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Dropping the Baton

Races are often won or lost in the transfer zone... The transfer zone is the region in which a baton is to be passed from one teammate to another in a relay race.

The U.S. Olympic men's and women's 4x100-meter relay teams both know the pain of losing a race in the transfer zone. Both teams dropped the baton in the relays on Thursday night thus disqualifying themselves and failing to advance out of the first round.

First, men's anchor Tyson Gay, part of the American team that won the relay at last year's world championships, did not complete the transfer of the baton from third-leg runner Darvis Patton. Then, about 25 minutes later, Torri Edwards and women's anchor Lauryn Williams failed to make the transfer between the third and final legs of their race. Their baton also dropped to the ground. Thus both teams of these would-be contenders saw their dreams for the gold medal drop to the ground.

But these tremendous athletes are not the only ones who have "dropped the baton." We ALL have! "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Having sinned, we are disqualified and our dreams of gold are unachievable through our own efforts, no matter how hard we have trained.

In the Olympics, when a team drops the baton, they are out of the race, definitely disqualified. But in life, because of God's great love for us, even when we drop the baton, by God's grace we can get back in the race. (Continued on back)

Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart
 Restoration Radio
 Jim Waldron
 Manuelito Children's Home



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of August 24

1. How are anointing and the Holy Spirit connected?
2. Who anointed a tent with oil?
Next Theme: If you snooze . . .
3. Who gave a person a haircut while he dozed?
4. Who, while asleep, had a body part removed to be used for another person?
5. Who was asleep while having his clothes shortened?
6. In regard to sleep, what do Jesus and Jonah have in common?
7. Who was awakened by an earthquake, had suicidal thoughts, but before daylight served a meal to guests?
8. Who cannot sleep unless they have done evil or have been a stumblingblock?
9. What child was wakened by the voice of God?

Answers for week of August 17

1. In scripture, what substance was usually used in the process of anointing?
Answer: Oil was the usual substance used in anointing, though other things were used.
Exodus 30:22 Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels, 24 And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin: 25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil. 26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony, 27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense, 28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his

foot.

2 Kings 9:6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

Leviticus 8:12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. cf:Psalms 89:20; 92:10

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2. What Old Testament word means "anointed"?

Answer: The word "Messiah" (Dan. 9:25-26) means anointed, equal to "Christ" in the New Testament.

Compare:

Mat 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. Luke 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Acts 4:26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

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3. What holy man was anointed by a woman of bad reputation?

Answer: Jesus.

(Luke 7:37-48) "And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, {38} And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. . . . {45} Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. {46} My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. {47} Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. {48} And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven."

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4. What king's son was anointed by a priest and his sons? Name the old and the new king.

Answer: Old king Ahaziah's son, seven year-old

Joash, was anointed by priest Jehoida and his sons. 2 Chron. 22-24, especially. 2 Chron. 23:11 (Read the story to get all the connections!)

2 Chron. 22:2 Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.³ He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. . .

2 Chron. 23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, . . . 9 Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, . . . 11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king. . . .

2 Chr 24:1,2 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of Beersheba. 2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

Debra R. shared this comment: The mother of Ahaziah, the former King, attempt to kill off all the royals and in 2 Kings 11, it says SHE "did reign over the land." So by deception, not anointing, a WOMAN reigned over Israel for a while.

5. What Persian ruler was anointed by God?

Answer: Cyrus (And he had been picked by God to be king before he was ever born.)

Ezra 1:1-2 "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, {2} Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah."

See also 2 Chr 36:23

Several years before, Isaiah had recorded God's plan for Cyrus. . .

Isaiah 45: 1 - Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; . . . that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

6. Who was anointed with ram's blood by his brother?

Answer: Aaron was anointed by Moses (Ex. 29:20-21, Lev. 8:22 - 30)

Exodus 29:21 - And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

Leviticus 8: 22 And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. 23 And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. 24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. . .

Leviticus 8:30 - And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

7. What priest anointed the third king of Israel?

Answer: Zadok anointed Solomon. Nathan the prophet was also there.

Answer: 1 Kings 1:32 And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. 33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: 34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. 35 Then ye shall come up after him,

that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. 36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too. 37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. 38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. 39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. 40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

August 30 is William Miller's birthday. Joe and Michelle Green went to PA last week to see about Michelle's uncle, Mr. Hafer. Ann Conner has had problems recently with kidney and sinus infection. Judy Thomas has been off from work most of this week with severe coughing. Laura Singleton entered Vanderbilt hospital Saturday William Miller is at NHC.

Andy, Brandy, and Steven Miller leave this week for Iwakuni Marine Base near Hiroshima. We pray God's blessings on you all.

Welcome visitors

Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors, Most of the time visitors are familiar with what to expect in our services, but if you have any questions why we do as we do, feel free to ask.

For the record:	7/29	8/3	8/10	8/17
Bible Study	21	10	19	20
AM Worship		20	30	23
PM Worship		19	23	
Wed. Bible Study	71	13	17	
Contribution	\$	\$562	\$666	

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The U.S. men's relay team stopped racing when the baton was dropped, but Lauryn Williams scrambled back on the wet track to pick up the baton and finish the race for the women. "I had to finish the race," she later told a reporter. The official Olympic record will only note that the team was disqualified – not that they completed the race. However, Williams illustrates the opportunity that we have because of Christ to be victorious.

In the Christian race, it's not the one who crosses the finish line FIRST, but ALL those who finish the race who share in the victory – and the victory is all because of Jesus!

Jesus died on the cross so that we might have forgiveness for "dropping the baton." And, when we respond to Him on His terms – believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name (Acts 2:38) – we can "get back in the race." Then, keeping our eyes on Him (Hebrews 12:1-2), we must strive to "carry the baton" faithfully, recognizing that He will lead us to victory (1 John 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

YOU have dropped the baton, but you don't have to remain disqualified. Accept Jesus' offer of salvation on His terms today and share in His victory!

-- David A. Sargent, & Ricky Butts
Church of Christ at Creekwood, Mobile, AL

Assignments	August 24	August 31
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	T J Waldron	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Andy Miller	Daniel Green