

The InnerFaith Light



A NEW THOUGHT COMMUNITY
Dr. Sharron Stroud Co-Founder



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Happy Easter!



Dear Spiritual Partners,

I wish you a Joyous Season of Spring and Easter. The Spring Equinox and the Easter Celebration is a time of renewal, a time of new beginnings and a time of the recreation of energy as we unfold in the Light of its true meaning. In the Ritual

of the Empty Tomb, the Christ as the Way—the pathfinder for all mankind demonstrated to his followers the final and most difficult work to be accomplished on this physical earth.

That work is transmutation of matter into spirit. When this has been learned, man and woman will have gained mastery over sickness, age, and death. In esoteric terminology, this attainment comes with the Initiation belonging to earth, the densest of the four elements. It is the last of the four Great Initiations. When the light of this sublime illumination has been spread abroad, altars will be erected to the Christ in our physical laboratories as well as in our churches. The spirit behind and within matter will have been recognized. This is the Universal Love Principle, potential within each of us to say: "I Am the resurrection and the Life!" This is truly a decision that we make every day of our lives. Yes, "My daily life is my Temple and Religion."

In the Mystery School parlance we are told that with the Earth initiation comes liberation from the wheel of birth and death. Through the processes of Initiation mortality puts on

immortality. This is its all-inclusive end and aim. To the consciousness of the Initiate life and death are but different aspects of the spirit's progressive unfoldment.

The Rite of Resurrection is the rite of the impersonal life. In the experience of the Mystic Death the student becomes aware of the illusion of matter and the limitations of finite life. The Resurrection consciousness brings the realization of the oneness of all life with God. The stone of separation has been rolled away. Henceforth, one who has passed into this sublime experience knows that no ill can affect a part without hurting the whole, and that no good can come to the one without at the same time benefiting all.

In this Degree consciousness is lifted to the higher spiritual planes. This is possible only when we surrender our ego state to the Higher Mind of Christ Consciousness. This is the advantage that we share in our New Thought movement, and that is that we are Eternal Now!

Namast'e and Love,

Dr. Sharron Stroud, Co-Founder

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Sunday Brunch

The first Sunday of each month



Please join us at the Hilton Hotel (across from the Spa Casino on Tahquitz). Special price \$7.95 to InnerFaith members and guests! All are welcome.

Healing Service

9:30 each Sunday morning facilitated by the Ministerial Team. Experience healing energy and the joy of deepening spirituality.

Centering Meditation By Musicians

9:50 AM each Sunday Morning in the Sanctuary Theater.

Children's Ministry

10:00 each Sunday morning

Prayer Ministry

The prayer table in the foyer. Rev. Arline Hoover will assist you with your prayer request and pray with you personally if you desire.

Founder's Circle

Become a member of the Founder's Circle. Join today by tithing \$100 or more a month over your regular contribution. To join, write Founder's Circle on your check. Talk with Rev. Lloyd Brushett at 770-9263 about the miracles that come from giving to a Purpose larger than yourself.

Flower Power

Bring flowers to honor a special occasion for the service. Take them with you when you leave to brighten your day!

Men's Group

6:30 PM pot luck hosted by various members of the Innerfaith Community on a quarterly basis. Sign up at the volunteer/events table upstairs.

Women's Empowerment

With Dr. Sharron Stroud. 6:30 PM veggie pot luck and discussion from Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes. Sign up at the volunteer/events table upstairs.

Food Drive

Chaplain Lloyd Brushett is collecting canned goods for The Well in the Desert, with whom we have partnered, for those who at the moment do not have enough to eat. Please leave your canned food donations at the designated place in the foyer.

CELEBRATE WITH US



March Services

Theme: The Power of Now

The greatest Point of Power is Now, this moment to live, love, express, and accept the Kingdom of God in every area of my Life! And so it is!

4 Freeing Yourself From Your Mind

11 Emotions: The Body's Reaction to Your Mind

18 The Search for Wholeness - Palm Sunday

25 A Quantum Leap Into Life!

April Services

Theme: Invisible Acts Power!

I allow my humanness to give way to the Divine, thereby, allowing the Christ Consciousness within me to arise triumphant and victorious! I and my Father/Mother God are One! And so it is!

1 Grace, Intuition, and Power - PALM SUNDAY
Group Rose Baptism at Sunset Park!

8 Your Power To Transcend- Easter Sunday, A Celebration of Life!

15 Gifts of Good Fortune

22 Gifts of Health & Aliveness

29 Gifts of Spirit

THE SPIRIT, MIND, & BODY CONNECTION



WELL SPIRIT FITNESS CENTER

SPA RESORT HOTEL
Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Tahquitz Room
(Off the main lobby at the *Encilia and Tahquitz Canyon entrance*)

March

7 Renee Baribeau - Heal your Business - Change your Life. Time to come together, organize ourselves into healing communities and use our combined talents and skills to work together in harmony and balance. We are the ones we've been waiting for, poised on the precipice of a revolutionary period in history. We must band together to shine a new light on the way we live, work, and "be," in relationship to our evolving world.

14 Dr. Bill Larkin – UPWARD SPIRAL II Recovering from Worry! Dr. William Kent Larkin, a neuroscience researcher, specializes in the science of happiness from the perspective of neuroscience research. Larkin helps individuals and organizations find and build upon their strengths and talents. Educated at Yale University, with a doctorate in psychology and religion from Harvard University, he has also done post-doctoral work and holds a certificate in neuropsychology.

Author of the *Self-Esteem Manual and Inventory* and *25 Ways to Be Whole and Holy*, Larkin is presently researching and writing a new book *Growing The Positive Mind*.

21 Kerry Henwood – CELEBRATION OF SPRING EQUINOX Australian Kerry Henwood combines age-old traditions and cutting-edge technologies to support the healing process.

28 – Lynn Scheurell - HOW TO GET MORE OF WHAT WE WANT? We get to a certain point in our lives and we just don't know how to see where we are, much less create something different. Discover a proprietary and revolutionary 5-filter system of evaluation for making positive changes in your life.

April

4th – HOLY WEDNESDAY METAPHYSICAL PASSOVER SEDER SUPPER

This Ancient Ritual will share the joy of freedom and the blessing of community Presented by Dr. Sharron, the Ministerial Team, and the Innerfaith Community.

11 - Kathleen Lowndes - Surrender Into the Miracle - January 2007, Unity Daily Word Feature, Kathleen will share her miracle healing of brain tumors through the Power of God. She will share how her Brain Surgeon sat on a three-legged stool and wheeled himself in front of her. "After explaining the surgery, he looked deeply into my eyes and said, "You know, you could die!" I replied: "I can't go there, to that thought. My positive knowingness tells me I'll survive." I chose to risk surgery. Determined not to allow doubt or fear to seep into my consciousness, I trusted that there is always a way out. I persisted in the faith "wherever I am, God is, and all is well!" This will be an amazing evening of a first hand experience of a Living Miracle!

18 - Sue Ruzicka, Ed.D., & Elaine Paris, Creating Sacred Space - Sue has been a full-time Feng Shui practitioner in the Black Hat School of Feng Shui since 1992. She studied with Katherine Metz and studies with H.H. Professor Thomas Lin Yun. She is also a Dowser, Educator, Bau-Biologist, Interior Designer, Sound Therapist, Spiritual Counselor and an Ordained Minister. Sue has worked with over 3000 clients. She named her business Feng Shui Etc. because of the many services she provides. Does your space reflect you? How does the chi flow through your space? Sue will walk you through your space and sense the flow of the energy. She will evaluate many areas during this process and share the challenges she sees and suggest adjustments/cures for challenging areas through your space and sense the flow of the energy. It will be an evening of enlightenment and shared joy!

25 - Rev. Trent Blanchard - The 4 Agreements and What They Mean to You! Rev. Trent Blanchard inspires, assists, educates, empowers and motivates his listeners by addressing life in a light-hearted, yet compassionate manner and assist people in creating balance in body, mind and Spirit.

Trent received his undergraduate degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Massachusetts-Boston in May 1992. He spent over a decade in various Human Resource functions for leading New York City companies. During four of these years, he owned and operated his own business, Blanchard Consulting, which worked with major hospitals training employees on proprietary financial software applications. Rev. Trent will clarify, magnify, and exemplify the Principle of Sacred Science!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Special Events at InnerFaith



Classes that study Science of Mind principles are held on a year-round basis. From the basic studies of Truth to advanced meditation techniques, you'll find just the right class to advance your growth.

The Innerfaith Ministries is a campus of Emerson Institute, an accredited learning institution. Emerson Institute believes that learning is a lifelong experience and that to fully grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and socially, the individual needs to be "open at the top," as Ernest Holmes stated. Innerfaith Ministries offers programs through Emerson Institute toward Bachelor of Religious Studies, Master of Religious Studies, and other degrees.

EASTER HOLY WEEK EVENTS

April 1st-8th

PALM SUNDAY April 1st Group Rose Baptism at Sunset Park--A Re-Commitment to Your Spiritual Life (Sunrise & Baristo next to library) This ancient ritual allows you to recommit to your Spiritual Life. It is done with a Rose Of Love, symbolizing your perfection. The gathering will immediately follow the Sunday Celebration Service. Sign-up in Foyer as we need to know the number of roses to gift. Presented by Dr. Sharron and the Ministerial team we will all caravan over to the Hilton Hotel for Friendship Sunday Brunch immediately following!

HOLY WEDNESDAY METAPHYSICAL PASSOVER SEDER SUPPER April 4th

at the Spa Resort Hotel in the Tahquitz Room 7:00 PM This Ancient Ritual will share the joy of freedom and the blessing of community Presented by Dr. Sharron, the Ministerial Team, and the Innerfaith Community.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS THE CHRIST GOOD FRIDAY April 6 12-1:00 PM

Hosted By Dr. Sharron Stroud 1359 E Caleta Way, Palm Springs. This is performed by Dr. Sharron and the Ministerial Team. Learn the esoteric essence of the true meaning of these declarations that Jesus spoke upon making his transition to transcendence.

GOOD FRIDAY EASTER PAGEANT April 6th Good Friday Evening 7:00 PM Spa Resort Hotel in the Tahquitz Room Beautiful Music by award winning composer Frederic Delarue With Sacred Readings from: THE PROPHET, by Kahlil Gibran. The readings come alive as you hear the classic message on Love, Giving, Work, Joy, Pain, Friendship, Prayer, Beauty, Religion, and Death. This is a Light-Filled performance and one you will always cherish as the most significant event of Sacred Theater. 7:00 PM The Spa Resort Hotel

April 7 Holy Saturday Mother Goose, Peter Rabbit & Friends will pass out Easter Baskets to Hospice Patients & the Pediatric ward at Desert Regional Hospital at 1:00 PM in all volunteers meet in lobby.

EASTER SUNDAY – 10:00 AM at the Camelot Theater A CELEBRATION OF LIFE!

Special Events:

April 21st 9:00 AM Rites of Spring Pet Blessing In Doggie Park next to City Hall

April 28th 7 AM - 12 Noon Innerfaith FUNdraising Garage Sale Sponsored by Mack Rogers and Scott Prior at 35624 Felicity Place, Cathedral City in the Serenity Cove Gated Community. Gate Code is 043

EXPECT A MIRACLE ONLINE

Daily Thoughts of inspiration from the text of A Course In Miracles and a spiritual explanation from Dr. Sharron Stroud.

www.innerfaithworldwide.com/miracle.htm

Volunteer

A big thank you to all the VIPS (Volunteer's In Progress) who make this ministry happen! You are a gift and you are loved and greatly appreciated. Call Mack Rogers, our Volunteer Coordinator, at (760) 328-6764.

Innerfaith at Villagefest!

Yes, as you know Innerfaith Ministries is at VillageFest! We will start up again on Thursday April 5th! Mark your Calendars and Call Gary Emerson at: (760) 416-7927 to Support our Out-Reach Ministry at the Palm Springs VillageFest!

“Finding Purpose”

By Trent Blanchard



The question “what on Earth am I here for?” is the subtitle of the book *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. This powerful book poses, amongst other things, the question that many people cannot answer yet would greatly benefit

from figured it out.

Why on Earth are you here? “What is your life purpose? Your responses to these questions can strongly impact the trajectory of your life. Can you answer them yourself right now? If not, this book is for you.

To begin the process of finding our purpose, the author encourages the reader to answer the following seemingly simple, yet often times, daunting questions: “Who am I? Do I matter? What is my place in life? How can I make a difference?” Answering such questions is the first step because they help us become aware of who we are as individuals, which brings us closer to figuring out what we are here to do.

In order to find our purpose, we need to understand what purpose actually is? Purpose is a result or effect that is intended or desired: a goal. When we are conscious of our purpose, we bring focus and direction into our daily lives. Warren says “Your purpose becomes the standard you use to evaluate which activities are essential and which aren’t. Without this, you have no foundation on which you base decisions, allocate your time and use your resources.”

I will use my own personal purpose process as an example. Many years ago, after asking these very questions myself, I determined that my purpose in life was to help others in removing the obstacles that get in the way of them living happy, fulfilling lives. Once set, I continually asked myself if my next action would be congruent with this goal- and if it was not, I did not do it.

In the above explanation, finding purpose is very practical because if you haven’t defined your personal purpose, you run the risk of wasting precious time and energy on things that are not moving you closer to your goals. However on a higher, more Universal level finding purpose effects everyone who walks this planet.

It is crucial for each of us to find our personal purpose in life because purpose produces passion. When we do what we are passionate about- joy, happiness and fulfillment becomes the basis of our lives -all bi-products of doing what we love to do. When we do what we love, we live joyful lives, hence affecting every reaction and decision we make. Our lives are ruled by positive energy, which enables us walk the Earth softer and with more love which effortlessly spills onto everyone we touch. This brings the world one step closer to finding the peace many of us dream of seeing in our lifetimes.

What brings you passion? What acts bring you bliss? The author and spiritual teacher Joseph Campbell once said “When you follow your bliss, doors will open where you would not have thought there would be doors; and where there wouldn't be a door for anyone else.” When we do what we love to do, the Universe brings opportunities and events forward that move us in the direction of our purpose. Try it and see!

Courtesy Trent Blanchard. Trent Blanchard, M.A. is available for Life Coaching. Visit www.TrentBlanchard.com or call 760-481-4445 for more information.

Mother Goose Visitation to AIDS Hospices



Mother Goose, Peter Rabbit, and Friends will be passing out 200 Easter Baskets at Desert Regional Hospital to the AIDS Hospice patients and the pediatric ward on Holy Saturday from 2-4 PM. If you would like to join us just hippity-hop over to meet us there at 2 PM!

Kate Porter, Animal Ministry-Joins Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide



Always an Animal Advocate, Kate Porter's passion is to make the world a happier and safer place by "celebrating animals AND the people who love them".

Kate says, "I see the pet/human relationship as crucial to the mutual well-being of both. Keeping our pets loved and safe keeps us emotionally "safe" too. Since over 50% of our

desert population is over 60 years old, and most have Dogs or Cats, it's practically a "mission" for me to be sure our non-profit organization, "The Critter Coalition", and my TV show "AnimalChat" (as well as my web site AnimalChatTV.com) provides important, helpful information for everyone in the pet loving community."

Kate Porter is also a respected communications professional. She produces, writes, shoots, edits and narrates a popular community half hour TV show called "AnimalChat" for Time/Warner Cable and she is a published writer and photographer with Newsweek credits and a photographic series on the ERA in the National Archives.

As a Narrator, Kate was given an Emmy for her narration of an on-going PBS series, "Cycles of Life: Exploring Biology". And she is the voice for dozens of national commercials featuring products like Nordstrom, Toyota, S&W Fine Foods, Gallo Wines, Best Western and L'Ermitage Hotels to mention just a few. Kate is also the Photographer for The Desert Woman news and hosts the popular monthly Desert Woman events that are enjoyed by so many.

Most recently, Kate was the MC for the American Cancer Society's Volunteer Appreciation Night at "The Lodge". This year Kate will enjoy her 3rd year as MC for "Pets On Parade", a fund raiser that benefits the Horses of "Pegasus, Riding Academy for the Handicapped" and the no-cost Spay and Neuter program of "Animal Samaritans". And this year, Kate was honored to be given the "Desert Woman of the Year" Award for her service to the desert community, animals and their human companions alike.

Founders Circle 2007



Thank You Founders You Make a Difference!

As you Honor your Spiritual Commitment The Universe Honors you! Your gift allows Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide to share Sacred Knowledge and Teach the Principles of Successful Living. The same opening you give through, Is the same opening you receive through!

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Rev. Trent Blanchard
Chaplains Lou and Lloyd Brushett
Vince Cleaveland and John Bosman
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Add your name to the Vision Builder's of Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide!

"According to the Grace of God which is given unto me, As a Wise Master Builder, I have laid the foundation..."
I Corinthians 3::10

Top 10 Tips to Prosperity

by Sandy Forster - Australia's Leading Prosperity Mentor

Experiencing a life of effortless prosperity, total financial freedom and outstanding success is available to everyone - even YOU - but you have to know the secrets! 10 Tips from the international bestseller *How to Be Wildly Wealthy FAST* – can be a part of your daily experience as your prosperity increases in your life beyond your dreams

1. Create a Millionaire Mindset

Create more of whatever you focus on consistently. If you desire Wealth and Abundance - you must THINK like the Wealthy and dream Abundant thoughts. Once you have conditioned your mind to focus on Riches, Abundance and Prosperity MORE than poverty, lack and limitation - that's when MORE Money will begin to flow into your life!

2. Know what your Money is doing

Master this one, or strangle your flow of Abundance. Reckless spending, late bill payment, not knowing your expenses and income, can actually repel Wealth - pushing it out of your experience because deep inside, you believe you wouldn't know how to handle more money even if you had it.

3. Constantly see the money already in the Bank

Visualize the Riches you desire in life accelerates them into your experience at lightning speed. Picture yourself using the things you bought with your abundance, in the house you built with your prosperity, driving your dream car. Add those feelings of love, satisfaction and gratitude while you see your picture of wealth for even faster results.

4. Be consistently grateful for your Abundant Riches

Gratitude is one of the most powerful, yet underestimated prosperity tools you can use. The greater your gratitude – the more you get for you to be grateful for. Every night, write down at least 5 things you are grateful for –the sunshine on the water, the birds singing in the trees, a cuddle from your children, that the day is over and it's time for bed. Try it 60 days and be amazed at the results in your life.

5. Do something that makes you feel Rich

Whether you can afford to do this on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, just make sure that you consistently do something that you KNOW rich people do! Whether massage, a spa day, a rented Porsche, a professional house-cleaning, or taking your best friends to lunch – or one of many FREE adventures – pick a bunch of flowers, go for a drive in

an expensive estate and imagine which house you now own. Do NOT go into debt to practice this one, make sure you spend only what you have in cash.

6. Create a space for your Prosperity

This one is EASY! The Universe abhors a vacuum. Create a space for your prosperity and it will be filled. Shed your life-clutter – the unread books, the “dead file” paperwork, old clothes, the junk in the garage. As the old goes, you make room for new – start creating that space for abundance today.

7. Laugh and have fun

One of the most important things you can do to move into the flow of prosperity is laugh. Fun moves your energy into a place of attraction – use this time wisely to attract to you the prosperity you desire. When you are in that moment of joy – just for a few seconds while you're in that fabulously funny space, imagine yourself as a multi-millionaire, and feel SO GOOD about it.

8. Celebrate your Wealth

Do something grand or small, but celebrate today! Sprinkle 100-dollar bills and rose petals on your bed and roll around joyously. Make it a habit to shout thank you to the Universe every time prosperity flows your way – whether a penny on the street, an unexpected \$100 in the mail or a \$10,000 windfall – celebrate it all!

9. Share your good fortune

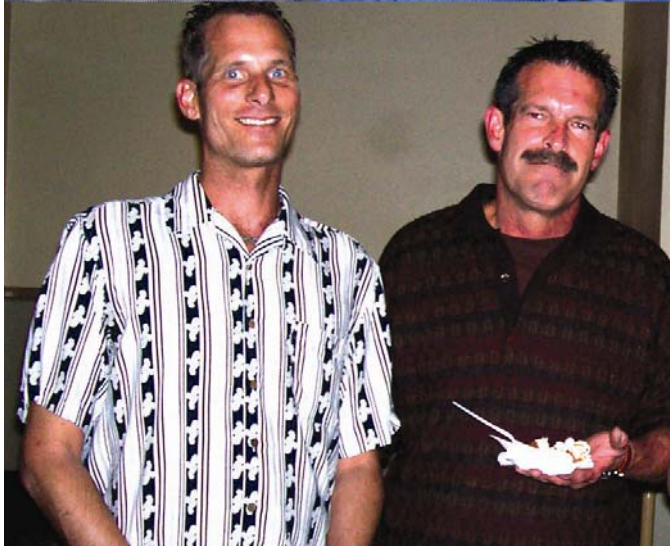
Tithing is an age-old secret that the wealthy have known forever –they didn't wait until riches arrived to begin tithing, they did it before, during and after as wealth accumulated. The more you give, the more you receive. If you seek smiles, give smiles; if you want love, give love – if you want money give money. That said – don't get too hung up on where the money goes, just GIVE! As you give money to others, bless it and expect a tenfold return

10. Prosperity is more than just masses of money, outrageous riches and Avalanches of Abundance

Prosperity and Abundance are worthless without health, loved ones, and joy. Yet, continuous financial struggle takes the shine off the rest of your life. Why not have it all? It really IS possible. Work at what you love.

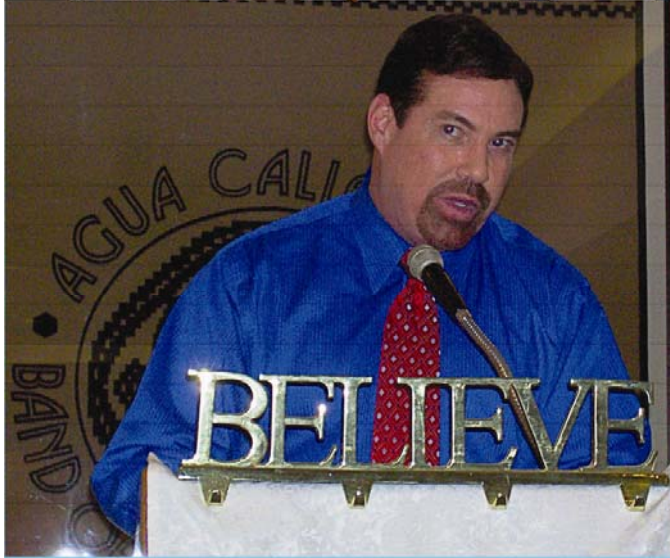
Continually create a Millionaire Mindset, manage your money wisely, visualize yourself as wealthy, be grateful for the richness in your life, feel abundant, clean up your clutter, laugh, celebrate and share your wealth - unleash a flow of prosperity in your life NOW!







Happy Easter!!



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The Quiet Message

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the Minister decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The Minister found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his Ministers visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The Minister made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the Minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Minister glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Minister reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

If you don't stand for something you'll fall for anything!

"Don't tell God how big your troubles are--tell your trouble HOW BIG YOUR GOD IS

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