

## GOD THOUGHTS-13

### 11/2 Ready for Battle!

I just caught a bit of an old war movie the other day (Richard Burton was young, that's how old it was). The WWII movie was about how three Australian regiments under the command of a young Brit held off Rommel's tanks in North Africa. Though greatly outnumbered they held off and outwitted the Germans – relying upon cunning and some good fortune – to change the course of the war.

We should continually remind each other that we are at war. Our enemy is powerful and persistent. However, good fortune is not required to win these spiritual battles. Christ has already defeated the enemy. We need only rest in Him.

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### 11/9 Simple Faith

Life sometimes gets complicated juggling priorities, schedules, resources, and other challenges. It seems, though, that my faith has become simpler. Let me explain. I still don't understand many things. Questions like "Why? Why not? How? And When?" still bounce around in my head. It's just that I am more willing to accept that God has a bigger picture and broader perspective than I will ever have. I am actually more comforted embracing my limitations in the presence of God's greatness.

*Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

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### 11/16 **God's Eyes**

This past July we sponsored an outreach event which had a powerful impact on our community. Let me tell you a little about it.

Several years ago God lead a Christian couple by the name of Brian & Jennifer Kaiser to move into ministry. Brian had a successful business making eyeglasses. Their vision (pun clearly intended) was to make prescription eyeglasses for the poor all over the world. You can read about their ministry on their website, [www.GodsEyes.biz](http://www.GodsEyes.biz). God has used their sacrifice to bless tens of thousands of people around the world with the ability to now see more clearly.

God's Eyes will be in our community November 21-23. They will be setting up eye clinics where they can make up to 50+ sets of prescription glasses each day. This will be God's Eyes third trip to Panama. Many remember the stories from the last time surrounding God's Eyes—how God miraculously multiplied the supplies so we could see 250 folks when Bryan had only brought materials to treat around 200. We saw many people accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and began friendships among our neighbors in surrounding churches which are becoming more precious with each passing day. For more information, contact Coronado Bible Church at the web site below.

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## 11/23 Thanksgiving Shopping Madness

Well, the craziness has begun. The craziness is the day after Thanksgiving sales in the U.S. Hundreds of stores offer special sales beginning as early as 4 am to get people coming and prepared to buy!

Stores, cities and houses will soon bear the unmistakable decorations of the season. Occasionally, when I see a house majestically decorated I wonder if there is as great a sense of celebration on the inside as it appears on the outside.

You see, we can involve ourselves in many wonderful activities that look great on the outside. But the key question for all mankind is “Are you prepared to celebrate the Savior?” Every day, all year long, we make a choice.

Today will you celebrate Jesus? Will you worship Him? Is He making you beautiful from the inside out? May we celebrate Jesus together!

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## 11/30 Fishers of Men

I understand that we have some great fishermen in our church (Coronado Bible Church). We have some pretty avid recreational fishermen who love to get out whenever possible, a former professional fisherman, and from what I understand, a lady or two who can hold their own baiting a hook with just about any guy. People who love to fish look for every opportunity to “get their line in the water.”

Jesus’ first disciples were professional fishermen. They made their living in a boat. They left that boat for a higher calling. Jesus commissioned them to become “fishers of men” (Mark 1:17). Reaching out for the lost and hurting has much more life changing ramifications!

As we consider God's call to these men, it raises the question of what God may be calling each of us to do.

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