

# THE ENCOURAGING WORD

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## Jesus is the Key

When you think of the word key, what comes to mind? You might actually visualize your own keys that are on your counter, or in your pocket. A key whether physical or electronic, is simply a device to open or give access.

In a way, we are dependent on those keys to help us function in a given day. If those keys are missing it limits our ability to function in a given day. Key(s) are a powerful functioning tool in our daily lives.

Jesus Christ is the key to life! Through His death and resurrection God has unlocked the way for us to be in relationship with Him. Christ gives us the ability to walk daily in a manner pleasing to God. We need to trust Him in all we do. “..the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in Him.” Psalm 32:10(b). Put your trust daily in the only key that matters.

As we learn to trust in Him, his unfailing love surrounds us, therefore, we can go and love and care for others. May the good LORD guide you as you walk daily.

Ministries of Encouragement is here to encourage you to remember why Jesus Christ is the KEY.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a little key to remind you each time you see it - Jesus Christ is the Key.

## “Brighten the Corner Where You Are”

In 1912, Ina Duley Ogdon received an invitation to be a Chautauqua Circuit speaker. Having long felt God’s calling on her life, she was tremendously excited by the possibilities of motivating thousands of people for the cause of Christ. But as she was packing for the tour, her father was seriously injured in a wreck in one of the new-fangled “horseless carriages.” Ina, deeply distressed, cancelled her travel plans to care for him. Though bitterly disappointed, she was able to surrender the disappointment to God and trust His purposes. Making up her mind to be a blessing wherever she was, she concluded that even if she couldn’t

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minister to thousands, she could be a blessing to one – her father – and to those around him. She sat down and wrote:

*“Do no wait until some deed of greatness you may do, Do not wait to shed your light a far,  
To the many duties ever near you now be true, Brighten the corner where you are.*

God is in the midst of your daily life, He provides invaluable awareness and discernment for opportunities to brighten your corner where you are and bless others.

## Instagram - Weekly Encouragement

Ministries of Encouragement posts words of encouragement every Friday for all to receive on Instagram. Come and follow us and be encouraged.

Our Instagram is [ministriesofencouragement](https://www.instagram.com/ministriesofencouragement).  
(Below is an example of the posts made weekly.)



## Prayer – We want to Pray for You

We would like to be praying for you. Please send your prayer request to – [pray@ministriesofencouragement.org](mailto:pray@ministriesofencouragement.org).

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## Adventures of MOE “Throw Back”

When Moe was a youngster, one of his permanent teeth had to be replaced with a bridge. It was clear to Moe that the bridge was expensive, and he would have to be careful not to knock it out. That summer, Moe and some of his friends were swimming at Lake Rebecca, near Rockford, Minnesota when the tooth fell out and dropped to the bottom of the lake. After sending up a preliminary prayer, Moe and his friends began diving to the bottom in search of the tooth. Thirty minutes later, Moe felt something familiar in the mud below and cupped his hand around it. Sure enough, it was the tooth! By now, people were calling it a miracle, but Moe knew that it was the action of prayer. Moe never doubted, even for a second, that God would accomplish the seemingly impossible. That winter, Moe was at a party where teenaged rough housing ensued in the snow. During the festivities, Moe realized that the “tooth” was missing once again. Looking at the snow-covered landscape, Moe realized that it could be anywhere. Still, he resolved to try his best. After saying a prayer asking the Lord’s help, Moe again enlisted several of his friends to aid in the search. Incredibly, after an hour, one of the searchers yelled, “I found it!” Moe bowed his head and thanked God. Many were surprised when it was found – but not Moe. Something deep inside told him that the search was in God’s hands and that the tooth would be found.

Soon thereafter, Moe’s High School Basketball Team traveled to Buffalo, Minnesota for an important game.

During an intense blocking foul, something flew out of Moe’s mouth. Moe knew instantly that it was the tooth but when he got down on the floor to look for it the Coach stopped him. “What are you doing down on the floor! Forget about your gum! Get back into the game!” Moe told him about the tooth and the Coach called for a time out until it was found.

The following summer, the tooth was lost one last time when Moe and his friends were playing around on a dock at a friend’s house at Lake Minnetonka. Again, Moe prayed although the odds of finding the tooth were worse than ever due to the depth of the lake and the width of the area involved. In spite of this, Moe prayed fervently and again

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enlisted the help of his friends. After an extensive search, with daylight fading, one of the searchers emerged from the lake with the tooth. This time, Moe’s parents took him to the dentist and had the bridge adjusted to assure that it would stay in place.

The point of the story is this: Moe learned that in every season and in every trouble, God’s help is always available. The key that opens the door is prayer. James 5:13 says, “Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.”

## A Note from the Director

The year 2020 has been and continues to be very challenging for each of us. As the founder (Art Dolder) often mentioned and especially to his son, “Life is like an EKG machine, displaying the ups and downs, highs and lows, exciting times and hard times – real life.”

We can in some way all relate to the difficulties surrounding us. Let’s help each other through these difficulties by supporting one another through Love, which is from God, and prayer.

*“Teach me to feel another’s woe,  
To hide the fault I see;  
That mercy I to others show,  
That mercy show to me.  
Alexander Pope, The Universal Prayer*

May our Majestic Lord ever so bless you today and the days ahead. Ministries of Encouragement is praying for you.

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end; they are  
new every morning; great is your  
faithfulness.”*

Lamentations 3:22-23

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