

A God we can trust

Our message today is taken from the teaching of the Psalmist in Psalm 37:1-9. The Scripture repeatedly admonishes us to trust in the Lord. When times are good, it does not seem difficult to trust in the Lord. However, when trials arise and harsh times fall upon our life, it is much harder to fully rely upon Him. It is always important for us to place our trust in the living God, especially when everything around us seems to be falling apart. The scriptures tell us that there is a time and season for everything. I can assure you, no matter



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how good things are today, difficult times will come. This may well have been the situation that inspired the Psalmist's writing of Psalm 37. In today's passage, David mentions several times that we should not fret (vv. 1, 7, 8). The root of worry is fear. When we recognize an uncontrollable situation in our life, it is normal to fear the outcome. Distress over a situation is the opposite of trust, and fretting has ill effects. When we begin to fret and fear, it can take a toll on physical and emotional well-being. Another problem is that feeding worry can

lead to wrongdoing. By attempting to resolve the situation quickly in our human way, we may miss God's best solution. Another consequence is that our anxiety and apprehension may undermine our witness for the kingdom because we will not be reflecting God's peace in all that we do. We, then, must discover an antidote for worry and stress during a difficult time. We need, and can have, absolute trust in Christ. Psalm 55:22 says, "Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken." This means we are to lay all our burdens at His feet, believing that He is good, loving, and in

control. And, as the old song writer wrote, "Trust and Obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Trials will come. The scripture warns that "man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." When trials arise, do you run toward the Lord? Or do you attempt to handle things yourself? The God who created you can handle any difficulty and pain you may be feeling, even when it seems overwhelming. God's desire is for you to surrender and trust in Him. "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your steps." It is in His arms that you will find rest for your soul.

Honoring our mothers

The mind of man has stored up within it no sweeter memories than those of a Christian mother and those memories have blessed many — her kiss that soothed away pain, her voice that calmed and challenged, her smile that brought love and warmth, her face that brought light and inspiration. Those memories have sweetened as the years have lengthened. For my wife and me, a "Hallway of Pictures" reminds us daily of our Christian mothers' influence on our lives. The beautiful old straight chair that sits in the window beside my wife's desk and in front of my desk remind us of a very sweet grandmother who used to sit in it years ago.



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hotel to a nearby church for worship. Arriving early, Miss Talley took a seat at the organ and began to play and sing. Soon people began to arrive one by one. When the minister arrived, he asked Miss Talley to continue singing. After a number of songs, the minister asked her name and if she was a Christian. She replied, "I am Marian Talley, and I am a Christian. If you would know the reason for my being a Christian, there she sits before you. I cannot preach a sermon, but I can point you to one. My mother's beautiful life is the greatest sermon I have ever heard, and accounts for what I am as a Christian." This would be the testimony of countless children who have been influenced by their mother's daily Christian life and example.

For me and many others whose mothers are gone, there is a vacancy that nothing can fill. As a friend recently said of a loved one's passing, "Grief is hard." Mother, home and heaven are three of the sweetest words in the English language, and they lead us to high purposes in life and holy destinies. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" speaks of the profound influence of a mother whose knees is the child's first sanctuary. When we search for something to illustrate God's love for us, the only thing that holds a candle is a mother's love — all else pales in comparison. It would be difficult to find a better example of a mother's love than Rizpah in 2 Samuel 21:8-11. She guarded the bodies of her dead sons who had been crucified by the Gideonites. From early harvest until October, she fought off the vultures by day and the wild beast at night. When King David heard of this, he sent men to give Rizpah's sons honorable burials. True mother's love will lead her to wade through the fires of hell for her children.

How like the Savior's love is a mother's love — no burden too heavy to bear, no task too hard to undertake, no suffering or sacrifice too great to pay. A tombstone had the word "mother" carved on it and above that word was a hand pointing to God and heaven. That is a Christian mother. "As go the mothers so go the homes, and the home determine the rise or fall of the nation." That saying tells us that only God knows the great influence for good of Christian mothers. King Solomon respected and honored his mother by having a seat brought and placed beside his throne for her recognizing that honor should be given to his mother. Jesus said, "Honor your father and mother." Proverbs advises us "not to forsake our mother's teaching." Paul urges obedience to parents.

Not only on this Mother's Day, but throughout the year, let us give honor to good Christian mothers. Prayers should continually go up to heaven for them and the tremendous responsibility they have. May God bless Mothers and may we honor them!

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Detailed instructions from God

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WHY CATHOLIC?

If you happened to watch the movie about Indiana Jones and the Ark of the Covenant, Raiders of the Lost Ark, you certainly saw a pretty good portrayal of the ark as having power to destroy armies by who possessed it. In the Bible, it really is the power of God, who brought down the walls of Jericho. The fascinating part about the ark is the detailed instructions God gave Moses on how to build it.



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Such as acacia wood, specific dimensions, plated with gold inside and out, four support rings, poles to put through the rings for transport, all made of gold and never to be removed. Then on top were to be two cherubim made of beaten gold with their wings spread. But that is not all! You can't touch the Ark of the Covenant or you will die. The ark was the embodiment of

God's presence and when Uzzah touched it he died (2 Samuel: 6). Have you realized where this is going? Mary is the ark of the New Covenant. The bearer of God, Jesus. You don't touch her, the ever virgin Mother of God. God's presence is with her and in her. Even the Israelites had to stay about a thousand feet from the old ark and only priests could carry it (Joshua 3:4). The Catholic Church for 2,000 years has always maintained that Mary was with Jesus from His con-

ception by the Holy Spirit to His resurrection. Thus the Council of Ephesus in the year A.D. 431 decreed that Mary was to be called "Theotokos," Mother of God. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew, of my Savior crucified. Trivia: Whose DNA is on permanent display in Heaven? Mary's, in the body of Christ. Kumbaya! Dale writes this article from his home in western Kentucky. Have a question? You may contact him at dale54@live.com.

House passes Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026

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The House of Representatives recently passed the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567). In response, National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) President Jamie Kress issued the following statement: "NAWG appreciates Chairman Thompson's leadership in advancing this critical legislation. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 delivers meaningful improvements that will provide certainty for farmers,

expand market opportunities, and reinforce the vital role our nation's farmers play in both food security and national security. "This bill reflects many of wheat farmers' top priorities from modernizing farm credit and safeguarding international food aid programs to enhancing export competitiveness. These provisions will help ensure America's wheat farmers can remain resilient and globally competitive. We urge the Senate to act quickly to advance this legislation and deliver a strong, bipartisan farm bill to the President's

desk." The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 includes several key NAWG priorities, including: • Modernizing the Farm Credit Title to ensure continued access to affordable, reliable financing. • Permanently transferring Food for Peace to USDA to protect in-kind food aid and strengthen long-term demand for U.S. commodities. • Integrating the Supplemental Agricultural Trade Promotion Program into the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market

Development Program (FMD) to bolster export market development and global competitiveness. • Reauthorizing the U.S. Grain Standards Act to ensure fair pricing and maintain international market confidence. • Reauthorizing the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to preserve critical conservation tools while helping stabilize farm income. • Directing NRCS to study and report on the use of winter wheat as a cover crop, supporting innovation, soil health, and resource conservation.

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young Jewel and her grandparents as they travel to graduation night at their Moonlight School. There, adults from all walks of life learn to read, write, and do basic math — transforming their daily lives and reconnecting families. Jewel's Papaw will finally read her a bedtime story, a simple act that underscores the profound power of education. Drawing on authentic regional history and language, *My Kentucky Moonlight School* celebrates literacy as a force for dignity, opportunity, and community connection.

In *The Book Witch, USA Today* bestselling author Meg Shaffer delivers a joyful, imaginative love letter to books and readers everywhere. Rainy March is a third-generation Book Witch, tasked with protecting works of fiction from harm. Armed with a magical umbrella and a feline familiar, she jumps in and out of novels — from *Alice in Wonderland* to Arthurian legend — repairing damaged plots and rogue characters. But Book Witches live by strict rules, especially one: never fall in love with a fictional character. When Rainy's beloved grandfather goes missing and a priceless book is stolen, she enlists the help of the Duke of Chicago, the fictional detective she's been forbidden to see. Their adventure across classic literary worlds uncovers hidden enemies, family secrets, and the enduring magic of storytelling itself.

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Meg Shaffer is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Lost Story* and *The Wishing Game*, a Book of the Month finalist for Book of the Year and a *Washington Post* and *Reader's Digest* Best Book of the Year. Her work has been translated into 21 languages. Shaffer holds an MFA in TV and Screenwriting from Stephens College and lives in Kentucky with her spouse and two cats.

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ADULT SELECTION
The Book Witch
Written by Meg Shaffer
Penguin Random House, 2026



LEGAL NOTICE

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Grayson County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 11 through May 27, 2026. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2026, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2026 will be payable on November 1, 2026.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator at 125 E. Market Street and may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Conferences may be held by telephone; or you may exchange correspondence requesting a conference with the PVA via email or fax. Additionally, our office will be open for in-person conferences as well. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method of submitting your documentation after contacting our office.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days of the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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About Us
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Responsibilities

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- Read and Interpret blueprints and technical drawings
- Perform machine adjustments and tool changes
- Inspect finish parts using precision measuring tools
- Troubleshoot and resolve machining issues
- Maintain a clean and safe work environment

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent; technical training preferred
- Ability to read and interpret engineering drawings
- Proficiency with measuring instruments (calipers, micrometers, gauges)
- Knowledge of CNC programming (G-code) and machine set up

Preferred Skills

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- Minimum of 3 years of CNC Machining Experience

Competitive Pay

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- Paid time off and Holidays
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