

No Silver and Gold to Offer

Acts 3:1-26 It was about three in the afternoon when Peter and John encountered a lame man begging at the Gate Beautiful as they entered the temple courtyard. Peter looked into the man's eyes and said, "Silver and gold I do not have but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk" (v. 6).

Who Is Like the Lord?

2 Samuel 22:21-23:23 One of my joys in life is to rise before dawn and praise the Lord with all of His creatures at sunrise. There is a verse in Psalms that says, "You make the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice" (Ps. 65:8). Have you ever noticed how the birds sing the loudest at dawn and sunset? I try not to miss this morning and evening symphony of worship, and I love joining my voice to it. I also love to see the morning star in the sky, and I recall Jesus' description of Himself: "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star" (Rev. 22:16).

The Keeper

Psalms 121:1-8 What a comfort to know I have a keeper. We all need a keeper—a protector, provider and problem solver. Those who are blessed with good parents had the experience of the

safety of a peaceful, loving home. I can remember the secure feeling I had when my dad came home from work and everyone was settled in our home for the night. I knew if we had any problems, Dad could handle them. I can remember my mother tucking me in at night. She used two giant safety pins to pin my covers down so I would not kick them off in the night. I went to sleep knowing the safety of a warm bed that would stay warm all night. My parents were good keepers, and they saw to my every need. I also have been blessed with a wise husband who keeps our checkbook balanced and sees to the financial, physical and spiritual needs of our home. He has been a wonderful keeper of me for over forty years, and I really need a keeper.

What Do You Love the Most?

John 21:1-25 The water gently washed over the heart-shaped rocks that were formerly pillars to an ancient temple. We looked in the distance across the Sea of Galilee and relived the story written in John 21. We were standing in one of my favorite spots on the shore of the Galilee. The place is called Peter's Primacy, and it is the place where Jesus cooked a meal for His disciples after He was resurrected. It was at this place that Peter had the opportunity to confirm his love to the Master three times after denying Him three times. This was Jesus' last meal with His disciples before He ascended, and something essential for their future happened here during their dinner conversation. Jesus told them of their future occupation in the kingdom.

The Unexpected Adventure: Personal Evangelism

Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg seek to convey the joy and fulfillment of personal evangelism in their new book, *The Unexpected Adventure: Taking Everyday Risks to Talk With People About Jesus* (Zondervan), which released earlier this month.

Written in a devotional-type format and divided into 42-day “adventures,” the book introduces readers to significant moments they’ve experienced when sharing the gospel. In the book’s introduction, Strobel calls evangelism “the missing ingredient” in the lives of many Christians who report going through times of spiritual dryness. A passion for reaching unbelievers not only translates into renewed Christian devotion but also spills over into a more dedicated focus on Bible study, prayer life, worship and dependence on God, he asserts.

Up

 Disney Pixar | Rated PG

There isn’t a Pixar film I don’t like. The creative geniuses can make anything come to life: a lamp (on the opening logo), toys, cars. And I am convinced that only Pixar could make rats cute (I shivered a bit while watching *Ratatouille*, but I still enjoyed every second). Even the intro shorts are brilliant and

as good as the main attractions. When I find out Pixar is releasing a new movie, I immediately make plans to go see it.

From the previews alone, *Up* seems to have all the elements that make Pixar films great: a clever storyline, interesting characters and plenty of humor.

Special TV Movie: Safe Harbor

❌ Hallmark Channel | Starring Treat Williams, Nancy Travis |
Airs Saturday, May 30, 9 p.m. EST

Safe Harbor is based on the true story of Doug and Robbie Smith, a Jacksonville, Fla., couple whose decision to help a friend changed their lives forever and set them on track to fulfill God's call on their lives.

The Smiths are preparing for their retirement dream: sailing the world on their boat, the Molly Marie. But when their friend Judge Roberts asks them to look after some teenagers only until space opens up in juvenile hall, the Smiths agree.

Right on the Money

❌ By Pat Robertson | FaithWords | hardcover | 240 pages |
\$22.99

Author and televangelist Pat Robertson gives a common-sense explanation of money management in *Right on the Money: Financial Advice for Tough Times*. With the exception of

sections on the more complex aspects of stock and bond trading, the language is simple and accessible enough for finance-planning newcomers.

Robertson covers budgets, credit, investing, home ownership, insurance and other basics of personal finance with lucid word illustrations and advice. His suggestions and observations often come filtered through the context of recent events, though not always.

Jack Hayford Will Not Seek Second Term as Foursquare President

✘ Jack W. Hayford announced Tuesday that he will not seek a second term as president of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel when his five-year term ends Aug. 31.

Hayford, 74, made the announcement during Foursquare's annual convention being held this week in Anaheim, Calif. Hayford, founding pastor of The Church on the Way in Van Nuys, Calif., was elected president of the 8.4 million-member denomination in 2004. He notified church leaders of his decision not to seek a second term on Monday.

Right Wing Extremist Classified As Terror Threats

✘ *From time to time something is e-mailed to me that I think is worth passing along. The item below by Mat Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel, highlights the recent outrageous attack by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) against the rights of Christians. On their DHS Threat Assessment list, they recorded conservatives, veterans, pro-gun people and others as "right-wing extremists," and as possible terror threats. Mat articulates the details about this in the letter below. Read it and let me know what you think.*