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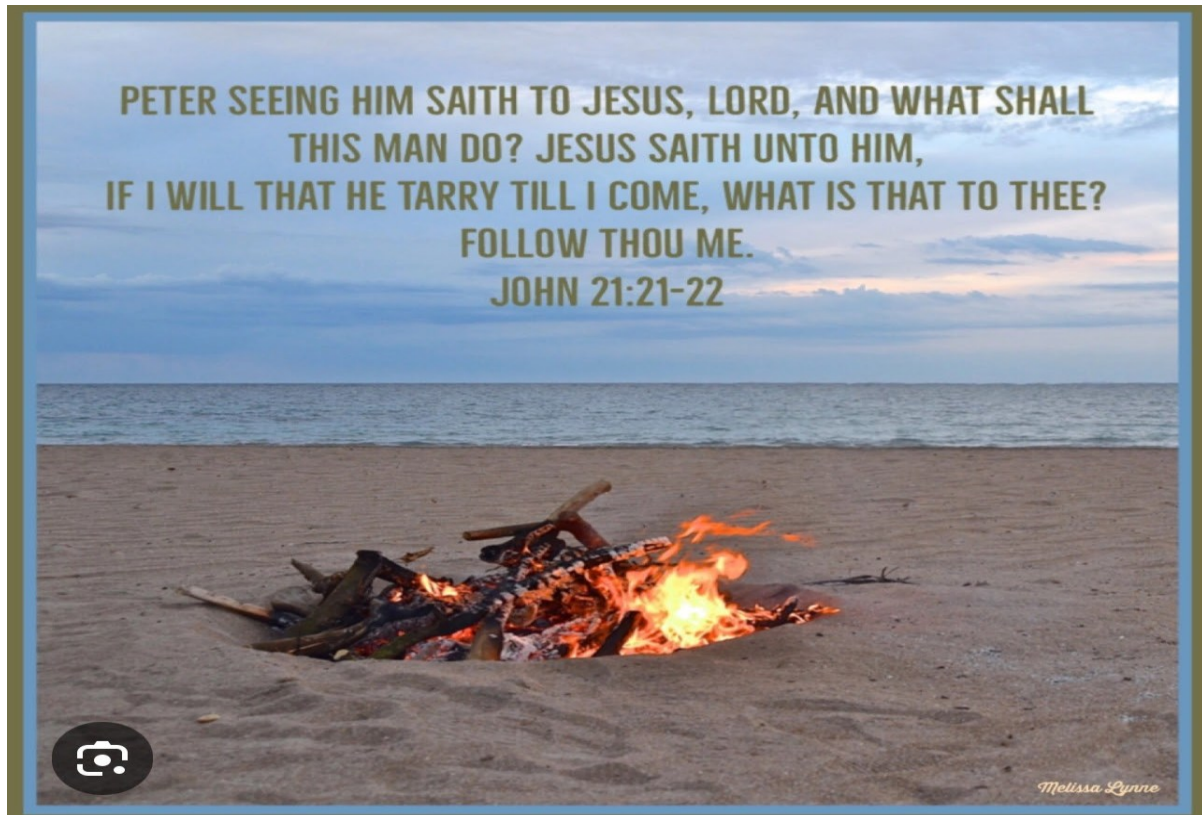
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**August 30, 2025**



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Dear Joseph,

Sunday was a good kickstart for the “Reaching Rural America Conference” at Platte Valley Baptist Church in Ft. Morgan, CO. Pastor Eric Ross delivered two good challenging messages.

After the morning service, pastor Wes Carnes baptized 13 people. Everywhere I have been serving ... God certainly is at work.

The conference was such a blessing. It was full of good, preaching, good food, and good fellowship.

I was able to do the Wednesday night service on August 27th. I will also be doing the Sunday school class on August 31st and the September 3rd Wednesday night service.

On Thursday, Pastor, his wife and some other family members took me on a trip to Poudre Canyon. Pastor knows this is one of my favorite places to visit when I come out here. Colorado is a very beautiful state.

Friday morning both pastor Munday and I used it for study time. In the afternoon we had a couple of great visits. We were able to present the Gospel to a friend, who if he died, was not 100% sure heaven was his home.

He did not ask Christ to save him, but the seed has been planted.

Today is another a.m. study day and visitation in the afternoon.

Let us continue to pray  one for another.

P. S. Please pray for my sister, Shirley Ann.



Baptisms Also Happen At Platte Valley Baptist  
Church Fort Morgan Colorado





Conference Speaker Pastor Eric Ross, Central  
Baptist Church, Haden Colorado



Some Of The Men At Platte Valley Baptist Church,  
Ft. Morgan Colorado, gather For Prayer Before Each  
Sunday morning Service



# Saturday Eve Barba-Post

## **"Thoughts To Ponder"**


### "Bloom Where You Are"

I'm not sure that most members of a church ... and I'm talking about good, godly, faithful members ... will understand what I have seen this last week at the "Reaching Rural America Conference".

Have you ever seen a single flower coming out of a crack in the black

top?  you think, how in the world  did that flower grow there? 

The theme throughout the conference this last week was "DON'T QUIT". There were over 20 preachers in the conference. Many testimonies were given and my heart, was touched and stirred by a bunch of men with a lot of grit. I'm not saying that any ministry is easy and without challenges ... but the ministries out here in the West are certainly very challenging ministries. Many of these ministries are very small. I really can't imagine some of the daily struggles that these men go through. There must be many days where these men live in discouragement. These men (like that single

flower  coming out of that black top) just continue to stay and to "BLOOM WHERE THEY ARE PLANTED" they just refuse to quit.

Many men of the Bible experience, silent pain and struggles, For example, Elijah, Yet God provided for his needs, even while the brook Cherith was steadily drying up. We simply cannot always understand God's plans. He often works in an unseen, incremental manner, and HE has ways of confirming HIS presence with us. A timely recipe for sustaining our joy in the time of trouble is found in Philippians 4:8 Finally,

brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Perhaps other individuals around you are enjoying what appears to be flourishing, successful life beyond our experience. They may be cheered on with acknowledgments and applause. This may not be what your life is like. But it doesn't need to concern us. As a child of God ... we are In HIS hands ... and our master holds the key to unlock the bright future ... even though we may be in a very discouraging place or time in our lives ... Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Sometimes the protection we have against ending up in the wrong place is to remain planted right where we are.

Will we faithfully BLOOM for HIM right where he has placed us? We might not only bloom ... we have opportunity to blossom .

#### Something To Think About

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Sinner Saved By Grace



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