He was robbed. He was left for dead.

You have got to get the scene. Jesus Christ is teaching to the scribes and teaching to the pharisees. And He wants them to understand what it means to live out the kingdom. And so one of the experts in the law - a teacher of the law - one who knew the Mozaic law very well came to Him and said, "Teacher, what is it that is the most important law and how do I inherit eternal life?" This particular teacher was an Orthodox Jew. He was one of those that wore the Philactry - a little cap box that had in it the scroll from Deuteronomy 6 - at the appointed times to pray everyday He would put the prayer shawl around his shoulder - he would put that philactry and bind it to his head and bind it to his right arm to fulfill Exodus 13:9 - to do just that. Then he would stand and pray to God. He dotted every "i" - he crossed every "t." He was a legalist to the very nth degree. He knew about the box but he didn't really know the God who wrote in the box. He had a horizontal understanding of God. He did not know how to live out his faith in every day life.

Now you hear me very carefully. The next great revival that is going to hit this land is not particularly going to come from the pulpits - the pulpits and the churches will be the place for

the church to come together gathered. But when the Church scatters the very lives of people who commit themselves to Jesus Christ will be a witness and a testimony to all the world that Jesus Christ is coming soon and that is going to be the greatest revival that the world has every known.

So he said - well, that is easy. Christ said, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The expert in the law answered - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." You've answered correctly, Jesus replied, you do this. You live it out. You behave in this way and you will live. But he couldn't that. He wanted to justify himself. So he asked Jesus - "Who is your neighbor?" That's when Jesus uses the parable and says this is a beatitude of blessing of you've got to understand how to behave.

And the first thing He says in verses 30 down through 32 - He says, what you have to do -

Blessed is that person who governs his life by  
an absolute code. Blessed is that person who  
governs his life by an absolute code.

He tells him here is the law and you live your life by the law. Now what this teaching didn't understand was the interpretation of that law.

We live in a day where you young people have been reared in a climate of relativism - that there is nothing absolute - that there is nothing tht you put a stake down to - that there is nothing you have to abide by.

We live in a day when people are called victims. And we look at ourselves as victims of everything -- that we are not responsible for our own behavior. But when we begin to understand the law of God it is the first beatitude of behavior. And blessed is tht person who governs his behavior by an absolute code.

All of our Western civilization is built on the Ten Commandments. Our Western law is built on the Ten Commandments. our Western Civilization is built on the Ten Commandments. Our Western Democracy is built on the Ten Commandments. My generation spawned out of the Ten Commandments. The generation of these youth here tonight - the Ten Commandments have been pulled out of our school and pulled out of our courtrooms and the result is we have the chaos in the land that we have today. But the first step in behavior is you have to govern that behavior and the law of governing that behavior is -

You shall love the Lord your God with all of  
you heart, your strength, your soul and your  
mind and love your neighbor as yourself.

Somewhere in our lives there has to a sense of absolutes that says - I will not violate those absolutes. There has to be a code

of values that says - I will not violate that code of values. There is so much in our society that makes absolutely no common sense. And it has no common sense because there are no rules. You can not live socially without rules. You can't play a game without rules. How would you like to play basketball if you could just dribble out through the stands and out in the parking lot and everywhere? You have a set of rules.

I remember when I was playing football in high school. And I was in the tenth grade and high schools then you had junior high from seventh, eighth and ninth and you went to high school ten and eleven and twelve. I had been playing on the junior varsity and at the end of the season I got to dress out with the varsity and go to the last couple of games with the varsity. I thought I had arrived. I thought I have now made it.

I remember in one of the games we got far enough ahead that I got in the game. I played half back and the other team had just scored a touchdown but we were about - ahead 42 to 6 and so they kicked off. I got the kick off and I ran straight down the middle of the field and cut to the right and thought I had a touchdown and went over the goal line. But nobody was cheering . I couldn't figure it out. You know somebody ought to have - (Somebody said I went the wrong way. No. I didn't go the wrong way.) But I stepped on the boundary line. I went beyond the limit. And the

rules said I had to bring the ball back to where I stepped on the line.

Now - Jesus Christ is saying - behavior has to be governed unless we are like Israel - Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. And look at the rest of this world in chaos. What has kept this country alive for over 200 years? The greatest nation in all the world - we have been committed to law and order. But we are loosing that commitment. We have to come back to "Thus saith the Lord your God." And that is how we have to live. Amen, amen, and amen.

The first beatitude of behavior - "Blessed is that person who (does what?) governs his behavior by an absolute code."

You know today it is hard to trust anybody. You don't know for sure if their word is their bond. Eighty-five percent of the Americans in a recent poll said it was okay to lie particularly in business, particularly if it didn't hurt anybody or it furthered your business. It was okay to lie. And if you are living out there and you are dealing with it you see it everyday. But when you really have an absolute code to live by then it is that you build trust.

I ran across this the other day. This is in a secular writing to a corporation. Some people build trust quickly. Their attitudes and behaviors make it easier for others to trust them.

In reality there are several characteristics of those who strive to be strong trust builders.

Let me say to you tonight - particularly you young people -  
To thine own self be true - then as night  
follows day thy canst not be false to any  
other man.

It is not a question of you violating God all the time. It is not a question of you violating your friends. The word guilt is an accusative sense of failure. That means we have failed some code that is in our lives. When you violate yourself that is when you become open game for the devil. And when you lose respect for yourself that is when Satan really comes into your life.

To yourself be true and the way you do that - you keep yourself at the cross - purified by the blood of the lamb and made holy by the power of the living God in your life. Amen, amen and amen. I'm talking about behavior.

#### TO A CORPORATION REGARDING BUILDING TRUST

Well, what about trust builders? They keep promises? Whether to clients, colleagues, or children. You can rely on them to do what they say they would do. They tell the truth even when it may be painful or it may be to their disadvantage. They are quick to apologize when they do something wrong. They sincerely regret doing wrong to others. They are good listeners. They listen at least as much as they talk. They are good listeners - let me run

over that one again - I am talking about trust builders - they listen at least as much as they talk. They generously praise people. They are constantly looking for what others do right and commenting on it. They willingly cooperate with their colleagues. They are most interested in achieving good results rather than who will get the credit. They strive to understand how others feel. They are sensitive and empathetic to others feelings. They look out for others peoples interests as well as their own. They are fair in their dealings with everyone. They clarify their intentions to others as others will understand their actions. They seek input on issues form the people that will be effected by their decisions and actions. They are genuinely interested in other people.

Now this is a Corporation that is trying to get its people to be trust builders. The Lord is saying - the only way to do that is to have an absolute code.

Well, what is the second thing. The second thing - verses 30 to 32 - He said,

Blessed is that person who modifies his  
behavior by developing his best self.

Hello!

Jesus replied,

A man was going down to Jerusalem to Jericho.  
When he fell into the hands of robbers. They

stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away leaving him half dead. Now a police happened to be going down the road when he saw the man he passed by on the other side. So to a Levite when he came to the place and saw him passed by on the other side.

When you begin to see this you begin to understand this was the worse side of the priest and the Levite. This was the worse side of the priests. This was the worse side of the Levite.

Now we are made up of many different sides. Whether you like that or not that is the way it really is. We talk today about multiple personalities. Now - I'm not saying we have multiple personalities. I am saying that we have different sides. We have good sides; we have bad sides. We have those kinds of sides about us that make us to be aware of the fact of what is going on in the world. We have that side of us that makes us aware of the fact of what is going on spiritually. We sometimes have a happy side; we sometimes have a sad side, we have a sanguine sad, we have a melancholic side, we have a phlegmatic side, we have a choleric side. Do you know all about that? Some day you meet somebody and they are really happy and joyous and the next day they are depressed and down because we have different kinds of sides.

Paul had that problem. In Romans chapter 7 he was in a real bind with himself. There was a conflict in him, a conflict between

the law of his mind and the law of his members and the law of members was bringing him into captivity of the law of sin that was in his members.

Oh wretched man that I am, who can deliver me  
from this body of death?

But then he said,

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And he came into that congruent of finding his best self in Romans chapter 8.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit for the law of life in Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death.

And what Christ is saying here - Look this priest was more important in the program than he was the person. This Levite was more important in the ritual than he was a response to the need. The priest had already been purified; he was on the way to do his work. If he touched that man and the man died he would miss the opportunity to be a part of what was going on in the temple. The Levite had to go and get the orchestra ready, get the choir ready, get the things ready for the worship - had important things to do. But they missed the point.

I am saying to you tonight that what God wants is not your lower, base emotion. He wants to take that and sanctify it and bring out your best self so people look at you and say - Sir we would see Jesus.

It doesn't make common sense for us to rob ourselves of our best selves. Alcoholism does not make common sense. Drug addiction does not make common sense. Adultery does not make common sense. AIDS does not make common sense. It's stupid to do yourself that way. But the problem is that the media and Hollywood and the advertising world play on our worst self. Everything in commercial world is sold by appealing to the lower nature. Hello!

And the result of that is the chaotic immorality in which we find ourselves. Here me very carefully. The media - the forces of influence in the secular society put peer pressure on us so that we want to measure up to be accepted, take the needs, the social needs we have and manipulate us to live in a certain kind of mold. And the New Age and Hollywood and movies and drama and personalities say this is the way you ought to live your life.

I say - hog wash. They will give you nothing but your worse self. It is time for you to follow Jesus Christ and in Him we live and we move and we have our being. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

The Lord says - I want your best self. I want the best that you can be. I'll not settle for anything that is less than that. So -

Blessed is that person who governs his behavior by an absolute code.

Blessed is that person who modifies his or her behavior by development of the best self.

You know I often look over history. When I read about history one of the things that I learn about is how many men have come to the forefront of our nation have gotten in touch with their best selves.

Back in 1822 there was a man that was in the army and he had gone to West Point and he graduated 28th in his class, but there was only 31 in the class. So he was at the bottom of the list. He came out of West Point, was an officer, had an alcoholic problem because of his drunkenness had to leave the service. Was down and out - near suicide but went back into the service. He became an officer - was promoted to the rank of Major General, became the President of the United States. His name was Ulysses S. Grant. He got in touch with his best self.

In the 1834 there was a young composer who composed an opera. It was called, "The Wedding." Nobody would buy it. He composed a second opera that was called, "The Fairies," and it was about fantasy land and nobody would buy it. He composed an opera that he

finally got produced - it was called, "The Ban on Love," and it ran a total of one night.

He was penniless, he was without any hope, but he tried one more time and he made the hit, his name was Bognar and we play his music at practically every wedding because he got in touch with his best self - in touch with his best self.

I know a man who was a failure at 14 and he dropped out of school. He couldn't make it as a fireman. He couldn't make it as a conductor on a streetcar. He couldn't make it farming. He tried all kinds of jobs - couldn't make them. Got married, had a child - couldn't support the child, his wife left him.

He wound up 65 years of age penniless. He got his first social security check and it was \$105.00. He invested it in a business to do what he could do best and that way to fry chicken. His name as Colonel Sanders and all of us have helped build his empire. Somewhere he got a hold of his best self.

I give you those illustrations for this cause. Every one of us know in the barometer is not your teacher. The barometer is not your peers and the kids you run with everyday. There is only two barometers in your life -- one is this Word of the Living God - the other is your own heart. Don't let anyone steal your best self.

Now what does Christ say? He says -

Blessed is that person who reinforces his behavior through responding to encountered needs.

Now there is a Samaritan. But a Samaritan as he traveled came with a man who was and when he saw him he took pity on him.

Why would Christ choose the Samaritan? He was an outcast. He was a minority. The Samaritans were only allowed to be recognized as Jews back in 1976 - a law was passed that they could be really brought back into the Jewish fold. What happened?

In 722 when Sanakarib came in and took the Northern Kingdom and took so many of the Northern Kingdoms and Israelites into captivity he left a good bit of the Israelites in Samaria. A lot of Assyrians came into Samaria - they immigrated in Samaria. They had a clash between Bael worship and between the worship of the Jehovah God.

Well, eventually there was dual worship. And the two got admixed - part of Jehovah - part of idols. Then when the people came back from Israel later after the Babylonian captivity to rebuild the temple under Nehemiah -- in about 443 B.C., the Samaritans wanted to come help build the temple and the people wouldn't let them because they were contaminated.

They had inter-married with the Assyrians. They had had some kind of a watered down worship of both Jehovah and idols. So they

were outcasts from the Israeli people. The result was they built their own temple in Jerezem in 300 and something B.C. It was destroyed by the Macabees.

The Samaritans were always outcasts. They were looked upon as being part Syrians, part Jewish and they were never accepted into the Jewish fold.

The result of that is that Christ uses this most unlikely person -this Samaritan because he reinforced behavior. How do you do that? By responding by encountered need. What gives you the greatest point of satisfaction? You can stand on the balcony and say with Nebuchadnezzar - "This is the great Babylon that I have built. Look at my great kingdom. Look at my bankbook. Look at my houses. Look at my land. Look what I have achieved." The highest rate of suicide in the social order is among the jet set.

Alexander the Great sat down and cried, "There is no more worlds to conquer." You grew up in the "me-first" generation. Think of me first and nobody else. The result of that is - you never get reinforced. And nothing ever satisfies. Everything is just fleeting. It is here for a moment and it is gone. The result of that is there is no fulfillment; there is no happiness; there is no abundant life. The fulfillment comes when you meet need.

What did the Samaritan do? He saw him. When he saw him he didn't pass by -- he went to him and bandaged his wounds and anointed him with oil and put him on the back of his own donkey and

took him to the Inn. Paid for him to be ministered to there and said, I'm going away. When I come back I'll pay his whole bill. You make sure he is whole. You make sure he is complete. He gave him himself to meet needs.

The greatest satisfaction is when you see yourself duplicated in somebody else.

Are you still here?

What is a parents job? To see our kids to be all they can be. Now that doesn't mean that they are going to be president of the United States. That doesn't mean - they might not even go to college or they might. But it does mean that they will be all they can be. Being all they can be. All they can be. Because the greatest satisfaction is meeting encountered need. Encountered need.

\* There is a wonderful story about a young man that was going through college and wanted to be a doctor and he was paying his own way through college so it was tough going. So in order to make extra money he was out selling magazines from door to door and after classes were over in the evening he would get out and sell magazines so he could get enough money to go to Medical School to become a doctor. Came to one house and he rang the bell. A widow lady met him at the door and he gave his sales pitch and told her who he was and what he was trying to do. And said, would you like to buy some magazines? She said, I'm on a fixed income I don't

have the money to buy your magazines but you look tired. Come in and sit down and rest for awhile. So he went in her living room and sat down and they chatted for awhile. She said, I know you are thirsty -- let me give you a cup of cold water. You must be hungry. Let me give you a cup of cold milk. So they passed the time of day and got acquainted with each other. He stayed about 30 or 40 minutes and she helped him to be refreshed and encouraged him and gave him words of motivation.

Several years later this same lady came down with a terrible tumor of the brain. It was in the days when there weren't very many brain surgeons in the country and her local doctor said - I don't know I can't operate on that tumor and it is the kind of tumor that I think there is only three people in the United States can operate on it and there is one man in New York that is the closest to us. But he is very busy and very expensive. I doubt he if he would take your case but I'll give it a long shot.

So the local doctor wrote to the brain surgeon and to his surprise in just a few days he got a reply back. Said, sure I'll take this lady.

She was sent to New York. She was given the best of rooms; given the best of treatment. Operation was performed and it was successful.

She had a time of convalescence but got her strength back and was ready to go home. The surgeon himself came in to see her the

day she was to leave. The surgeon himself presented her with the bill. She looked at the bill and it was \$1,000 for this - \$2,000 for that - \$1,500 for that - the whole bill amounted to nearly \$8,000 in that day. She began to weep and cry. She said, there is no way that I can pay this kind of bill. I can't pay this kind of money. I didn't know it was going to cost this much. I can't pay this money. Nobody told me. I can't pay this.

He said - read on a little further. She read down to the bottom of the bill and written in the surgeon's own handwriting were these words - Paid in full with a cup of cold water and a cup of cold milk.

Shall we pray.