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BE STILL & Know

As soon as the ignition fires the car engine, the sound system comes on, and we are immediately lost in music, sports, talk radio, or some other audio diversion. Most of us are not long in the house before we have the television going, and not only our ears, but now those other gates of the mind, the eyes, are filled with images that occupy us.

There was once a quiet time in Sunday worship services for meditation and reflection. In many places of worship now every moment is filled with activity, mostly good and uplifting, but always inadvertently keeping us from "thinking about things."

Lots of people you meet today have a "smart phone;" many of them are perpetually on and being looked at, even when one is walking down the street! Rodin would probably sculpt someone holding a digital device today, rather than his famous "Thinker." None of these things are evil in themselves, but they can be instruments of sin to keep us from better things.

Jesus told the disciples to "**come apart and rest awhile**" (Mk 6:31). The Psalmist gave this counsel, "**Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still**" (4:4), and later, "**Be still, and know that I am God**" (46:10).

May God be pleased to help us return to the practice of thinking, being alone with Him, meditating upon His Word, and contemplating life. The "blessed man" of the Psalms has this said of him, "**In His law doth he meditate day and night**" (1:2). It has been said that if a person would think about eternity for just a few minutes, they would run to Christ for salvation!

Let us be challenged to use our wonderful, God-given minds to think about good and godly things. On another occasion we shall look at Philippians 4 to guide us to good subjects for "thinking."

A Note from Alan - Slowing Down

Alan DeFriese, Superintendent

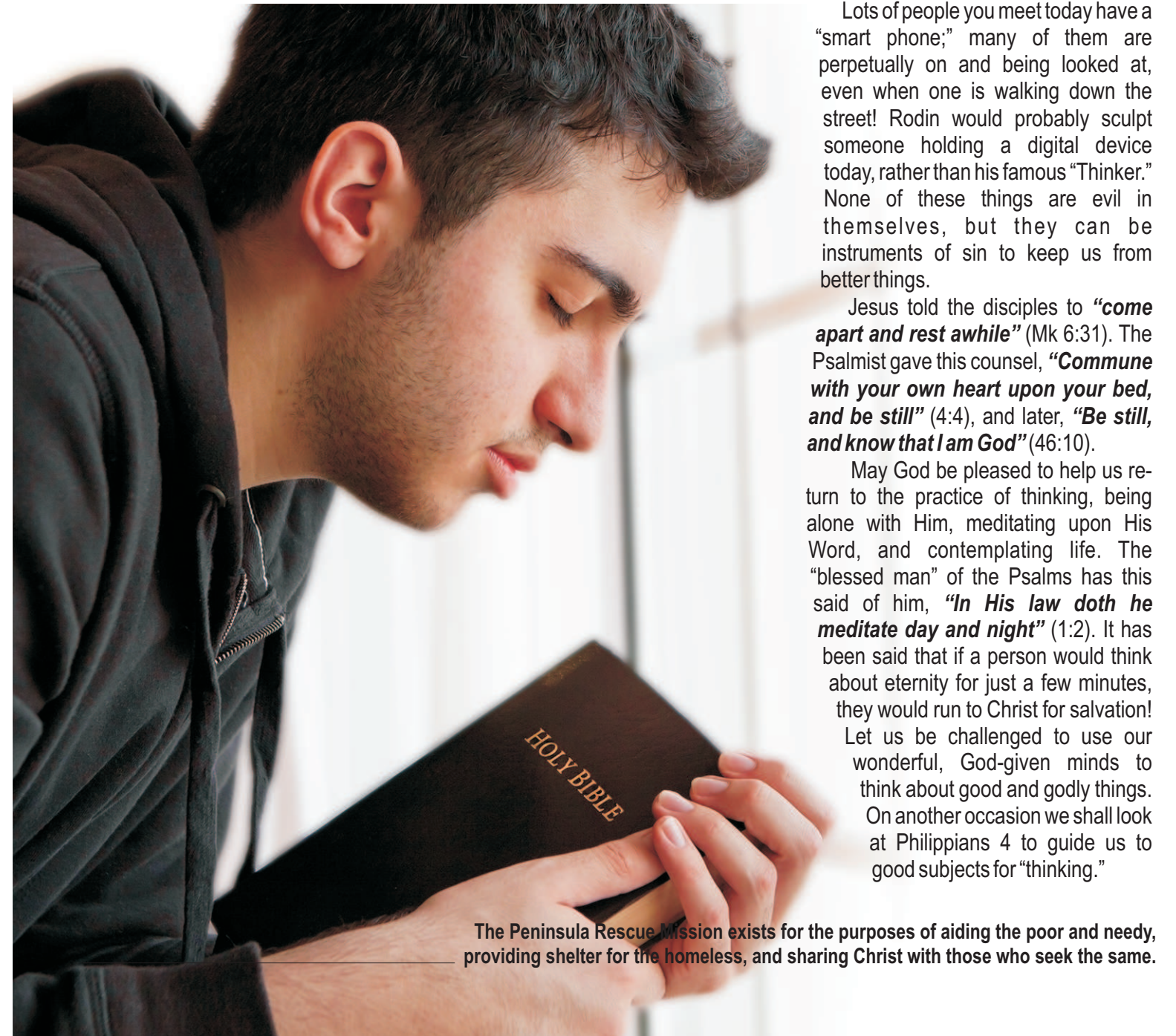
As our cover article indicates, life is busy and full of distractions no matter where you go. PRM is no exception, particularly for our resident staff and program men. Whether they are at the thrift store, the front desk, or anywhere else, they are busy!

One of my favorite times of the week is Tuesday night. The Tuesday evening chapel service happens as usual, but during that time a handful of our staff and program men gather with me for a small group Bible study. This is different from the normal chapel services because the men participate at a high level - taking prayer requests, opening our time with prayer, and discussing their answers to the study questions. It is a great time of fellowship, laughter, and digging deeper into the marvelous truths of God's great love for us, and how living for Him should alter our daily lives.



Jeremiah 2:25 speaks of the danger of consistently giving our time and attention to things that are temporal. If we are not careful, our affections, and eventually our worship, will become misplaced, and God will no longer have the proper place in our lives. "*Do not run until your feet are bare and your throat is dry. But you said, 'It's no use! I love foreign gods, and I must go after them.'*"

Shutting out the noise around us to dig deep into the truths of God's Word helps us to be constantly reminded of Who God is. We see His majesty, His wisdom, and His marvelous plan to make us right with Him. May we all be challenged to shut out the things that don't matter and focus more on that which does.



The Peninsula Rescue Mission exists for the purposes of aiding the poor and needy, providing shelter for the homeless, and sharing Christ with those who seek the same.

Mission Moment.



Thank you to all of our volunteers who graciously serve the men at the Mission! These young USAF Airmen put their morning schedules on hold to give back to their community. We'd love to get you involved too!

MEMORIALS that live.

In Memory of...	Given by...
Betty Nobles	Lewis Nobles
Bill Price	Carolyn Marcella
Billy Powell	Carolyn Marcella
Bobby Brumfield	Juanita Brumfield
Butch Meador	Robin Ragans
Charles Smith	Kenneth Epker
Charlie Moore	Donald Connelly
Clarence F. Hatchett	Mimi Leveille
Claten McCrary	Parlie McCrary
Dan Autry	Shirley Autry
Doug Connell, husband	Arlene Connell
Edna Hamby	Betty Neher
Francis Pittman	Carolyn Marcella
Frank H. Shaheen II	Mimi Leveille
George Hoskinson	Constance Hoskinson
Gordon Johnson	Fannie Johnson
Harold Williams	Ann C. Williams
Harriet Powell	Thomas McCarthy
James Keesee	First Baptist Church of Newport News
John Louis Leveille	Mimi Leveille
Joyce Thomas	Brenda Robbins
Joyce Thomas	George & Winnie Silk
Kitty Hollowell	Nancy Fenton
Leo Doyon	Ann Dowless
Marilee Joergler	Jim & Lynne Crawford
Marilee Joergler	Judith Smith
Marilee Joergler	Pat & Franklin Belote
Marvin Krushen	Betty Krushen
Marvin G. Lambert, husband	Marjorie Lambert
Mary Ann Myrsten	George & Winnie Silk
Mary Ann Toledo	Brenda Robbins

Mission Needs.



Half Size Steam Table Pans, Deep 12 3/4" x 10 3/8" x 2 9/16"

CNU students supply us with wonderful meals on a daily basis; all they ask is that we provide these pans! Help us make their gift possible!

Worthy of HONOR.

In Honor of...	Given by...
Abigail Mae Galli, 10th Birthday	Gammie & Poppie
Bettie & Jimmy Faris, Parents	Gail F. Galli
Elmo Ball, Birthday	Vince & Nancy Snidow
Ginger Ball, Birthday	Vince & Nancy Snidow
Hazel Hostetter, 90th Birthday	Sid & Karen Keene
Jean Thomas, Birthday	Jewell Stergin
King's Daughters' Class of FBC	King's Daughters' Class of FBC
Lillian Hatchett	Mimi Leveille
Lindsay & Barbara Poteat	Richard J. Holland, Jr.
Lucy Pape, Birthday	Mary & Sonny Sorenson
Mike & Gail Galli, Anniversary	Bettie Faris
Sam, Tina & Pete	Mary Lou Simmons
Thomas Dale Bess, 80th Birthday	Lynn Bess

In Memory of...	Given by...
Norris W. Mason, father	Marjorie Lambert
O.W. & Anna Hertzler	Mimi Leveille
Parents	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tynan, Jr.
Pat Rogers	Brenda Robbins
Pat Rogers	George & Winnie Silk
Paul L. Means	Judy Means & Family
Richard Clarke	Mary Clarke
Rob Pullen	Mom & Teri
Roy Duckett	Alma Duckett
Ruth Williamson	Alan & Debra Williamson
Sam Johnson	Fannie Johnson
Shirley Fowlkes	William Fowlkes
Warren Powell	Brenda Robbins
Warren Powell	Carolyn Marcella

Blake's Block - Be Intentional

Blake O'Brien, Director of Thrift Store Ministries

We often have lots of projects going on at the Thrift Store - building new shelving units, repairing furniture, re-organizing various sections of the store - are just a few examples. In order to successfully accomplish any project, you need to have people that work well together towards a common goal. That is easier said than done, especially when there are differences of opinions about the project at hand. One area in which I have been able to help the men at the store is stopping and thinking about the big picture before jumping into a project blindly. Stop and think about the reason why something needs to happen; stop and think about who it is you are working



with...etc. Recently I had a discussion with one of the program men about being intentional concerning getting along with others. We read Hebrews 12:14 together, which says, "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord." It was a good reminder to me and to others that we need to be intentional each day about putting forth the effort to pursue peace with others. In doing so, we will be more likely to reach the goal that we are working towards, as well as to have a better time doing it. It's a blessing to be able to learn with the men at the store each day, and to help them and guide them in projects, which often opens the door for talking about what the Bible says about how we are to live our lives.



John's Journey - On Time

John Twigg, Assistant Superintendent

It's easy to get busy here at the Mission, with so many tasks necessary to carry on the ministry. However, there are times when it's important for us to be still, to hold off on the "to-do" list, and to recognize the opportunity God is granting us to directly minister to one of those He has sent our way. I recently had just such an opportunity.

I met with Norm for the first time on a Monday morning. He explained that after losing his job in Arizona he managed to find employment here in Newport News; so here he was. Leaving his family behind and taking a bus to a strange city was not easy, but it was his only option. After our meeting that Monday, he headed out to meet with his new employer, excited about the opportunity that lay before him.

The next morning Norm came by my office and asked if we could talk. Being new to the area he had not realized that a bus ride to the Southside can involve hours of travel, as a result he had been late to his appointment and they decided not to hire him. Norm tearfully called his wife to tell her what happened; then he immediately started looking and found another great job opportunity. He was worried though - this job was in Suffolk, and he had no idea how he would get there on time.



This was my chance to put aside my list of things to do and really help this man out. After discovering there were no public transit options, we hopped in the truck, and I drove him out to Suffolk. He got the job! I talked to him just this week, and the job is going great. His wife and son will join him here in Virginia soon. Thank you for making it possible for us to help so many in so many different ways - I know Norm thanks you.

