

AN INSIDE LOOK AT A FAMILY DISCUSSION



“Whatever”... my daughters love to use this word.

“Whatever” used casually means, “you decide”. However, one of my daughters often changes the emphasis to “WHAT... ever” and it now means “I really doubt what you are saying”.

Another daughter often adds the emphasis on “what... EVER” and you have a very different word. It means, “I don’t want to get involved” and/or “I really don’t care”.

Recently when trying to come up with a name for a new ministry, and feeling like I was running out of fresh ideas, in honor of my daughters, I suggested we call it the “Whatever Ministries”.

I knew the Bible recorded a lot of “whatever” ministries:

Proverbs 16:3 “Commit to the Lord **whatever** you do, and your plans will succeed.”

I Corinthians 10:31 “... **whatever** you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

Matthew 21:22 “If you believe, you will receive **whatever** you ask for in prayer.”

John 5:19b “...**whatever** the Father does the Son also does.”

John 15:17 “If you remain in me and my words in you, ask **whatever** you wish, and it will be given you.”

Philippians 1:27 “**Whatever** happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worth of the Gospel of Christ.”

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers, **whatever** is true, **whatever** is noble, **whatever** is right, **whatever** is pure, **whatever** is lovely, **whatever** is admirable...if anything is excellent or praiseworthy... think about such things.”

Philippians 4:11 “... for I have learned to be content in **whatever** the circumstances.”

Colossians 3:23 “**Whatever** you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

The more I reflected upon these verses the more I thought that “Whatever Ministries” could be a lighthearted but good name. But as often happens in the Spader household I was soundly voted down☺

After weighing the role as leader of the home and then the prospect of living happily with my three daughters and one wife, I quickly concluded... “Whatever”.



ISRAEL 2008

With just a little over six months to go, this year's GYI gathering in Israel is rapidly approaching. Ever since we began to plan this larger gathering two years ago, we have clearly planned it around three major goals:

1. To study Christ's life by learning His context for ministry
2. To connect with emerging leaders from around the globe
2. To challenge each other to reach this next generation

Bringing over 200 young leaders together, from around the globe, in Israel; has been no small task. Yet we truly believe this will be a historic gathering and a once in a lifetime opportunity for each of these leaders.

Not only will we have a four-day conference, but we are structuring plenty of discussion times, relational activities, and opportunities to experience our theme... "Jesus on Location".

Will you pray with us for these requests:

- **Speakers (GYI leaders and country directors)**
- **Themes (four general sessions and three evening worship sessions)**
- **Discussions around tables**
- **Workshop themes (six different workshops)**
- **Worship Team being formed**



AROUND THE WORLD



I have a friend, who often speaks of flying over 25 times around the world. I have often admired his tenacity... yet never envying spending that much time in an airplane.

For the first time, I have booked an 'Around-the-world' ticket. Because of the number of stops I need to make it was cheaper to just fly this way.

Leaving September 17th, I will head to Vancouver Canada, where I will spend four days with Campus Crusade of Canada. I will do some training as well as discuss an online training program for Crusade and all their student leaders.

From there I fly to Sydney Australia where I will spend seven days with our GYI partnering ministry... training their staff. Then on to Singapore and then four days in Manila, helping launch Wavemakers Philippines. This is a new ministry targeted to raising up a generation of disciple-making youth ministries in the Philippines. This is also a partnering ministry of GYI. From there I will fly to Bangkok, on to Paris and then home... an eighteen day journey.

As usual, I'd greatly appreciate your daily prayers, both for me as I speak and travel and for Char and the girls as they are at home. Your prayers make a major difference... and without them... the task is so much harder. They are a great gift to our family.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A mechanic who worked out of his home had a dog named Mace. Mace had a bad habit of eating all the grass in the mechanic's lawn, so the mechanic had to keep Mace inside. The grass eventually became overgrown.

One day the mechanic was working on a car in his backyard and dropped his wrench losing it in the tall grass. He couldn't find it for the life of him so he decided to call it a day.

That night, Mace escaped from the house and ate all the grass in the backyard. The next morning, the mechanic went outside and saw his wrench glinting in the sunlight. Realizing what had happened, he looked up to the heavens and sang out loudly, proclaiming...

(Are you ready for this?)

"A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound that saved a wrench for me!"

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office."

Hymns for Seniors

~ Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

~ It is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

~ Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

~ Just a Slower Walk With Thee

~ Count Your Many Birthdays, Name Them One by One

~ Go Tell It On The Mountain, But Speak Up

~ Blessed Insurance

~ Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I Parked

Two little kids are in the hospital, lying on beds next to each other outside the operating room. The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in for?"

The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze."

The second kid then says, "What are you here for?"

The first kid says, "A circumcision."

And the second kid says, "Whoa, I had that done when I was born. Couldn't walk for a year."

While attending a marriage seminar on communication, Tom and his wife Peg listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He looked at Tom and asked, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "Pillsbury All-Purpose, isn't it?"

The rest of the story is not pleasant.

Two confirmed bachelors were sitting and talking. Their conversation drifted from politics to cooking.

"I got a cookbook once," said the first, "but I could never do anything with it."

"Too much fancy cooking in it, eh?" asked the second.

"You said it. Every one of the recipes began the same way..."Take a clean dish and..."

A young doctor was just setting up his first office.

His secretary told him there was a man to see him. The doctor wanted to make the man think that he was successful and very busy. So he told his secretary to show the man in and at that moment he picked up his phone and pretended to be having a conversation with a patient.

The man waited patiently until the "conversation" was completed.

Once he hung up, the doctor asked, "Can I help you?"

To which the man replied "No, I'm just here to connect your telephone."



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