

GOD TIMES V.5. 1951 trivia. Bible study-Exodus pt.1, plus much more fun.

GT is a Faith based, social memory tool for Seniors & Veterans; Christian & non-Christian alike & is meant to assist all & not meant to offend any, as we navigate through this broken world together. We love all the same, regardless of religious, political, other beliefs, or backgrounds, that we all differ on, as that's free will & free America; the right to think & be different & still be friends without arguing personal beliefs, as you have yours/ I have mine & at the end of the day, it's just about loving one another, as life is much better with friends, who think differently, than with ones who think that our way, is the only way?

For believers, God does not say that we will not see hard times, but He does promise that He will be there with us, to strengthen, keep & protect us & since He is in control, our circumstances will not overwhelm us, no matter how they feel, as we do no longer live by, nor trust in feelings, we trust in God.

We may not always see how something painful could work for our good, but God promises that it will & that someday we will see, but for now we just need to trust that He is in control & will work all that we go through, for His good & His glory, so that we may find peace in His unchanging truth, word, love & promises.

You cannot have a negative thinking mind, while hoping, or wishing for a positive day. Hoping & wishing gets no one anywhere. Positive thinking & prayer, each & every moment of each & every day, gets us to where we should be at, in our thoughts & with our Savior. Proverbs 23:7, For as a man thinks in His heart, so is he! Which is an exhortation for man to yield to the Father's grace, allowing the mind to be opened to His Spirit & Word, that one may acquire, process & embrace the truth, love & grace of the Father, wherever one may be.

Life may not be exactly what we had planned, but the truth is that it is God's plan that matters & is played out, for His good & glory, regardless of our understanding, or not understanding why we must go through the trials that are put before us, not by God, but by this world, to which God will walk through the good & the hard times with us, if we are believing in & trusting His perfect plan. When facing trials, think about the trials Jesus went through as He was a good man, that never sinned & was betrayed, beaten to near death, spit on, forsaken & murdered, by the people that He loved & even forgave them & prayed for them as they crucified Him. So choose your thoughts & feelings wisely, while looking at the beautiful day that you can spend with God, regardless of where your spending your time.

Let's have some fun learning, sharing, remembering, discussing some trivia.

01. This young holocaust girls famous faith filled diary of hope is published?
02. This toy veggie's head job was to help popularize veggies?
03. This Gene Kelly radio city musical film premierd, regardless of the weather?
04. This Limelight star refused reentry to U.S.? Why?
05. This Long running morning show starts, with Dave Garroway?
06. This fowl finger lickin business opens?
07. She opens the Calcutta home for the dying & destitute?
08. This Commonwealth becomes part of U.S.?
09. After a rocky start he became the world boxing heavyweight champ?
10. Crazy Alfred Neuman boy debuts in this mag.?
11. These are banned from teaching in schools?
12. 1st time this life giving event was televised?
13. Skelton, Caesar, Coca have this award win in common?
14. Moondog Coronation Ball is the 1st of these events?
15. This live test on tv from Yucca Flats Nevada?
16. This Mystery play is longest running ever?
17. The U.S. beat the world with the 1st mechanical one of these pumpers?

Any of these popular TV shows your favorites? African Queen, Greatest show on Earth, Quiet man, Singin' in the rain.

This was the year that Senator Joe McCarthy's cold war communist conspiracy theories spread, in which he alleged that communists, spies & sympathizers had infiltrated the government, schools, the film industry etc., to the point that his un-American activities committee blocked many vacationers from returning to the U.S. including 20 year resident Charlie Chaplin & his family.

This was also the year the Peace treaty of San Francisco put an end to the state of war between allied powers & Japan & set future relations between U.S. & Japan. 3 of 5 homes had a car, with new one's at \$1700 & gas at .20 a gallon, 2 of 3 homes had a phone, 1 in 3 had a TV.

Also the summer Olympics had 69 countries including 1st timers, Russia & Israel, while the UK had The 1st passenger jet & California had its 2nd largest earthquake ever. Hope you enjoyed the flashbacks of trivia, as reflection does do a brain good.

Biblical book of Exodus summarized.

The Israelite population in Egypt grew rapidly, which worried the Egyptians, Exod. 1:9 & when Pharaoh died, the new Pharaoh chose to enslave & use the Israelis to build up cities. This enslaving of the children of Israel came about, due to their disobedience, as they had been given choices by God, obey & receive blessings, or disobey God & be cursed, Leviticus 26 & Deut. 28 talks about how the curses would find & bind them, as they were to be cursed in all they do & nations would rise above them & they would face diseases & pestilence, from their disobedience & sinful choices; they were reaping & suffering due to their own sinful choices.

Pharaoh had also ruled that every newborn Hebrew boy be killed, Exod.1:22. One baby named Moses was hidden & found by Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him & this Hebrew boy, was raised as an Egyptian in Pharaoh's house, Exod. 2:10. At around 40 yrs., Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew & Moses killed the Egyptian & had to flee & hide, Exod. 2:15. Later on Pharaoh had died & Moses' crime was dismissed, Exodus 4:19. One day God appeared to Moses, in a burning bush, Exodus 3:2 & called on him to save the Israelites & lead them out of slavery. God told Moses His plan to humble Pharaoh & to rescue His people & Moses cried about why he couldn't be part of the plan.

Moses asks, suppose I tell them God has sent me & they ask, what is His name, what shall I say & God answered, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh" (American translators say I AM THAT I AM, say I AM has sent me) Exodus 3:13-14, (whereas Jewish translators say God says in this translation, God says "I will be, what I will be".) This is another great example for where God says to test & prove His word, do not argue on what you believe, or have been told, find God's truth, according to God, not men & religious leaders passed down unsubstantiated translations, inferences, or learned beliefs, as man is fallible & though God is truth, bible translations have had men's hands & personal thoughts & translations in them.

Moses said his poor speaking skills may ruin His plan, but God said; Who gave people mouths? Who makes them deaf, mute, or blind? Is it not I? I will help you speak, but Moses said, please send another & the Lord's anger burned against him, but He said, your brother Aaron speaks well, you shall speak to him & I will teach you what to say & he will speak it for us, Exodus 4:11-16.

God sent Moses, to lead God's people, but Pharaoh was like a God in Egypt & Moses had to convince him to let them go. God wanted to prove to Pharaoh, that He was the One true God, through the 10 Plagues, planned for him & the persecutors of

God's people. Pharaoh refused to free God's people & the wrath & plagues began, Exodus Ch. 7-11 & were as follows; A Plague of Blood, turning the water source to blood. The Plague of Frogs, Gnats, Flies, Boils, Hail, Locusts, on Livestock, of darkness, plague on the Firstborn, where the firstborn son of every Egyptian died, which started the rite of Passover, as the Israelites put lamb's blood over their doors, showing they belonged to God, so the coming death would pass over them.

This was the breaking point & Pharaoh let the Israelites go, exod. 13 & Moses led them out of Egypt, with the help of a pillar of cloud of fire but, Pharaoh had changed his mind & sent out his chariots to slaughter them, but the angel of God was with Moses & the Israelites & when they came upon the Red Sea, the Lord parted the waters for the Israelites to travel through on dry ground.

The Egyptians soon followed & the waters flowed over them & none survived, Exod.14. This miracle set Moses as the leader of God's people & showed them that they had nothing to fear, as long as God was with them. But, even after all God had done, there were many times that they failed to trust in Him. Every step of the way, they whined that they had been better off as slaves. With every new obstacle, they cried & wanted to give up, even after witnessing the miracle of God's provision of Manna & seeing His power against Pharaoh, they still doubted.

With all this grumbling & disobedience, God wanted to wipe them out & start a new nation, but Moses persuaded God to forgive them, but as a result of their rebellion they were forced to wander lost in the desert for 40 years, until all who had rebelled, had grown old & died & the promised land was then given to their children, Numbers 14:31.

So, the people missed out on God's promise, due to lack of patience & belief i.e. moaning, groaning & hating, instead of trusting, believing & loving, as these are all choices & each has its own reward, or punishment.

So where do you stand on trusting & believing God through the tough & hard times? Don't forget that God is always with us & will never leave us, even when the flesh, or maybe the demons, of this world are testing & trying our faith? Stand strong in faith & love, as God's time is different than ours, but it always wins out.

So lets look at life in 1952, gather together & share some thoughts.

What age group were you 0-9, 10-17, 18+, if in school what grade? If you were too young in '52, use '62, or '72 just use your 1st memories of the things discussed.

There was a lot happening in the world, but what was happening in your world? Any special memories? What was happening in your family, neighborhood, or? Did your family, friends, neighbors have a car, television, phone? Were there things you liked to see on TV, with certain people, or would you rather be outside, or listening to the radio shows, or music? Do you remember the public thoughts on health & polio, or the world & the Atom bomb tests, or was there other things that raised fears in general everyday life? Were you, or your family into sports, as this was a good year for Michigan with Detroit Lions champs, Michigan Wolverines Big 10 baseball champs, MSU Spartans football at #1, Red Wings Stanley cup champs.

With all our talks on memories, some remembered, some forgotten, it's would be easy to get the idea that one may be getting old, but be assured that growing older does not make one old, at least not in relation to eternity, in which we are not growing older, we are growing wiser & more understanding of the fruit of the spirit, which can be found in Galatians 5:22 & is well worth studying. The Bible also presents growing old as a natural part of life. There is honor involved in the aging process, because growing old is accompanied by increased wisdom & experience. Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life, Proverbs 16:31. Growing older helps us to shed the illusion of control & to rest in the promises of a loving God, who vows to be with us every step of the way: I will be the same until your old age & I will bear you up when you turn gray. I have made you & I will carry you; I will bear & rescue you, Isaiah 46:4 & through the hard times. God assures us that after we have suffered a while the God of all grace, who has called us to his eternal glory in Christ, will restore, confirm, strengthen & establish us, 1Peter 5:10.

Trivia answers 1-diary of a young girl/ diary of anne frank. 2-mr potato head. 3-singing in the rain. 4-charley chaplin, & McCarthyism. 5- today show. 6-kfc kentucky fried chicken. 7-mother theresa. 8-puerto rico. 9-rocky marciano. 10-mad magazine. 11- communist teachers banned. 12-live human birth televised. 13-emmy awards show. 14-1st major rock n roll concert, sold out 1 day. 15-live atomic bomb test. did you see it? 16- agatha christie's the mousetrap. 17-Heart.

Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I absolutely know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders so many times. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed about it & the spirit took over & blurted out, "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then it was explained to me, why I could not prove to others, that God is real & is alive & well & in control. God tells us to prove all spirits. He also says that those who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand Him & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, 2 Corinthians 4:4.

God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do. So to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray diligently, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change, unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He does love & believes in you.

Open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1. The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory. So again, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as He answers all who call on His name & the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined, to worship Him; in spirit, love & truth.

No matter where you are at, what age you are, what you have, or haven't done in life, God wants to hear from you as He is real, He is knowable & reachable He is patient, He is waiting, He is listening & He loves you, so come to Him boldly. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, Romans 8:38-39. Call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does indeed love you & wants you as part of His eternal Kingdom, with Him.