

A String on Your Finger

By Dan Jenkins

I am not sure where the idea originated, but it has been around for decades. If there was something really important you needed to remember, you were told to put a string (or ribbon) on your finger to remind you. I am sure other cultures may have similar figures of speech and times have changed in our world. More recently we talk about putting it on our calendar or putting a reminder on our cell phone.

It is remarkable that the Jews evidently did something very much like this. When Moses gave the law, he told the Jews to do two things to keep God’s word before them. They were to write them on the gates and doors of their houses or to write God’s words and put them in containers and wear these containers on their hands or around their heads, just above their eyes.

Moses said, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your doors” ([Deut. 6:8-9](#)—in the New Testament these containers or frontlets are called phylacteries—[Matt. 23:5](#)). They did not put strings on their fingers, they wore them before their eyes.

Evidently, they also wrote words on their hands. Have you not at some time or another used a pen to write important numbers or details on your hand when you could not find paper you might use? Isaiah indicates the Jews did this when he described how and where God wrote His message.

What was that message that was so important that He wrote it down on His hand? It was written in that part of Isaiah where he told the Jews that they were headed for captivity, and he then began to give a detailed description of the coming of the Messiah. When they were in captivity, they might have felt that God had forgotten them. Such was not the case for after the captivity of the Messiah, the suffering Servant would come.

What was that message God wrote? Perhaps if we knew what He wrote it might help us know and understand our God even better. What was that message? Read these words slowly and carefully. “Yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands” ([Isa. 49:16](#)). God had written the name of His people on the palms of His hand!

God had not forgotten Israel, and He has not forgotten us! It was not a string on a finger—it was your name written on the palm of His hand. As I thought about all of this, I could not help but remember the words of Thomas about not believing in Jesus unless he saw the nail prints in His hand. As you think about the fact that God remembers us, look at the hands of Jesus. Figuratively, your name is beside those wounds in His hands!

Things you should know about...

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown  
Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

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Our next potluck will be on February 11th after AM Service

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Men’s meeting after AM services on February 18

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If you would like to help with communion preparation for 2024, please sign up on the list

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Amie Allen 2/4                      Mckayah Musselman 2/7                      George Gaynor 2/22  
Jessica Gaynor 2/6                      Alexa Rohr 2/20

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	January 21, 2024 AM	January 21, 2024 PM	January 28, 2024 AM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Rick Ferris	Tom Muter
Announcements	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Song Leading		Jason Bang	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Duane Kemp	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Seth Arrell	Jerry Thompson	Rick Ferris
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jerry Thompson	Duane Kemp	Seth Arrell

This week's Bible Verse

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” Acts 5:42



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Bible Studies currently being held
- *Phyllis Caldwell - health & comfort
- *Rena Morgan - encouragement & health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health - prostate cancer
- *Lynn Thompson - health
- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - chemo treatments, foot swelling & energy
- *Pamela Illinick - Stage 4 Kidney failure
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health
- *Aubri Haguewood (Bang's granddaughter) - having dizzy spells & headaches
- *Laura McGiffin - health
- *Viola Schultze - health

- *Armain Cauhgey - (friend of Duane Kemp) - sick
- *Crystal Edmonson (co-worker of Laura McGiffin) - her dad's health
- *Andrea Barnes (co worker of Laura McGiffin) - her husband has RSV
- *Stanley Cox (Phyllis Cox's nephew) - grieving the passing` Jackson (Stephanie Bang's dad) - waiting for results from tests/CT scan

How can we be praying for YOU?



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January 21, 2024

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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Please call, text or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, January 14

Bible Classes 43
AM Attendance 45
PM Attendance 19

Wednesday, January 17

Bible Classes 21
Contribution \$925.00

We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.