Just Checking In

One day around noon, a church minister was startled to see confronted the man on his pattern of noon-hour conduct. a rough-looking man enter the church sanctuary and make his way down the aisle towards the altar. The minister followed the haggard man, wondering what his intentions could be and observing that man's hair was unkempt, his face was unshaven, his shirt was shabby and his coat was frayed. As he approached the altar, the worn man knelt, bowed his head, paused, softly spoke a few words, then arose and walked away.

The minister's anxiety was quieted. . . until the next day, when the whole regimen repeated itself. The preacher's suspicions grew with every passing day, as the tough, old man came in consistently at the same time, knelt just for a moment at the altar and walked out with his lunch pail in

Concerned about the potential of a robbery, the pastor

Gruffly, the man of God said, "What are you doing here?"

The old man gently replied, "I work just down the road. They give me half an hour for lunch - not long enough, really, but I us my lunchtime to get my strength and power back. So, I come here. I stay for only a few moments, because that's all the time I have! I just come and kneel at the altar and talk to my Lord. I tell Him:

'Hey, Lord! I just came in to tell You again how happy I've been ever since we found each other and you took away my sin. I really don't know how to pray, but think of you each day - so, Jesus, this is Jim checking in today!""

Feeling embarrassed because of his earlier suspicions, the minister told Jim that he was welcome to come in and pray anytime.

"Thanks!" said Jim. "I got to go!" and he hurried out the

Alone, the pastor knelt at the altar, unlike any time he had ever done before and he met Jesus there. As the tears flowed, his cold heart melted. He was warmed with divine love, as he quietly prayed:

'Hey, Lord! I just came in to tell You again how happy I've been ever since we found each other and you took away my sin. I really don't know how to pray, but think of you each day - so, Jesus, I am just checking in!""

About a month later, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come in to pray. It was past noon. He wondered what had happened. Several days passed - still no Jim. The pastor worried even more.

Finally, he went to Jim's workplace and enquired about him. He learned that Jim was seriously ill and had to be hospitalized. He rushed over to see him.

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worked on his ward. But the medical staff was concerned about him. The head nurse was convinced that he was in denial and couldn't sustain his joy. She complained that he had not received any flowers, phone calls or cards - and no visitors ever came.

The minister came to Jim's bed and voiced the nurse's concern. Surprised, the tired man smiled as he spoke, "They've got it all wrong! 'Cause everyday at noon, He is here! My dear friend, He sits down, takes me by the hand, leans over and says to me:

'Hey, Jim! I just came in to tell You again how happy I've been ever since we found each other and you let me take away your sin. I always love it when you pray! I think of you each and every day! So, Jim, this is Jesus - just checking in!""

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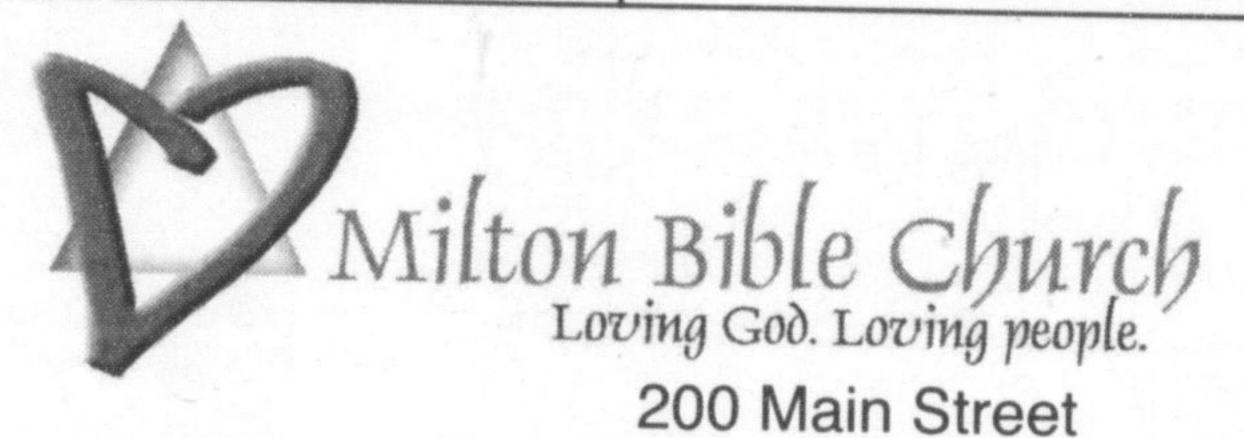
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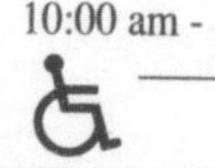
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