



And Also With You

MID-APRIL 2015

Grace Anglican Church 817 Estella Street Fairhope, Alabama 36532
251-929-1606 www.visitgrace.net Facebook.com/GraceAnglican

MID-APRIL

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)
&
Children's Chapel

MONDAYS

6:30pm-Graham
Cooke Group-
Information 455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-
Information 990-2973

12:00 noon
Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group-
Information 422-3169

CHALICE BEARERS

April 19
Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry

April 26
Maggie & Julian
Carnes

May 3
Bob and Jane
Grafe

May 10
Mother's Day
Jan Bogue
Becky Johnson



How To Avoid Hunger



The Rev'd Scott Davis

Proverbs 19:15
(Passion Translation)
says, *“Go ahead—be
lazy and passive, but
you will go hungry if
you live that way.”*

On the surface Proverbs 19:15 is a simple and rather ordinary verse, challenging the reader to work hard and be assertive in order to stave off hunger. I know some people who might benefit from this verse, but otherwise, it seems pretty run of the mill.

The word that catches my attention in Proverbs 19:15 is *hungry*. Forget physical hunger. Instead, look at some of the hunger that emerges from the heart. A man can be a hard worker with a proven track record as a go getter in the work place, yet the same man, as a husband or father, might be passive and lazy in his familial duties. His hard work at the office gives the illusion that he is a hard worker in every area of life when actually he might be lazy and passive as a husband or parent.

Most men, fight battles they know they can win. This makes a person successful in the work place yet at home, involving relationships, it can be a different matter. Women are often better with children than men and so fathers can succumb to passivity and even laziness when working with the family because it is an arena where they may not succeed.

A HOLE IN THE
SOUL CAN'T
BE FILLED
WITH FOOD



God's word tells us that the areas where a person is passive or lazy will be the areas where hunger will set in. Since men are from Mars and women are from Venus it means that they have to learn one another's language to communicate effectively. Women are just better at relationships than men. Women pick up the language of relationship without much effort. Not so for Martians. Relationships are hard work and success does not come easily. Learning Venusian is nearly impossible. When the hard working, tough fighting Martian gives up and becomes passive in trying to work with Venusians then then a hunger settles in the heart.

The hunger for relationship is meant to be satisfied within marriage. The problem is that to have a good husband-wife relationship it takes a huge amount of work. If a husband is passive or lazy about caring for a wife then a hunger will begin to settle in his heart. The hunger is for intimacy. God created us for intimacy, yet when a person is lazy or passive towards the one whom he is to give and receive intimacy from then hunger becomes starvation and this is not good.

When a person is famished, they often travel the road of least resistance, grabbing for fast food or a candy bar to satisfy the need rather than taking the necessary time to fix a healthy meal. The same is true emotionally. God made humans for intimacy, yet to obtain it is hard work. People are tempted instead to grab a quick fix. This is why porn is epidemic today as well as extra-marital affairs, be they sexual

How To Avoid Hunger from page 1

or merely emotional. These are easier ways to satisfy the hunger for intimacy than having to work out a marriage relationship. The lazy/passive person will simply grab for an easy and quick counterfeit. Counterfeits deceive, promising intimacy while



actually eroding authentic relationships. The above is just one example of

how laziness and passivity play out against the backdrop of life. Hunger grows in any arena where there is laziness or passivity. Thirty years ago a man in my church told me about an incidence from his childhood. He grew up in a very wealthy family. When he was in the eighth grade, his father was awarded *Father of the Year* by an exclusive service organization in his city because of the money and time he had given in working with adolescent boys. The son, who was now the man telling me the story, said that as an eighth grader, he remembered thinking what a farce it was that his father was *Father of the Year*. His father spent *very* little time with him and his two brothers. In fact, he told me that he had actually raised himself because his dad was seldom around, yet his father was *Father of the Year*.

The father was obvious hard-working and very successful in the market place yet when it came to raising his sons, he was passive if not lazy. There were not the warm fuzzies from his own sons nor newspaper reporters around on the mornings when oatmeal flew across the kitchen floor or when the boys were throwing up in the middle of the night. God created this

man to parent sons yet he was passive about it. The hunger grew within him to parent so he instead chose a counterfeit form of parenting. His father mentored boys the same age as his sons because he could show up at the Boy's Club at 5pm, play basketball with underprivileged youth, and then leave at 6pm. It left him feeling good about helping the underprivileged. It also looked good when his picture appeared in the paper with kudos for his generosity of both time and money.

There are other, numerous examples of how we replace the real with the counterfeit. These are but two examples. The person who passively deals with their pain by reaching for the counterfeit to remedy the situation will never be satisfied. We will always hunger in areas of laziness and passivity. When we change course and dig into the rough and difficult places, working hard and being proactive then the hunger abates. It takes courage to become active when we have been passive, yet as we press into areas of passivity we find real food to sustain us. We discover that by working hard in difficulties we grow and are fed, and not tossed around by every wind.

Congratulations to Father Scott on the marriage of his father, Milton, to Sigrid Long in Heber Springs, Arkansas on April 11, 2015



Stations of the Cross
Our thanks to Ovie Moore and Gerold Harbin for creating the Stations of the Cross that were used for the first time on Good Friday. We plan to not only leave them up but to use them again at certain times during the year.



Redemptive Gifts Workshop-
Saturday-May 2, 2015
9:am-4:pm
Christ Anglican Church, Mobile
Led by Father Brandon Spain & Father Scott Davis.

There are seven redemptive gifts found in Romans 12: 6-8. You will discover which gift is your major and which is your minor. You will learn that each gift is wired differently from the others and that all but one of the gifts has a counter part.



Cost: \$15 or \$20 per couple

Prophet-Mercy

Ruler-Servant

Teacher-

Exhorter

Giver

