



### **Smooth Passage**

By Kevin McCauley

*Samuel Clemens was a River Boat Pilot on the Mississippi River, and did so until the outbreak of the American Civil War. The process to become a Pilot was a long and difficult one as every bend, shallow spot and hazard on the 1,200 mile river had to be learned. A desirable depth of two fathoms (about twelve feet) was required for safe passage for the steamships of that era. This two fathom depth was called "Mark Twain" and this is where Samuel took that name that would make him famous.*

*One day a wealthy investor in the steamship line was speaking with Captain Clemens and remarked on his navigation skill. "You must know where every rock in the river lies" said the man. "No Sir, I don't know where the rocks are. I know where they ain't." Samuel went on to explain... it was the safe passage he desired and staying away from the rocks was best!*

*I think there is a lesson for us all in the wisdom of Mark Twain. Staying away from the hazards of life and seeking safe passage ensures a better journey. So often we stray from God's desired path and venture out on our own. It is on this detour we more likely to encounter the trials and difficulties of life.*

*Certainly, everyone has the possibility of encountering hardship - after all, we live in a fallen world; but following His course for life is safer and (more) trouble-free!*

*Let me share with you a few ways to stay on the better path:*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5,6*

*"Draw near to the Lord, and He will draw near to you."  
James 4:8*

*"Walk in a manner worthy of your calling..."  
Ephesians 4:1ff*

## Meanderings of an Idle Mind

A crowded Airlines flight was canceled. A single agent was re-booking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushes his way to the desk, slaps his ticket on the counter and said, "I have to be on this flight and put me in first ."

The agent replied, "I am sorry, sir. I'll be happy to help you but, I have to help these people first." The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "Do you have any idea who i am?" Without hesitation, the agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone: "May i have your attention please, we have a passenger at gate 14 who does not know who he is. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to gate 14." With that people behind him in line began to laugh hysterically

Submitted by Ed Auria

Inspired by Grace

We have all been witness to these moments. When some bigwig, high and mighty, all full of himself tries to make every one around him believe he is something special.

This incidence might have seemed funny in the moment but, there are some serious under tones he is not realizing. Just who does he think he is? Who does he want people to believe he is? And, he seems to be under the mistaken impression the sheer mention of his name or title should command instant respect and priority.

It is pretty laughable that any one of us could believe our name could command such power in everyone's mind. What could one man possibly do worth such wide spread respect in his name?

Well actually there is one man. This man is the only one who had the patience, the courage, the Will and the Faith to do what the world needed most.

Airline tickets are the least reward He deserves. We can only strive to muster the strength to give Him the only thing worthy of His sacrifice: our lives.

He was sent with a mission, believed in His cause, had the patience to see it through and the Faith in His Commander for the power to accomplish His goal

His name: Jesus Christ! Now there is a name to be respectful of, a name with such wide spread appeal as to be recognized anywhere. Whether respected or hated, known throughout the land.

To be humbled by His teaching is the great equalizer. Leading in His example a life changing experience The Bible tells us we have the capacity to be like Him, obviously the man at the ticket counter isn't. Are you up to the challenge?

**It is written: "As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"**

**Romans 14:11 NIV**

## May 2018 Reading Plan

<input type="checkbox"/> May 1	Psalms 68:1-35; Psalm 110: 1-7; Psalm 19:1-14; 2 Sam. 8:1; 1 Chron. 18:1; 2 Sam. 21:15-18; 1 Chron. 20:4
<input type="checkbox"/> May 2	2 Sam. 23:8-12; 1 Chron. 11:10-14; 2 Sam. 21:19-22; 1 Chron. 20:5-8; 2 Sam. 10:1-19; 1 Chron. 19:1-19
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<input type="checkbox"/> May 28	Prov. 2:1-4:27
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<input type="checkbox"/> May 31	Prov. 11:1-13;

## Some upcoming events at Hope Christian Church

### National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 3, 7pm-8pm, at Hope

Be part of a Nationwide Prayer event and join with millions of other believers in praying for our nation, state, local municipalities, and our church. Scripture instructs us to pray for those in authority over us – and this is our response!

### Fiesta de Esperanza – Sunday, May 6, 11:30am-1:30pm

This will be a great time of gathering together with the familia of Hope for fellowship, fun, and a great Mexican meal! Invite family and friends! Please check the lobby and sign up to help. For questions, please contact Deahna Rosch.

### Hope Work Day – Saturday, May 12, 8am-noon

Spring has sprung and there is always trimming, clipping, mowing and cleaning to do at the church. Stop by for bagels and coffee and to help out as you can. Stay the entire time or any part of the time. Men, women, youth of any skill level can all help!

### Mother's Day – Sunday, May 13

Going to church is what your Mom wants – so indulge her, and meet with us at 9:45am. We'll have a special gift for all the Mom's (and you'll make her happy by being at church!)

### Truth Talks – Thursday, May 24, 7pm-8pm

This is the first in a series of lessons taught by Pastor Kevin on critical issues of the faith. Meet in the auditorium for a time of in-depth teaching and Q & A, on topics that will help you in your spiritual life. For questions, please contact Pastor Kevin.

### A look ahead at Sunday Messages

May 13	Luke 11:14-23
May 20	Luke 11:24-36
May 27	Luke 11:37-54

### Hope Christian Church

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Please submit all articles/news for the next Hope Notes by **Monday, May 21st, 5pm.**

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