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Praying for The Queen

ence between them and us is that she was a princess and Philip was Greek royalty; we hail from Big Creek and Jerry Bottom.

Early in the marriage, the father of Elizabeth-the King of England-passed away thrusting her into the role of queen. Game. Changed.

Philip, who had been a military hero made a life-changing decision. He surrendered his plans for his future, submitting completely to his wife's destiny to serve as queen.

I hadn't known any of this, living life a world away in the hills of eastern KY. I saw Queen Elizabeth II periodically on television for special occasions in her family and country: weddings, funerals, holidays. She seemed intensely serious, resolute as she appeared, waved, and then continued on. Prince Philip was always in the background.

Over the last several days, I've seen more differences and a few similarities between the two of us:

- Elizabeth II has been clearly focused on her role, her obligations. Stepping into her father's shoes at a young age, she has been the representative of the monarchy for decades. As a child of God, I am also to be focused...on Him, living a life representing Him, and walking in His steps for as long as I live.

- Elizabeth II received a crown when she became the queen. I will receive one in heaven.

- Elizabeth II chose well when she married Philip. Details have been revealed that they were patient with each other and laughed often. Married for over 70 years, they had figured out the equation for a good marriage in spite of royal restraints. I also, by the grace of God, chose well when I married my beloved 40 years ago.

- Elizabeth II seems to take the road of James 1:19, being quick to listen and slow to speak, post, or tweet. I am TRYING to be quick to listen and slow to speak, hoping to be better at it by the time I am the queen's age.

- I have power while Queen Elizabeth II does not. According to many sources, though the queen has immense influence, she holds no real power. I, on the other hand, as a follower of Christ, have the power of the Holy Spirit living in me 24/7.

- Elizabeth II's husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, surrendered his future for something bigger than himself: the reign of his wife as Queen of England. My husband also surrendered his future to something greater: the call of God into full-time ministry.

All things considered; I wouldn't change lives for all the jewels of Buckingham Palace. My beloved is my Prince Charming and he treats me like a queen.

Though we shall never meet, my heart hurts for a 94 year-old wife who has lost her soulmate. I will continue to pray for her.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 John 5:6

This is the **one** who **came** by **water** and **blood**—**Jesus Christ**. He **did not** come by water **only**, **but** by water and blood. **And** it is **the** Spirit **who testifies**, because the **Spirit** is the **truth**.

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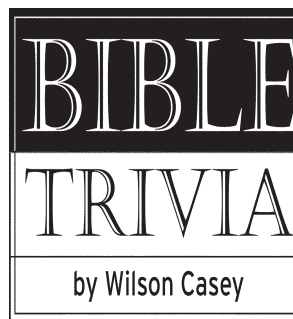
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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1. Is the book of Agrabah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Which book repeats this paraphrased counsel three times to the young women of Jerusalem, "Do not stir up or awaken love until it pleases"? Proverbs, Psalms, Song of Solomon, Genesis

3. By Roman reckoning, what time of day did Jesus

meet the Samaritan woman at the well? Daybreak, Noon, Mid-afternoon, Dusk

4. On the island of Patmos, to whom was the Book of Revelation given? John, Paul, Matthew, Luke

5. Who hid 100 prophets in two caves and supplied them food and water? Solomon, Philemon, Obadiah, Hosea

6. The Semites were descended from Shem, the son of...? Moses, Noah, Paul, Jacob

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"Here am I; send me."

Isaiah 6:8

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In **Isaiah 6:5-11**, Uzziah the king was given a picture of God's throne in Heaven, and it caused him to cry out, *"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."*

Isaiah's Commission

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate..."

As I write this and reflect upon the day that the Word of God finally was allowed to penetrate my heart, I will never forget the moment when my sins were washed away in the blood of my Lord as I was baptized unto his death. Then, there is another event in the which I will never forget, the day when the Lord said to me, **"Go, preach my Word!"** I arose on that day and took my stand for the Lord, not knowing how or where it would lead me. So, as I began

with fear and trembling, I soon found that there were some that would hear the Gospel I had undertaken to preach. And, very, very sadly, there were some that rejected it. So, in that day, the Lord lit a fire in my heart to make the Gospel known to as many as I could, and I have never let this fire diminish one bit. So, after a half century, I have a lot of enthusiasm left to continue as long as the Lord permits, even though my physical ability has slowed some.

So, in preaching, what do I want people to know? I want them to know that God loves them completely, without reservation, that he sent Jesus to die to prove unto them the extent of his love, mattering not who they are nor how they may have lived or even now may be living. I want them to know that if they will believe in him to be the Son of God enough to be willing to turn their sinful life over to him in repentance, he will see and hear. I want them to know that if they will confess his name as the Son of God, he will honor that confession. I want them to know that if they are willing to solidify their commitment by being baptized in water for the remission of their sins, that our Loving Saviour will forgive them and His Spirit will come into them and dwell, helping them through His Word to gain Eternal Life.

Then, also, I want them to know that by disbelieving him is to dishonor His Holy Name, and that by doing this, Eternal Life in His Eternal Heaven, will never be yours to enjoy.

But again! There is hope for you if you will change your mind and obey his commands while time remains for you. But know this, that time waits for no one. So, I pray that this article will stir you to obey before it is too late.

We are still in the business of preaching the Gospel, giving you the opportunity to hear, consider, and hopefully obey and be saved. Thank you for listening to this preacher today.

Visit with us next Lord's Day. Call 1-859-369-4165.

Sincerely, Bob Casey

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD



"Thomas won't be in today — he's _____."



Eagles have a unique place in nature - certainly a place that differs from all other birds. They represent strength, power and freedom from the things of this world that would distract them. No wonder they have a special place in God's Word. Isaiah promised, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles." No doubt David had this in mind when he wrote, "so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." What makes eagles special?

Eagles have fine vision and sharp focus. Their eyes were designed by God for long distance and clarity. This gives the eagles great vision and enables them to see what other birds do not see. We as Christians need

God's vision so we can see what we need to do for Him.

Eagles are fearless. As God's representatives we need to be fearless as we represent Him and present His message to others. We must never bow to others in fear.

Eagles are tenacious. Other birds fly from a storm. But eagles fly into the storm - taking advantage of life's difficulties - and rise to greater heights, never giving up.

Eagles are "high flyers." They easily fly to an altitude of 10,000 feet. Pigeons stay on the ground and "grumble" all day long. The eagle quietly soars above the noises of life and finds peace with God.

Eagles possess vitality. They are full of life yet find time to reenergize themselves and extend their lives.

Eagles nurture their young ones. No other bird is more attentive or gentle to its young than the eagle.

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Stickeler's Puzzle



Four of the five names listed below are "B" vitamins. Which is the odd one out?

- Thiamin
- Pantothenic Acid
- Biotin
- Calciferol
- Niacin

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