

A Newsletter from Thy Word Network

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Illuminations

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Don't Be a Tortoise...

On a recent trip out West, we had a chance to visit Red Rock Nature Conservancy, a beautiful high-desert park. Part of their display in the Visitor's Center was set aside for the Desert Tortoise, and it was there that we met Mojave Mike. Crouched in a cool shady corner of his pen, he patiently endured the curious and often exuberant inspections of both children and adults. Unperturbed, he kept his arms and legs safely inside his armor-plated shell, extending only his head from time to time when curiosity overcame his need for self-protection...but not for long, as he quickly returned to the safety of his shell.

I couldn't help but think how often we mimic tortoise-like behavior as Christians:
-carefully living our lives in a cool, comfortable place, free from all danger
-often withdrawn from the world, protecting ourselves at all costs
-willing to move and change position, but verrrrrry slowly.
-mostly ignoring the outside world, content to rest within our own comfort zone.

You get the idea. How much better it would be if we were ready to engage our world, being "salt and light" as Jesus spoke of in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. Instead, we are often like the Roman soldier who was "not worth his salt." Often paid in salt instead of currency, his peers this way could brand an ineffective soldier, and it was not the kind of reputation one desired. Jesus knew that, and he said such were "good for nothing...but to be trodden under foot of men." (Matt. 5:13)

We live in challenging times, where the easy way out is to withdraw, play the tortoise and play it safe. But that is not Kingdom living, which Jesus called us to in His sermon. Instead, we want to live our daily lives in such a way that we make a difference...eternally!

Here at Thy Word Network we are all about equipping and encouraging you to engage the culture we live in. Thanks for your partnership with us, and if you'd like to know more about how you can help us broadcast God's Word through music and ministry, give us a call or go by www.thyword.org. And let's get out of our shells and make a difference in this life, even if it is a little scary...



May Daysponsors

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| 5/03 | Nolan & Betty Ryan
<i>In memory of Betty's father, Earl Baldwin</i> |
| 5/12 | Mike & Cheryl Lasher
<i>To the glory of God</i> |
| 5/13 | Jeff & Amy Kissel
<i>Honoring the teachers and volunteers who teach our children on Sundays</i> |
| 5/20 | Jeff & Jenanne Locker
<i>Celebrating their wedding anniversary</i> |
| 5/23 | Gary & Morrava Knepp
<i>In honor of their wedding anniversary</i> |

Welcome John Hayden

He's faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings...well, not really...he is, however, a veteran broadcaster that brings years of experience and a shared passion to see lives changed as God's Word is broadcast...and beginning May 1, part of our Thy Word Network broadcast team!

His name is John Hayden, and if that sounds familiar, you hear him each Sunday as part of *Sunday Morning Praise* Moody Radio aired on these stations, and for a number of years, a regular guest host during our annual Sharathons. John, his wife Donna, and son Tanner are packing up and leaving Chicago behind to join us here in Evansville, where they have purchased a home and are moving in now.

John will be doing on-air work, helping in the daily operations and lending his wealth of talents to our broadcast ministry in a number of different ways. Needless to say, we're excited to see God at work to make their coming possible, and look forward to many years of ministry together.



Coming Up...

- **National Day of Prayer** will be **May 6**. Check our website Community Calendar for an event near you or for national news visit www.ndptf.org.
- **Heroic Motherhood** Radio Special will air **Saturday, May 8 at 4:00 PM (CT)**. The broadcast will follow the stories of three mothers in very different stages of life, and the music of Sara Groves will wrap up the hour.
- Thy Word Network's **Family Fishing Follies** will be held **Saturday, May 15** at Big Creek Fish & Aquatics in Wadesville Indiana. The event is free but pre-registration is required: call (800) 264-5550 or visit thyword.org for more information.
- Featured portions of the **re|Focus Pastor's Conference** at Moody Bible Institute will be broadcast **Tuesday – Friday, May 18-21 at 8:00 PM (CT)**. Speakers include Dr. Paul Nyquist, Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Ralph West, and James MacDonald.
- The **5th Annual Thy Word Network Golf Outing** will be held on **Friday, June 4** at Oak Meadow Golf Club in Evansville. Visit thyword.org for more information and to register online.

Listener Letters

Norris City, IL – I want to thank you for your faithfulness in bringing God's Word to the area. I listen whenever I can, which usually means my commute to work. ... When I am driving at various times of the day I hear great music, wonderful ministers, and friendly conversations (Thursday mornings). On occasion I get to listen Sunday morning on my way to church, and on a rare occasion Saturday evening "praise" singing. I guess the point is that no matter when I am in my car, I can always count on Thy Word Network to have good Christian programming.

Washington, IN – As always, the teaching programs on the air through Thy Word Network have filled my heart and mind with the Truth of the Gospel ... Thank you for the inspiration available each day.