

“THE SHORTEST  
DISTANCE  
BETWEEN OUR  
PROBLEMS AND THEIR  
SOLUTIONS IS THE  
DISTANCE BETWEEN  
OUR KNEES AND THE  
FLOOR.”

CHARLES F. STANLEY

**NATIONAL DAY  
OF PRAYER**

**PRAYER CHANGES THINGS**  
May 02, 2024



**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER**

*Genesis 12 NKJV*

*3 I will bless those  
who bless you,*

*And I will curse  
him who curses you;*



*And in you  
all the  
families of  
the  
earth  
shall  
be  
blessed.”*

**PRAY FOR ISRAEL & PALESTINE**

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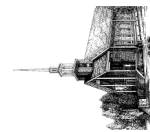
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As I write this article, today (April 15th ) is Jackie Robinson Day around Major League Baseball. This special day is a time to celebrate Jackie

Robinson’s start with the Brooklyn Dodgers as the first African American in modern baseball. To commemorate the day, all MLB players will wear the number 42, Jackie’s number. I’ve been reading the book 42 Faith: The Rest of the Jackie Robinson Story, about the faith of Robinson and others in his orbit like Dodgers GM Branch Rickey.

One of the stories of theological import recounted in the book was dramatized in the movie 42 (2013). This story includes Dodger star shortstop Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson warming up in the field before a batter. That day, the Cincinnati crowd was screaming hurtful words at Jackie, a black man in a white man’s sport. Reese went up to Robinson and placed his arm around Robinson, and after a little banter, the movie portrays Reese as saying: “Maybe tomorrow we’ll all wear 42. That way they won’t tell us apart.”

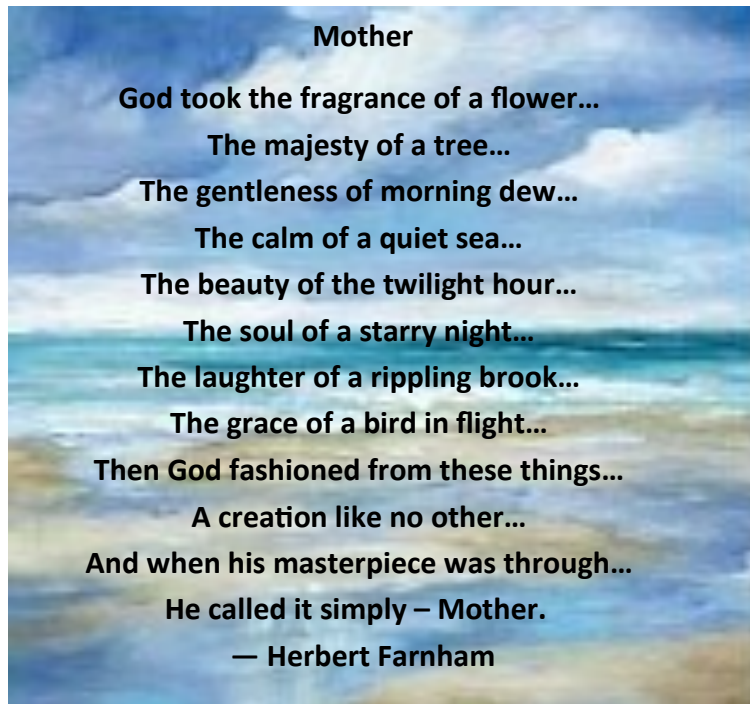
While historians debate where and when this event may or may not have happened, this scene in the movie reminded me of Paul’s words in Galatians 3:26-29. Reese’s words point to looking beyond what divides us.

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Paul's words reminded the Galatians that faith in Christ unites all believers (v. 26). The congregation (s) to whom Paul was writing had been divided between the Gentile Christians and the Jewish Christians. Paul goes a step further by stating that Christ unites and negates some of the labels that divide us: There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28 NLT). Sadly, Christians are divided in many ways, e.g. denominations, color, worship preferences, etc. Christians should take to heart the words of Lutheran theologian Rupertus Meldenius (d. 1651): *In necessariis unitas, in non-necessariis libertas, in omnibus caritas* [In the necessities, unity; in the non-essentials, freedom; and in everything, **charity**].

In Christ,  
Rev. Scott Henson



## 12 THINGS SATAN DOES TO GET VICTORY OVER CHRISTIANS

Satan said to a convention of Demons, "As long as Christians stay close to God, we have no power over them. So here are 12 things you can do to get victory over Christians."

- 1) Keep them busy with non essentials.
- 2) Tempt them to overspend and go into debt.
- 3) Make them work long hours to maintain empty life styles.
- 4) Discourage them from spending family time together, for when their homes disintegrate there is no refuge from work.
- 5) Over stimulate their minds with television and computers, so they can't hear God speaking to them.
- 6) Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with newspapers and magazines so they have no time to read the Bible.
- 7) Flood their mailboxes with sweepstakes promotions and get rich quick schemes to keep them chasing material things.
- 8) Put glamour models on TV and on magazine covers to keep them focused on outward appearances. That way they will be dissatisfied with themselves and dissatisfied with their mates.
- 9) Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy so they will be tempted to look elsewhere.
- 10) Make Santa and the easter bunny bigger than Jesus to divert them from remembering the real meaning of the holiday.
- 11) Involve them in good causes so they won't have time for eternal ones.
- 12) Make them self satisfied. Keep them busy working in their own strength so they'll never know the joy of God's power working through them.

Remember my demons, keep them busy! Busy! Busy! Because we know what it stands for:

- \* B=BEING
- \* U=UNDER
- \* S=SATANS
- \* Y=YOKE

(Author unknown)

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VBS 2024 will be the week of July 29- August 1st and the program title is "Shipwrecked". All volunteers please meet in the Omega room at 9:00 AM on April 28th to receive their material. This will be a very brief organizational meeting.