



# The Anchor



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## From The Pastor's Desk Pastor Bill Adams

Ruts and routines are very similar conditions of life. Both have the connotation of being firmly

established patterns of living. They are repetitious actions that are habitually practiced. But I believe we could make some distinctions. Whereas ruts in life are thought of in a negative sense as gullies and valleys, routines are more positively associated with purposeful steadfastness and persistence. Ruts turn the focus upon us and cause discouragement while routines should ultimately place the focus of what we do on the Lord and others. In this sense, ruts are bad and routines are good. Ruts you don't want to be in. Routines you don't want to be out of.

### "Are you in a rut or a routine?"

By using Paul's appeal to Timothy concerning a godly routine, I would like you to consider three points about this subject.

### DECISION

A rut, whether it be related to spiritual or personal things, is not a place to remain in. Ruts are things that we feel like we have to do but don't want to. They are like bad habits that won't go away. Emotionally, they take away our joy and remove zeal and zest from our spirits. To get out or stay out of a rut, we must choose to do so. It involves a decisive action. In the context of urging a godly routine, the Apostle Paul challenged Timothy to make the right choice when it came to his time and attention:

*"If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane*

*and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness" (1 Timothy 4:6-7). The word "refuse" means to shun, avoid, or reject. In other words, Timothy would have to make a decision. What was he going to invest his time in - a tale or in the truth! Paul was exhorting him to choose the good doctrine of truth. In life, you have to make decisions. To honour, obey, and glorify the Lord, we must refuse some things in order to do the right things. What you choose may very well become either a rut or routine, so make these decisions with discretion, discernment, and godly duty in mind.*

### DISCIPLINE

Paul told Timothy to "exercise" himself in godliness. We get our English word "gymnastics" from this verb. The verb is in the present tense and in the imperative mode. Paul was strongly urging Timothy to continually give himself to this workout. Godly gymnastic routines are established by exercising strict discipline. They require consistency and commitment. God is a god of order, just consider creation. His work is to be done decently and in order. Routines help keep order in our lives. Without godly routines, chaos takes over. With discipline, the necessary sacrifices are made to ensure that godly priorities are practiced. As the old adage says, "practice makes perfect."

Two weeks ago, an airliner crashed into the Hudson River outside of New York City. No one perished. The pilot, stewardesses, and first responders all credited their tireless and vigorous practice sessions for the safe outcome. Discipline keeps you on track. It protects you from distractions. Good, godly routines become second nature, overcoming the old nature.



### DIVIDENDS

Spiritual routines pay off. Paul told Timothy this: "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim.4:8). Godly routines produce more fruit, here and in the hereafter. They improve relationships with God and man. Let me suggest some spiritual routines: for you personally - daily devotions, weekly church attendance, first-fruits giving, going to bed at a certain time, especially on Saturday nights, limits on television, computer, video games, telephone, etc.; for your family - family fun nights, evening meals together, responding respectfully to one another, serving another family together; marital - date nights, kissing good-bye and good night.

Ruts occur, at times, in well-intended Christian lives. I think Naomi was in one (Ruth 1:20-21); probably Moses (Exodus 18:15-18); and surely Martha (Luke 10:38-42). But each of these, with right counsel, came out of their ruts and returned with proper outlooks. If you're in a rut and feeling weary and worn down with life, get into some good, godly routines. These spiritual practices will provide the right limitations and controls. They are not always easy and exciting but they enable and equip us to be good stewards of our time. They keep us on track, in line, and help maintain an upward, not an inward focus. Routines can help prevent an airline disaster and they can also help prevent a Christian from crashing spiritually!



## GOOD TIDINGS

### Missionary to Nicaragua Alan Sanchez

On Sunday evening, January 11th, we were challenged to take the gospel globally by Missionary to Nicaragua Alan Sanchez.

### Annual Church Business Meeting

On Sunday evening, January 25th, we held our annual church business meeting. Besides having an update on our property search and discussing some future church events, we held an election for new church officers. The 2009 officers are: Deacons – **Blair Cassidy, Peter Fillon, Blair Walker, Steve Satoo, and David Kapauan;** Financial Clerk – **Blair Walker;** Clerk – **Frank Baccari;** Treasurer – **Raymond Found;** Assistant Treasurer – **John Mullin.**



## YOUTH CORNER

Pastor James Hird

### David and Jonathan: The Fundamentals of Friendship I Samuel 18:1-4

David and Jonathan were the best of friends. They did not grow up together. They had not known each other for years and years. They had an immediate friendship because of the kindred spirit that they shared. Both of these young men loved the Lord and put His will first. They each had their great military victories. Jonathan defeated the Philistines with his armour bearer alone. David defeated the giant Goliath. They understood that no matter what events took place in the past, and no matter what would happen in future, their friendship would hold them together. Saul tried to pull them apart in I Samuel 20:30-31, but Jonathan would not allow this to happen. He stayed true to his friendship with David. After Jonathan's death, David kept his promise to care for his family.

David's son, Solomon, wrote many things about friendship. He told us in Proverbs 12:26, "*The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.*" Solomon is telling us that the quality of your friend is much more important than the quantity of friends.

You could have many friends, but if they are like the ones Solomon describes in Proverbs 22:24-25 (*Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.*), you could be in grave trouble. You may become like those you spend time with. Solomon also writes in Proverbs 27:17, "*Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*" If you choose to be an angry man, as Solomon describes in Proverbs 22, you will attract angry men. They will continue to push you in the wrong direction away from God. If you choose the man Solomon describes in Proverbs 12, you will stand for what is right and those around you will desire the same thing. Solomon also writes in Proverbs 27:6, "*Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*" True friends may say things that will hurt now but help later. People that do not care for you will hurt you in the end. In Proverbs 13:20, Solomon writes this, "*He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*" Solomon also tells in Proverbs 1:10, "*My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*" Solomon is telling his children to stay away from the wrong kind of people.

Solomon tells us what kind of friend we should be. In Proverbs 17:17, "*A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*" He also writes in chapter 18:24, "*A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*" If you want to be a good friend, you must care for your friends. I want to leave with these words that Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, "*Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*" Be a good friend.

## Know Your Bible

David Kapauan

Continued from last month...

**AUTHORITATIVE  
meaning "the Final Authority in all  
matters of faith and practice"**

Psm.119:128 "*Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; therefore I hate every false way.*"  
Psm.138:2 "*...for thou hast magnified thy word above thy name.*"

The Bible, and Bible alone, is our Final Authority when it comes to matters of faith and practice. No religion, tradition, book, or man can have more authority than the Word of God. We have no other Gospel other than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gal. 1:8 "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*"

**PRESERVED  
meaning "when God spoke it and  
wrote it, it was true and it still is true  
today"**

Psm. 12:6-7 "*The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*" Psm. 33:11 "*The council of the LORD standeth for ever, the thought of His heart to all generations.*" Psm. 100:5 "*...and his truth endureth to all generations.*" Psm. 117:2 "*...the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.*" Psm. 119:152 "*Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.*" Psm. 119:160 "*Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.*" Matt. 24:35 "*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*" I Pet. 1:21 "*...but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*"

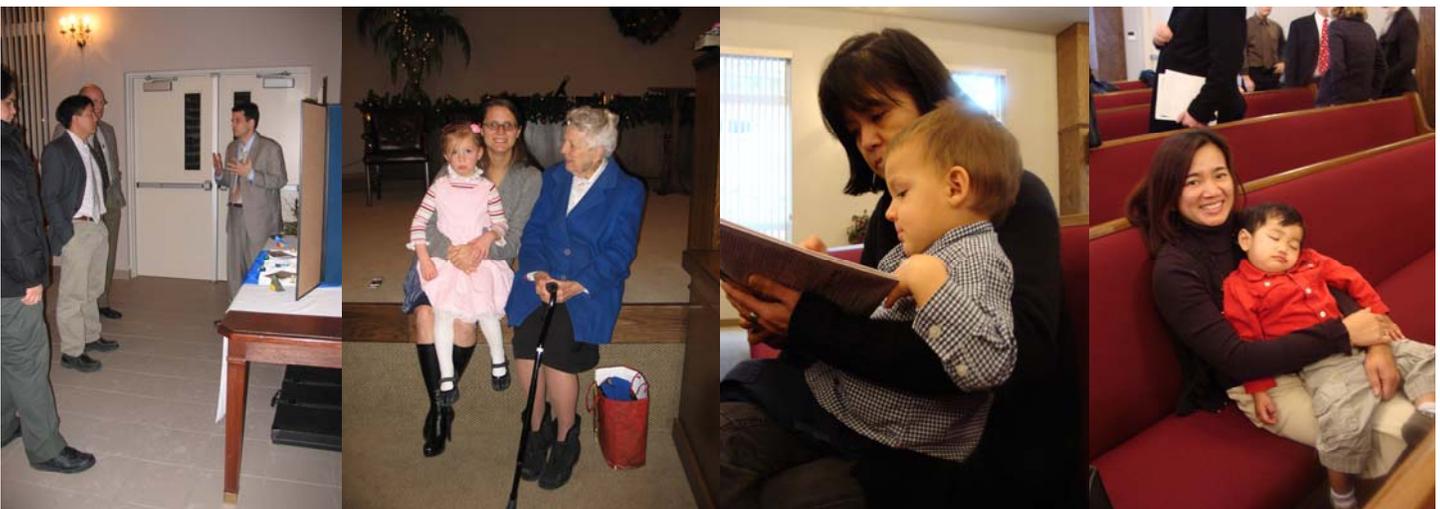
If God can inspire the Bible, then He can certainly preserve it. We do not believe the lie being propagated that the "original manuscripts" were inspired but the "copies" and "translations" (to other languages) are not preserved and therefore contain mistakes. The truth is, we no longer have the "original manuscripts". Where is the parchment used by the Apostle Paul to write to the church at Rome (Book of Romans)? Even the so called "original manuscripts" are just copies of other copies passed on from one generation to the next. No one knows where (if they still exist) the originals are. Even if we did find the originals, how many can actually read it? We have faith enough to believe that God has given us His Word that is completely without errors or mistakes, preserved today as it was when He spoke it.

## THE KING JAMES VERSION

The translators of the King James Bible were unrivalled in their scholastic achievements. They knew more about language than any of the subsequent so called "experts". It was said of one of the translators of the King James Bible, "such was his skill in all languages, especially the Oriental, that had he been present at the confusion of tongues at Babel, he might have served as Interpreter General." The translators in 1611 had all the material

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# THE VBC PICTURE GALLERY



**Baptisms**

Sunday, February 1st  
Morning Service

**Marriage Enrichment Fellowship**

Saturday, February 7th  
4:30-8:30pm

Keep praying for open doors in our property search!

Anonymous commitment cards are being received as we endeavour to raise \$100,000 over the next 23 months, from February, 2009 to December, 2010. This will enable us to pay off the last loan on our new sanctuary. These funds were lent to the church interest-free. So let's sacrificially give, showing our gratitude to the lender and giving glory to God. If we are able to do this, we will have a mortgage burning service in December, 2010.

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needed for them to translate the Word of God into English the way God wanted them. The translators of the King James Bible had character, integrity, and were genuinely Godly men who prayed constantly for God's guidance. And through these men, God brought us the inspired, infallible, authoritative, and preserved Word of God in the English language.

**TESTIMONY**

A Personal Testament  
Leo & Sandra Campanella

**Sandra's Testimony**

I grew up in the Niagara area in a large family. I am the middle child of six, three girls and three boys. Both my parents had to work to provide for our family. Weekends therefore became a busy time of catch up from the week before and preparations for the week to come. I cannot remember a Sunday that we spent in church as a family during these years. I do remember around age seven a man and a woman knocking door to door that offered to pick all my brothers and sisters on Sundays and bring us to church on a bus. I asked my parents if we could go and even pointed out that they would be able to get some extra sleep, they agreed. I truly enjoyed learning about God and how He

**Our Schedule of Services****MINISTRIES ON SUNDAY**

Sunday School  
for all ages 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
*We have fully staffed and supervised nurseries at all services.*

**MINISTRIES ON WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study and  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

*We are an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, located in the heart of Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada. The Church is located 10 minutes north of Metropolitan Toronto and 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport, and only a 40 minute drive from downtown Toronto.*

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Do you have a special story, event, prayer request or any other information you would like to share with your church family?  
Please contact us at the church office by phone or email.

created the earth and man, but after the third Sunday my parents stopped us from going. I believe they thought it was a cult and that they were brainwashing us. After that experience my parents explained to us that we should pursue religion as adults and not as children, contrary to God's Word. Math 19:14 *"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* Although I didn't attend another church until my late teens, (after the birth of my own son) I never forgot that there was a God, I just didn't

know how to have a relationship with Him. As I looked down at my own child I knew in my heart that God was the reason for every life no matter the circumstance. I was ready to find God and have Him be a part of mine and my son's life.

Before my son's first birthday I moved to the Metro area to better my life and continue my education. Unfortunately I was not successful in finding a good Bible teaching church. I was repeatedly led down a path - 2 Pet. 2:1 *"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you..."* I tried again and again but lost hope. It seemed salvation only happened to those whom were chosen, contrary to God's Word. Rom. 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* I felt more lost than I had ever been... I did not have anyone to share my burdens or cares with. I did not have direction or a place to go. I was alone.

New Year's Eve 1995 feeling heavy hearted at the beginning of another year, I challenged the Lord. I begged God if He existed that I needed His help, strength and direction. I had searched for Him before and been let down. I pleaded with Him to change my life, that I might find him. I had tried and failed time and time again. I needed Him to change my circumstance or give me the strength to. Matt.7:7-8 *"Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you; For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."* Things in my life quickly started to transform. I believed God was controlling the people that were taken out of my life as well as the ones that came into my life. I moved twice in three months but still believed there was a purpose or greater plan behind it all. My life continued to change and shape almost without me. By the end of summer 1996 I was engaged to be married. We both had the same longing for God to be a part of our new life together. Together he and I had began searching out a Bible believing church. I knew God would lead us to the church He wanted us at. It was Vaughan Baptist Church He led us to. It was here that I heard the true plan of salvation and was saved, Amen! Shortly there after Leo and I were baptised. Acts.2:41 *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptised..."*

Today I praise the Lord, for He has blessed me more than I could ever deserve. He has given me a husband to love, five beautiful children to care for, and a Bible believing church to serve in. I thank Him for these blessings and opportunity to glorify Him. I am no longer lost. Job 37:5 *"...great things doeth He which we cannot comprehend."*

Leo's testimony to be continued next month...