

Take all that's there or eventually you'll have none

A fellow who had been reared in the city bought a farm and several milk cows. In the feed store one day, he complained his best cow had gone dry.

"Aren't you feeding her right?" asked the store owner.



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"I'm feeding her what you've been selling me," said the man.

"Are you milking her every day?"

"Just about. If I need six or eight ounces of milk for breakfast, I go out and get it. If I don't need any, I don't get it — I just let her save it up."

The feed store owner had to explain it doesn't work that way. With cow's milk, you take all that's there or you eventually have nothing.

There is a great lesson in that little

story. The lesson is this: With cow's milk, like God's presence, you take all that's there, or you eventually have nothing.

Asking for God's power in six-ounce doses, or asking sporadically only at our convenience, may mean that for us, the source dries up.

It is interesting to me as I read through the pages of Scripture those that God used greatly or revealed Himself to in a powerful way were those who were willing to surrender

much. At first they may have resisted, but eventually they yielded and God was able to move like He wanted to move.

How about you? What are you after? Six ounces, maybe 20, or as we use to say back home "give me it all, and then give me some more!"

Perhaps you want to be able to understand it all before you take that step of faith. I can understand that — I have been there too, but the reality is faith isn't faith unless it steps first and then understanding will come.

As I think about this topic of wanting all that God has for you and

wants to do in your life, I must confess a frustration. There are some things in life I don't understand. Some are silly, others are serious, but one issue is those who think living for God is boring.

I didn't become a Christian until I was a junior in high school. If you would have asked me back in the '80s (that sounds so long ago) if I was a Christian and if I was going to heaven, I probably would have said "yes."

Not because I was, but for two reasons: I was an American, and after all we are a nation that places on our currency, "In God We Trust." Secondly, I would say that I was because my family would go to church twice a year.

I eventually came to realize

through the Scriptures that neither qualified me for eternity in God's presence. It has been 19 years since this journey began, and one thing I have never thought is this is boring, that God is boring.

As a person living for myself before I was a Christian, I did the things that were suppose to be so fun and edgy and woke up the next day saying, "That is it? That is all this did for me?"

But, honestly I have never found God to be boring. How could He be? He made you and me. Explore that one for awhile.

Honestly, look at it this way — God is like the ocean. He is vast and immense, and our experience of Him is like a little cup full of that water. He wants to give you so much

more.

Friend, it doesn't matter how long you have or haven't been a Christian. There are depths for you to explore, and heights for you to reach that you haven't attained yet.

Jesus put it this way in Matthew 9:17: don't become an old wine-skin, because when God wants to do something new in your life, you might break, and go dry.

Hey, I hope you have a great weekend, and I want to encourage you to explore this God who loves you and has an incredible plan for your life.

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music club news

The Goodland Federated Music Club met at 7 p.m. Monday at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

President Linda Lucas called the meeting to order and welcomed guests. Five guests included Mikki Ricker, Lloyd Holbrook, Mary Ann Briney, Marla Harrison, Debbie Griffith and Andrew Salvador.

Eight members were present: Birkley Barnes, Melanie Biel, Martha Gunderson, Linda Koons, Linda Lucas, Marlyn Mangus, Pat Schiefen and Deanne Spanier.

The program's theme was "Sounding Pipes" and began with the featured guest performance of Andrew Salvador playing several pieces on the organ. The first three pieces were by J. S. Bach: "Prelude and Fugue in C Major," from "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues"; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," from the Cantata "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben"; and "Prelude and Fugue in G minor," from "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues."

Andrew continued his program

with "Prelude on 'Rhosymedre,'" by Ralph Vaughn Williams. "Litanies" from "Trois Pieces Pour Grand Orgue," by Jehan Alain, was a rousing climax and conclusion to a program that was well received by the audience of musicians.

Andrew is the band director of the Burlington school district and shares the responsibility of directing the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra.

Following the resounding chords of the organ, lighter tones were heard as the Goodland Recorder Ensemble played "Suite in G," by Henry Purcell. The suite has four movements: "Allegro, Bouree, Minuet and Gavotte." The ensemble members are: Marlyn, soprano; Birkley, alto; Martha, tenor; and Pat, bass.

The program concluded with "Concerto No. 3 in Bb Major," a piece with three movements, "Allegro, Romanze and Rondo." It was written by Carl Stamitz, edited by Stanley Drucker. Birkley played the clarinet solo and was accompanied by Andrew.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments of delicious desserts — apple crisp and banana splits, mixed nuts and tea and punch — were served by hostesses Deanne

and Martha.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Carnegie Arts Center. Hostesses will be Marlyn and Melanie. The theme is

"Let Us Dance," and all of the music will be dance — "Wedding Dances," "Polka," "Dallas Tango," "Flip Flop and Bop" (boogie), "The Little Dancers" (poem) and "Alice

Blue Gown." Do not be dismayed to find your foot tapping along with the music.

Submitted by Birkley A. Barnes, publicity chair.

matters of record

Goodland Police
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Feb. 16 — 6:18 p.m., 1515 Sherman, arrested Nicholas Slusher and Corbin Coreen Huffman for domestic battery, battery and disorderly conduct against Kurt Zupko. Case referred to city attorney.

Feb. 18 — 12:43 p.m., 516 W. Business U.S. 24 Apt. 303, arrested Adam Neil Stuhlmiller on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

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