Good morning, Everybody.

Tonight is our weekly prayer meeting. We'll be continuing our use of Psalm 91 as the "platform" for helping us to take shelter in the Lord. I've been really encouraged by the number of you who are chipping



away at memorizing it. I called Pastor Tipton yesterday morning and guess what he was doing right then? Working on Psalm 91! So good to hear.

We'll see if we can say the first six verses tonight. No problem if you can't. Just read along in your Bible (smile).

Some of you have been arranging to pray together after the message. That's great. Linda asked me a few minutes ago about the arrangement for this evening, so that she'd know whether to get a prayer partner.

This evening we'll have another church-wide prayer time, but we'll be led by three of the men, rather than six as we were last week. So there'll be time for you to pray with someone over the phone if you'd like to do that.

A Testimony

Last May one of our young people sent a card that was such a blessing to read that I tucked it into a journal. Monday I was looking at it and rejoicing all over again in the victory that was shared. I sent a note to the person (I won't tell you whether it was a guy or a girl; smile) and asked if it might be alright to share it with you. The answer came back, Honestly, I would be so happy if others were encouraged by that as well. If that is another way that God will use His work in my life to bless others, then I'm all for it!

Great! Thanks so much!

So here's part of what came a year ago on that "keeper" card.

I lapsed into small doubts again. . . . I was having to write out my salvation testimony for a lot of things (CIT, college form, and graduation), and having to write it out so many times caused me to think more deliberately on what Christ had done for me. I mean, I can look all around me and see evidence that I can trust Him completely. So finally one day I just dropped to my knees and told God that I trusted Him to do what he said about forgiving my sins and drawing near to me when I draw near to Him. I am so thankful that He is not like any mere man. He is always ready for me to come back to Him, and God gives us so many examples of His love to us (me) in the Bible. That was just really encouraging to me. I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until THAT day! Praise the Lord!

That was from one of our high school young people. All of us older folks need to realize what we're hearing.

A large part of why we give and work and pray to maintain the church is for the rearing and discipling of the next generations. There just aren't any words that can possibly express the exhilaration of hearing a young person who's grown up in the church come to the place where he/she begins to say **back** to us the very things parents and SS teachers and youth workers have been trying to get into our young people's souls all these years. To hear it coming from the heart, to hear it being said with the conviction that almost turns it around to be a **sermon** to **our** hearts, is priceless. And I don't think using that word, *priceless*, could possibly be an exaggeration. Actually, it's really not expressive enough. The joy is *unspeakable and full of glory!*

How about a little *glorying* this morning (smile)?

More Help

Now for a little more help from the young people. Katie Rodgers sent me two photos to help us guys with how to wear our masks. The first is easy to get the hang of because there aren't many ways to mess up if you don't wear glasses.



Now . . . it's the second situation that gets tricky. If you wear *glasses*, the possible confusions are many. You can perch the mask on top of them. You can tuck it under one of the lenses. You can dangle it from that little cross piece part of the frame right between the lenses (your wife can help you locate that if you have trouble). You could even cover up both lenses if you just didn't want to have to deal with anything anymore. Lot's of possibilities.

But if you want to get it just right, not only seeing, but doing it *foglessly*, Thomas and Katie's adorable children will now model the very best approach. See if this makes sense.



Men, we're going to have to show a little humility about this. We don't know *everything*! And I found a verse for any of us who might be struggling with learning anything from our kids: *A little child shall lead them.*

So . . . you might want to think about getting with the program (smile).

Praying for All of You Today,

Pastor Minnick