

### CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for March 2021

My comments for this month are the third and last in a series of articles about how my military experience as a chaplain has helped me apply Biblical truths to my life as I dealt with stress and difficult times.

Last month I noted how God had taught me not to borrow trouble from tomorrow and to focus on my current situation. Often, fasting from news media, social media, and other stressful stimuli is the best way to manage our stress. We must be careful, however, not to take that to the extreme.

Once, during an exercise at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, I received a radio message that a Soldier attached to us from another unit was distressed and I need to check on him. When I arrived at his location, I found the young man sitting in the back of an armored vehicle, incommunicative and staring off into space with what we called the "thousand-yard stare." My Chaplain Assistant and I ushered him into our vehicle and took him back to his own unit and placed him in the hands of their medics. Later, I learned that after a good night's sleep the young man was fine, but his experience is instructive for us.

Like Jesus, we do need to separate ourselves from the world from time to time. For example, Matthew 14:23 tells us, "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone." The revival preacher Vance Havner preached a sermon called, "Come apart before you come apart," which is excellent advice. We must be careful to avoid a trap as we employ this technique, however.

If we are not careful, withdrawal from the world can become an end in itself. The young Solider at Camp Shelby had withdrawn into himself so much that he has become virtually canonic. When we withdraw so totally from the world that we fail to engage it at all, then we have taken this too far and we become dysfunctional and emotionally and physically ill

Jesus did withdraw from the crowds and His Disciples, but only for as long as it took for Him to recharge His spiritual and emotional batteries. Once He has accomplished this, He reengaged people and continued to pursue His mission of seeking and saving those who were lost. He did not allow isolation and solitude become His master, but instead He mastered these for His own purposes. We must learn to do the same, because if we withdraw from this world we cannot go into it and "make disciples of all people." If we do, we fail ourselves and our God.

Every blessing,  
Director of Missions Otis Corbitt

### ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS



It's time to MAN UP and join us as we begin a 40 week study equipping men to be godly men. Rick Burgess will be speaking at the first service on March 12 at 6:30PM, at Westview Baptist Church in Opp. The service and study is open to the public, so spread the word.

Join us, and contact Westview Baptist Church office with questions 334-493-6467.

The study and service is free of charge.

### ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH ENOUGH?

Our neighbors put their lovely house up for sale. He had just received a raise and the three-bedroom split-level was suddenly not enough. Friends made their last payment on a fine car and instead of enjoying their very own car, two weeks later traded it for something Better! Newer! Nicer! Improved! Larger! Prettier! MORE! All too often we find ourselves deceived by a world system which tells us that enough really is not enough. The prayer of the writer of Proverbs 30: 8-9 reveals a wisdom which twentieth century Christians would do well to discover: GOD, give me neither poverty nor riches. If I am poor, I might steal; if I have too much, I might deny you in my life-style. Lord, give me just enough - - and the wisdom to know that it is enough!

## The Baptist Faith and Message

**In the year 2000, the SBC adopted a revised statement of faith. This is what the BF&M 2000 says about Cooperation:**

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

**The entire Baptist Faith and Message can be downloaded from:**  
<https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000>

### JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH

I would like to ask in the next newsletter. Judson Baptist would like to invite the men and teenagers to pray with us at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of every month. It is to bring our pray warriors together. For the great awakening in our community and nation. If anyone has any questions feel to contact me at 334-806-1195 call or text. Or you can email me at [druptain54@gmail.com](mailto:druptain54@gmail.com).

**HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**  
Pastor Donnie Uptain  
334-806-1195