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Sunday, November 4, 2007

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *A friend is one who sees through you and still enjoys the view.* —Wilma Askinas (1926-), American author

Jim Bakker was part of some of the televangelist scandals of the 1980s, and he went to prison for financial misdeeds. After five years, he was released. He was a convict and a felon, and now he wondered who would befriend him. Here's what he had to say:

When I was transferred to my last prison, Franklin [Graham] said he wanted to help me when I got out, with a job, a house to live in, and a car. It was my fifth Christmas in prison. I thought it over and said, "Franklin, you can't do this. It will hurt you. The Grahams don't need my baggage." He looked at me and he said, "Jim, you were my friend in the past and you are my friend now. If anyone doesn't like it, I'm looking for a fight."

So when I got out of prison the Grahams sponsored me and paid for a house for me to live in and gave me a car to drive. The first Sunday out, Ruth Graham ... asked permission for me to go to the Montreat Presbyterian Church with her that Sunday morning. When I got there, the pastor welcomed me and sat me with the Graham family. There were like two whole rows of them. ... The organ began playing and the place was full except for a seat next to me. Then the doors opened and in walked Ruth Graham. She walked down that aisle and sat next to inmate 07407-058. I had only been out of prison 48 hours, but she told the world that morning that Jim Bakker was her friend.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I thank You for those who remember to extend the hand of friendship to those in need. I thank You for the "saints" who have done so to me in an hour of need. May I likewise offer a helping hand when possible and may it bring glory to Your name. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 19:11-20:1;

2 Corinthians 1-3

Monday: Ezra 5-7

Tuesday: Ezra 8-10

Wednesday: Nehemiah 1-3

Thursday: Nehemiah 4-6

Friday: Nehemiah 7-9

Saturday: Psalms 124-126

RIDDLE

I am weightless and can be seen. When I am put in a barrel I make it lighter.

What am I?

(Answer below)

S	O	R	E	L	Y
M	U	S	T	E	R
C	A	M	E	R	A
F	L	A	M	E	S
S	T	O	L	E	N
W	A	I	T	E	R

WORD SHUFFLE

Notice that the diagonal letters in the box to the left spell SUMMER. Shuffle the order of the words so the same diagonal spells WARMER.

PYRAMID PUZZLE

ORANGE

In the figure to the left, reduce the six-letter word by one letter at each descending step so each step makes a new word.

In the figure at the right, descend the stairs by adding one letter at each step to make a new word.

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Solution to Pyramid Puzzle: ORANGE, range, rang, ran, an, a, O, or, row, brow, brown. Solution to Riddle: A hole. Word Shuffle: waiter, camera, sorely, flames, stolen, muster.