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Conditional Love? The boy stepped up to the plate and glanced at the

stands. He heard his dad shout, "Come on! We need a

base hit!" The batter gulped as the pitcher reared back and fired a fastball right down the middle. The boy swung and hit the ball. It shot towards the second basemen, who scooped it up and tossed it to the shortstop for an easy double-play. The batter sprinted towards first base, but the loud smack of a ball hitting a glove and the ump's voice shouting, "Out!" beat him to the bag. Groans came from the stands. The game was over.

The boy pulled his helmet off and looked for his dad, but his heart fell when he spotted the familiar figure shaking his head and walking away. The promise of an ice cream sundae melted in the July heat. The boy blinked back a tear and began to believe a lie that would cause him pain for the rest of his life: love always comes with conditions. "Only winners get ice cream," he whispered.

Most men have a similar story tucked away in their past, a story that still hurts. The details are different, but the lesson we learned was the same. Love is conditional.

Jesus stepped into our harsh world of conditional love and said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matt 11:28. Jesus called the sad, the sick, and the sinners to come and be near Him. No one had to clean up their act before they could be with Jesus. He accepted smelly fishermen, corrupt tax collectors, and uneducated peasants and said, "Follow Me" Matt 4:19.

Unlike most people in our world, Jesus loves us unconditionally and proved it by dying for us while we were still sinners, yet many men believe they must clean themselves up before coming to Jesus. They need to be strong enough, brave enough, good enough, tough enough, and God will love them. That's how the world works, but that's not God's way.

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President's Perspective "This is God's Station"

We receive reports from listeners that they suddenly cannot hear one of our radio stations

from time to time. We appreciate listeners who call when there is trouble at one of our towers.

I've given our staff a few questions to ask to help us determine the nature of the problem, such as: is there static on the channel or is it silent; is the listener using a digital radio; will the radio stop on our channel when they scan past for stations? These help our engineers determine if the problem is with our internet connection or a power problem. We monitor the status of the Internet connections to our towers, so we usually know when there is an outage. But, it's good to get feedback from our listeners.

Another problem that pops up from time to time is solar flares, which extend the FM radio station's coverage beyond their normal range. A solar flare makes the atmosphere act as a radio reflector, and our stations may be heard over a thousand miles! We had a gentleman report he heard one of our stations up in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan!! He recorded our station ID and emailed the audio file for confirmation. Praise the Lord that He can use the Laws of Nature to further the gospel.

Speaking of stations, I have been in touch with tower owners so that we can build several new stations. Some tower owners have indicated their prices have gone up drastically from when we used one of their other towers in times past. I want to be a good steward of the funds given us, so I am inquiring with nearby tower owners to see their pricing.

We appreciate your continued prayers and support as the Lord has opened these new opportunities to reach more people with the Three Angels Message. Only in the Kingdom of Heaven will we know how many lives your support has touched. May God continue to bless you richly!

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If Jesus were in the stands when the boy hit into a double-play, I believe He would have stood and cheered because Jesus cares more about our hearts than our batting averages.

Jesus Loves You.

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Jesus would have put an arm around the boy's shoulders and, with a twinkle in His eye, said,

"Nice try, champ. Now let's go get that ice cream sundae."

"The mountains may disappear, and the hills may become dust, but my faithful love will never leave you."

*All other verses are from the NIV translation.



Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old,
He made her smile of the sunshine
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandmothers too...

While we honor all our mothers with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma, she's a mother too, you see...
For she mothered my dear mother as my mother mothers me.



The Beginning of Knowledge



"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," not Google! I have friends who like to share all they learn from online research, which has its value, yet their lives have significant gaps when it comes to living by God's Word. That's judgmental, you may think, and



Kam Ferguson

the Bible speaks against that!

Scripture tells of more than one kind of judgment and directs us to know others by their fruits. Not fruits that they eat, but fruits of their professed faith in Jesus Christ! Matt 7:15-16, Gal 5:22-26

If the message shared and the life lived to resemble Jesus Christ - have the fruit of the Holy Spirit - then the proverbial tree is good. This applies not only to prophets (vs. 15) but also to non-profits like STR! All are instructed to test, by the Bible, what they hear and see, for many lies are and will be told. What fruit does the tree bear?

Strong Tower Radio continues to bear fruit, not because of our skill or prowess (the Holy Spirit continues to develop us), but simply that we continue broadcasting the everlasting gospel in its fullness 24/7/365. There is no entertainment here; this is solid food for the soul that comes with comfort and strength through the stirring of the

Holy Spirit. Listeners keep testing what they hear

on STR and find it true; hallelujah!!

the fruit of the spirit is GOODNESS TAPTHEULNESS GENTLENESS & SELF CONTROL

Hearts are being drawn to Jesus Christ, and lives are being changed. Do you want to help change the world this year, especially in Michigan? Ask the Holy Spirit how you can have a powerful impact through STR today. There are at least five new stations to be built, and one is already paid for; praise God!

God led us to purchase a Grand Haven rock station, so we recently signed a purchase agreement to acquire WMPA, 93.1 FM (pictured on page 5). By God's grace, through many faithful people, He will provide the \$450,000 to buy the station and reach another ½ million listeners, many of whom don't know their spiritual left hand from their right! So how is He impressing you now?

OLD LIFE

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Thank you for responding to the Holy Spirit's prompting these past 12+ years to support Strong Tower Radio! We can document over 100 precious souls that have given their hearts to Jesus and begun or deepened their walk with Him because they've been listening to STR. Dozens more are moving forward toward having that experience because they've been listening to STR.

There is no time to pause! No, the battle for truth grows hotter by the day, and NOW is the time to advance. With more stations, more territory, and more listeners, comes more decisions for



Christ and greater resources needed to keep the ministry going forth to conquer in Jesus' name!

Are you "all in" or sitting comfortably on the couch of indecision? If undecided, this is your call to action! More than "go 'all in' or go home," this call is "go 'all in' TO go home." Godspeed as you join the fray!



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Current Events

By Tom Mejeur

Something is always happening at Strong Tower Radio!! Since our last issue the Grand Haven "Resurrection" Variety Hour

was recorded before a live audience and aired April 6th & 9th. The Northview Adventist School

program "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings" (scripts and music written by their music teacher Brenda Mejeur) was recorded with 20 students in one packed studio and aired April 22nd & 23rd. We also conducted rallies to raise funds for the new Grand Haven and South Haven stations.

STR's "52 hours of Resurrection Programs" continued to grow with the Wilson Seventh-day Adventist Church's 2021 resurrection radio drama, which aired 3 times during our 8 days of programs. We believe no other radio station airs as much resurrection programs as Strong Tower Radio! This is part of "The Big Four;" Resurrection, Reformation, Thanksgiving, and Christmas special programs, which we air throughout the year.

Our Advisory Committee will have met by the time you receive this newsletter. This committee consists of listeners and supporters from across the state. Some listen over the air and others via streaming online or downloading our app at STR.fm. They give us ideas for continuous improvement that you're already enjoying!

Each week we produce a "Strong Tower Radio TODAY" program. Programming usually is as follows: the first week we interview the author of the "Ministry News" feature article followed by a review of the rest of the newsletter and events of the coming month. The Garden Guy is the 2nd week, the 3rd week is open to community events and/or interesting ministries, and the 4th week is "People with a Purpose" featuring those that make a difference for God by helping people.

Currently, we are working on another Sabbath Nature Walk in the Lansing area planned for the Sabbath Memorial Day Weekend. See you there!

STR Today Programs 1st- Theme - Conditional Love? 8th - The Garden Guy 15th - Oklahoma Academy 22nd - Youth Rush 29th - Jeff Dowell - Memorial Day

Three Angel's Messages in the Most Holy Place By David Bolduc

God's gift of manna fell on Israel six days a week. The manna that fell on the first five days had to be eaten the same day. That which fell on Friday was for two days. No manna fell on the seventh day. God used the manna to set a weekly clock explicitly pointing to the Seventh-day Sabbath. No other day bears the seal of God as found in **Gen 2:2,3**. The golden pot of manna in the Ark of the Covenant reminds us that God's word must be our guide.

God spoke in **Exodus 20 & 24** and then wrote the Ten Commandments. The fourth Commandment explains the Seventh-day Sabbath. It shows that our Creator alone is worthy of worship.

Israel got impatient while Moses was with God receiving the Commandments (**Ex 32**). They demanded an image to follow even though they could see God's presence over mount Sinai. Aaron made a golden image which instigated a drunken orgy in its honor. Only the tribe of Levi refused to worship the calf. Later (**Num 7**), God told the leaders of each tribe to write their names on their rods and place them in the tabernacle. The repentant Aaron's name was on the rod of Levi. Levi's rod budded and grew almonds; the rest were unchanged. That rod reminds us to stand loyal to God though the heavens fall, even when the rest of the world worships a man-made image.

The same principles are seen in **Revelation 14**. The 1st Angel says the Creator alone is worthy of worship. The 2nd warns against the golden cup of Babylon (**Rev 17:4**). Babylon tries to change God's Law. The 3rd Angel forbids worship of the image of the beast. The 3 Angel's messages summarized are: *Patience*, *Keep God's Commandments*, and *Live the faith and trust shown in Jesus' life* (**Rev 14:12**).

In their Catechism, Catholicism removed the 2nd Commandment forbidding image worship. Next, they removed God's Seal from the 4th Commandment by removing His name, title, and authority. Then they split the last Commandment to make it appear that there were still ten, as foretold in **Daniel 7:25**.

All three items in the Ark of the Covenant uphold God's Law of Ten Commandments, which is at the center of Satan's attack. The Ten Commandments identify how and why God has the authority to create the Sabbath day. The manna physically identified the Sabbath weekly for 40 years—2080 Sabbaths when Manna did not fall. Aaron's rod points back to the Levite's refusal to worship a man-made image. We will learn more about the beauty and importance of keeping God's true Sabbath in a future article.