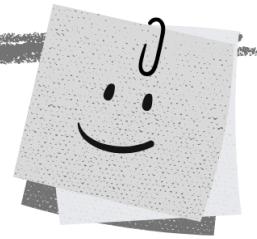


Faith and Funnies

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Spring Sillies

Does February like March?



No but April May!

How excited was the gardener about spring?

So excited he wet his plants!



What do you get when you plant kisses?

Tulips!



This Month in History

March 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Second Battle of the Somme began as German General Erich von Ludendorff launched an all-out drive to win the war. The battle began with a five-hour artillery barrage followed by a rush of German troops. The offensive lasted until April 6th and resulted in the Germans gaining about 35 miles of territory. Allied and German casualty figures for both battles approached 500,000.

March 21, 1943 - A suicide/assassination plot by German Army officers against Hitler failed as the conspirators were unable to locate a short fuse for the bomb which was to be carried in the coat pocket of General von Gersdorff to ceremonies Hitler was attending.



Where Are You Looking?

written by Marla Carter

My daughter started dance lessons at the age of 5 and danced all the way through high school--ballet, tap, jazz, modern. At the end of each year, the dance studio put on a recital to showcase what the students had learned. Those recitals were always full of proud parents watching their little angels on the stage. Often, the most entertaining dancers to watch were the youngest, the 3 and 4 year olds. They'd come out on the stage, wearing tulle and sequins and the audience would "ooh" and "aaah" just because of how cute they were. And then you waited to see what they'd do. Sometimes a tiny little dancer would stand frozen when the lights came up and she realized there was a sea of people in the audience. Sometimes there was a dancer who had no idea what was going on and did something totally different from the rest of the group. Some dancers would look at the dancer next to them and try to figure out what to do.

My daughter looked to the wings. She looked to the wings because that's where her teacher was standing. Her teacher would be in the wings doing the dance herself to help out students who may have forgotten what to do. My child never took her eyes off the teacher, even though it was a performance and she was supposed to smile, look confident and look forward.

Hebrews 12:2 tell us, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

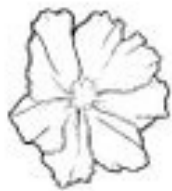
When we take our eyes off Jesus, we may become like the little dancer who froze in fear as she stared out into the audience. Isn't that what happened to Peter? In Matthew 14, we read the story about Jesus walking on water. Verse 29-30 says, "Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Peter looked at his circumstances instead of Jesus and his fear overtook him.

Other times, when we take our eyes off Jesus, we might be like the little dancer who, instead of looking at the teacher, looked at the dancer next to her and mimicked what she was doing. Perhaps that little girl didn't know the correct moves either! When we face hard times in life, trusted friends can be a good place to turn, but not until we've first looked to Jesus and His Word.

Sometimes we get so confident in our own abilities that we take our eyes off Jesus. I remember there were some little girls at the recital who danced with perfect composure and confident smiles, never once looking to the wings. I suspect this is where most of us find ourselves. We think we know the right way; we think we've got everything figured out. We look to Jesus when we get into a rough spot. You know, my daughter actually knew all the dance moves; she just didn't trust herself. What about us? Are we trusting ourselves or are we keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus?

But my eyes are fixed on you, Sovereign LORD; in you I take refuge. Psalm 141:8

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8



Spring



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