

Proverbs 14:12 (Richard "Dick" Gorgas) 207547

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OK, why do we pray when we start a meeting? Yes. Asking the word of God is what else? Anybody else know a good reason to pray when we start a meeting? That's a very good answer, very good answer. Why do we have to ask him to try this? Can we just think about it, Decide what would be best ourselves? You think that would be a good idea? All right. Beg your pardon? Everybody wouldn't be doing the same thing. Or would be doing the same thing. Well, do you really think we know what everybody needs? You know, who knows? The Lord knows that's right, so we asked him, don't we? Let's do that, shall we? So we ask him, and we'll ask him to bless him if his word, because it is His word, all right. Your turn to fix for me. Let me see. Junior, I think your hand was up first, but I'm not sure what number 10. OK #10. All right, #10. Oh, that's another favorite of mine. Because it's probably about 100. And let me see how many papers in line are in here. Probably about 100 favorites of mine in here. What not quite often, almost all, almost all #10 round us throw the body in heaven without any children's favorite children. Children's things are all for again as well as they have the hands from training and King of Glory. Oh my God. Well, if you're saying it's a little. UH-100 And that's where I'm on the side and so bright and clear. Where all this is my joy and one of those came to the middle of the grandparents and said anything more. UH-100 eighty 183 dollars. Thank you very much. You guys have been able to supply, you know, the blondes have a lot of wedding and everything. It's not worth it. That's what I'm trying to learn from Devils and White and I'm pleading against anything. Laundry. Laughter. Laundry doing heavenly bra. Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha. Uh, the last verse. I want you to do something very different. We have some friends here from another country, you know, and uh, they know how to sing that hymn in another language. And on the last verse, instead of singing, singing glory, glory, glory be to God on high, we're going to sing it in Spanish and they'll help us very much back there because they know it. And we'll send Canton, Gloria, Gloria. Hallelujah. Santo. Dios. OK, Canton. Gloria. Gloria. Hallelujah. Santos. Dios. All right, you listen back there that I'm singing with you, and then they'll help you on the last verse, All right? So on Earth, Grace. On earth, they lost his name. So let me know if I'll send them praying before. All of them and constant glory to God beyond. No. How'd you know that, Junior? You've done it before. Oh, OK Everybody did that very well. Did they, Mr. S Sam? You know Spanish. Was that all right? All right. Did Mr. Little sing it? All right, too? I can hear him. Oh, OK All right. All right. Another one. Yes. Seven. All right. 7/7.

I don't know if I know this one real well, but Mr. Hasley will help me if I get a little bit track and his name shall be wonderful. Umm, I can be gone today. Thank you. I don't think it's been very big pain. You are taking care of yourself. In the afternoon in front of the kids was like so much of life supply of the community. I'm not going to ask you to do it the end of the day. I don't know. God, that's great. It didn't get riding and they didn't give them a wonderful. Name. Now, we have many girls here this morning, but there's some, so we're going to take one from a girl. Now, boys really must be outnumbering the girls here this morning. Any any, uh, girls that have one Girls. Girls. I mean, girl wants to him. They don't, they don't want to stay at you. Oh, you can put your hands up. OK, we'll send that. No girl put his hand up. So we'll have to do what? When? 88. All right? 88 is a very interesting number. Do you know what 88 always makes me think of? Something else? Either what what has 88 keys? Right, the 80s on the piano, OK, number 88 there once was a while ago. They had to make time in the last three minutes and many thoughts was the same in the hospital and they said so light bring him through to me. Wednesday, I'm going to receive UMM and which we have never been good. Wildlife alone in the evening was my hair and I'll be having. When Jesus was rising up by him, it is like just some way, as I did, turn around. Uh, why? I said. We don't need anything? Of my life. I'm not. Umm, I'm getting like this. They go through making a room for whatever you want to do today. In love with you in the last year of life here you're going to do. And I'm very beautiful. I have anything happened pretty. That was good. I mean, I have to tell you, very, somewhat embarrassing story, but a funny story, I think, which was I used to be very afraid of Mr. Clarence on Dean years ago. I don't know, just he's scared. And one time he came to our house and we had little children and we lived in Norway. And Mr. Lundeen took one of our children, or maybe two of them, and put him on his big knees. You know, he's a tall man. He bounced them up and down and taught them that song, and I've never been afraid of Mr. Lundeen after that. All right. Sometimes you get afraid of people. Sometimes you don't need to take, you know? Face Afraid to be this man. Yes or no? 52 All right. Jesus loves me and I go for the unbelievable now. And so let's go once you can play all the time, please. But I believe in the strongest one. He has made his life so long as they.

Are in the front screen. Yeah. Yeah. And we still have anything wrong? Bye. Bye. Do you hear me? Oh my God. At the bottom of the. Business block the city blocked by his own 1000 days of. His brother's love may be made anything. Well, thank you so much for being sorry to give me a little bit, it had replied. And it was my Christmas and you know I die Thai. Do you have anything to go out? And maybe maybe tomorrow? Umm. Yeah, you didn't need to try to pull out today. God made me He died. He died from sleeping. Throat of thy womb. Scout dreams, you know. I go into the jail every week and. Talk to the men there about the Lord Jesus I. And uh, you have a nice two hour time due to English and then on Monday we have a nice two hour time in Spanish with them. And you know what the favorite song of the men in jail is? Of the men who come to meetings in jail. I should put it that way. And it's not just where I go, but everywhere they tell me those who work in jail ministry tell me that it's the same in every jail. You know what it is? You think you know No. Yes, Jesus loves me. You know that such is my heart because that tells me that when you teach your child that when they're young, they may get far away from God, but it still sticks in their mind. That's why we like your children to sing these songs and learn to mind you're young. Because we know the spirit of God can bring that out of your memory and use it for blessing in your heart. I hope none of you end up in jail. I hope that. But remember that Jesus loves you. That's a wonderful thing to know, isn't it? Jesus Christ. Well, now I think we have time for one more song before the story that I have in mind in the Scripture. Let me see. We owe a girl a girl. I can't believe it. Alyssa, what would you like to say? 94 She was the same. All right, that's fine. We've got a girl. Oh, another one that. Favor, isn't it? Let's just stand up for a 7 digit stretch all right, and and get it for a few minutes after that. All right. And we'll sing this standing up. Oh, what? Cotton Claws away right there.

But thank God for it. Nothing but the Lord Jesus. Longing because I am hard. I've done nothing but the blood. Don't give love. Oh, right now. By the body and the world. Nothing but the blood mountain. Of all night, I don't know nothing but the bloody love. Whoa. The branches are standing up above the heart. Makes me lying. That's. No, no, no. I'll turn 1009 thousand 9000. Nothing but the blood. Nothing. Blah blah blah. All right, you can. Down. Now I have a question about a reward. You want to send the voice up? Uh, rolling. Do you want to come up? I like children up front. Besides, they get a chance to surprise. I might have in my pocket. Now here's my question. What? Verse. In the Bible. Is so important for us? What verse in the Bible is so important that we've got some more girls up here too? That's nice. All right. One verse in the Bible is so important. That God says it twice in a short time as a couple of things. A couple of answers you could give me on that, but there's one I'm looking for, if you can think of the one I'm looking for. I have a prize in my pocket for you. No, I don't think that's twice. That's not wrong. I don't think that's twice in in the Bible. There's a verse that's twice in the Bible, right within two chapters of one another. Giving another hint right within two chapters and it's so important. It's what I want to talk about this morning. Oh dear, dear, dear. You kids aren't lazy like I was when I had to learn a verse. I once cheated and told my father that I had learned a verse and I had learned it. A terrible thing to do. That was scriptural thing and all that. I did it. I told my father I learned another verse and I really just found out that it was twice in the Bible and I said it twice. You know, he wasn't too pleased. He made me learn five more because of that. Did that, But I've never forgotten the first. What is the verse? You know, It starts out with the word there, there. I know, Mr. Conrad says. I mean, they ask him, because I'm not going to give him a prize, even if he's dead. Katie, you know? I don't know what the names are out here, but I know a few. What's yours, Tim? That's why you wanted to burst out of Timothy. All right, that's good. That's good. But what is this person starts out there is. There it is. Julie, you know.

Can't quite hear. Could you say it a little louder? Now you know the reference one of the two references. Probably all right. Uh, Proverbs 14 and verse 12. Look it up. You know, I found out an important thing. And again, I want to tell you about working in the jail. I found a very important that people read verses for themselves in the Bible. If they know how to read, it's very, very important because otherwise. It doesn't seem to impress. Looking up read it to me. So I want somebody to look it up. Truly you get the price. Whole dollar. There's not much today, but there you go. Proverbs 14:12. That's the first time. That's the first time to sit there. All right, you read it. You had your hand up. You had your place. Read it. Stand up and read what all you when the Lord Jesus read the word of God in Luke chapter 4. And said he stood up for to reach. So let's follow his example. Right. The end thereof are the ways of death. Now somebody turned to Proverbs 16 and verse 25. All right, you had your hand up. What's your name? You're Tim also two times here, OK? Pin number one stand up and pin number 2 will tell you if you read it right. 16:25 but the good loud voice. Ma'am. But the end, therefore the other way to get. The end there up are the ways of death. There is a way that seems right. Let's all read it together out loud so that it impresses itself once. There is a way that seems right under a man, but the end thereof on the way of death. So now I'm going to tell you a story that some of the children know already, that I'm going to tell you anyway. Years ago. And uh, our daughter Peggy was 11 years old. We climbed the mountain. I'll bring you Adirondack Mountain, New York, anybody who can ever go to the Adirondack Mountains. Oh, it's a very beautiful place. If you ever, ever went there, you should go. Jon Stewart's been there, I know that. And uh, we climbed up a mountain called Ampersand Mountain. 3 1/2 mile uh, Trail and pretty rough. It's one of the roughest in the Adirondack Mountains. Uh, the climate. This is the highest mountain. Mount Marcy is the highest. But Ampersand is worth 1800 and some feet I believe. And. Almost a Mile High and it's a hard thing to climb. It gets very slippery in places and you have to pull yourself up with roots and it's not an easy one to do. Maybe I was getting old enough that I shouldn't have done it, I don't know. But we started out late in the afternoon and it was our children and he didn't go because he wanted to stay fish. He prefers fishing. But the rest of us all went up and we climbed up the mountain. And we got up there late in the day and I was tired when we got to the top. I needed to rest a while. And it's beautiful. When we got up there we could see down a little lake and see all the the. We could even see the boys find it anyway. They could see mother out on the dock. I don't know if you really could from that high up, but they were sure they saw Mother on the dock and they we were just had a wonderful time up there. Nice breeze blowing over the top of the rocks and it was a beautiful view. I was even thinking about how it must have been for Moses to go up on Mount Pisgah and look and see the promised land, you know, just such a beautiful scene. And finally I looked at my watch. Now it's going to be dark pretty soon. And we organized everybody that said, don't get ahead, everybody stay together, going down.

Taking sneakers weren't quite dry and. She, uh, was drying her socks and her sneakers and finally we got organized and we started down. And of course you can't stop some boys when they get started going down the mountain, you know, it's hard to stop them. They go way ahead of us. He was tired ***** this very She was, uh, just pokey that day. And so we started on down the hill down the mountain. Pretty soon we were winding down and came to a place where it was hard to tell which way to go. Now, they have very good things up there in the Adirondack Mountains. They have little red discs of metal that they hammer on the trees so you don't make a mistake or a blue one or whatever trail you're taking. If you're taking the blue trail, you can follow these blue disks. But what do you think happens? Bad boys had what? What's wrong with Yeah, but you know why some bad boys have taken the the girls. I don't know. When they've been paying girls. I kind of think it was bad boys. But anyway, they they took the discs off and we could not tell which way to turn. Look, this way looks like a trail. And that way looked like a trail. Well, I looked at it. Said the Peggy. That one seems like the way the right way to go. Is that a good idea? What should I have done? And I'm having your right eye to pray. I should have prayed. But instead I was thinking, you know, I figured out, you know, I thought this. I remember coming up past this tree. Oak trees look the same after a while, so I can't. We started on down. It looked real nice. Nice pack. It went down much faster than I thought. We had come up. And all of a sudden, the past disappeared. No pad. And I turned around and said right at all the X1 back up there, but I think we made the wrong turn. We were about a half a mile down from where we had started and I couldn't even be sure where the path was behind this and immediately, what verse of scripture do you think I thought of? That's right. I thought about that verse that we were talking. That's talking about there is a way that seems right. It seemed right to me, Didn't seem wrong. I wouldn't take it if it seemed wrong, would I? It seemed right. But you know, it could have been a way of death. It could have been a way of death in the end. Well, now I thought, well, I got to go down the mountain and it doesn't matter whether I'm off the trail or not. It's better than trying to climb back up because it's too hard to climb and I'm tired and I don't know if I can make it. What are we going to do? What should we do? And so I thought, maybe the children didn't get too far ahead. And so I called out with all my strength, with all my mighty as loud as I could call. What do you think? I called out? No. Michael. What? Oh, well, that's part of the story. You've heard this story. He got ahead of me by a little bit here, but what did I call out? Do you think that I called out I give a lot of money to the Red Cross? I'm on the board of the church. No, I don't do a lot of bad things. Do you think I shouted that out? Oh dear. Oh. I'm lost, I called out. Lost. Loud as I could. Now, Michael, you tell us what happened after that. Did anybody answer me? What did I what answered me? Coyotes. You're right. I feel like you're here with the Coyotes answering me.

And that's terrible thing. I think that you're lost. You know the Bible doesn't use the word unsaved sometimes. I think although one place you mentioned we are not saved. But I think the Bible word for being unsaved is what? What's the Bible word? That's one more Yes, there's nothing wrong with that. Lost, lost, lost. But we don't like the sound of that word, so we take. He doesn't say, but what we really mean is these lost lots. Well, doesn't that word have a normal sound for it? I'm lost. I'm lost. And you know, I just put a terror in my heart in a way to pull that out. Lost. Look, all I could hear was. Coyotes answer this. Well pretty soon the I thought, you know I got to find the and here's a good tip for you guys when you go hiking, If you go hiking and you never get lost and you're on a mountain or any high even ground to follow a river or a brook because they all go down and they all you won't go around in circles. You may go a long way doing it, but you won't get lost that way because they go right down eventually. River leads to another river or to a lake. That's where usually there's some civilization. So we found a broker and I tried walking alongside of it that there were briars and they ripped our trousers, my legs and I was so tired. Pretty soon it got so bad. What do you think I had to do? I had to walk right in the the brook, right in the brook, and the rocks were slippery and I fell. In the cold icy water and I began to be worried because I knew that being so tired and in my 40s that probably. If I fell another time, I might break my leg. And then what would Peggy do? She couldn't carry me, that's for sure. And I didn't say anything to her, but I was really worried. Finally the the briars on the side disappeared and it was forest. It's very dangerous forest up there and people get lost every year out there. And I knew we were lost and I thought we'd never find it. They'll never find this. They'll climb out of the water and again and there's a little clearing and we went and sat down on the log and I said, Pecky, let's pray again. And you know, I thought it was another nice verse than it's some 50 and verse 15. Psalm 50 and verse 15. Somebody find that quickly for me, yes. Let's see you read one. You never didn't read 1 yet, did you? All right, let's let him read. You wouldn't mind dealing to him, would you? That's nice. Well, let me tell you and call upon me in the day of trouble I have delivered to you. And now I'll start working. Call upon me in the day of trouble. Was that a day of trouble? You're a better believer. In the day of trouble. I will deliver these. Thou shalt glorify me. But you know, I did a thing that I don't want to do. I felt absolutely asleep while we were praying. Now Peggy realizes something was really, seriously wrong because Daddy was so tired and fell asleep while we were praying. And I was praying out loud and I fell asleep. Sitting on that block. Peggy started to cry. And she says, Daddy, when we never get out, will we ever get out of here? Could I promise her we would get out. All I could say to her is the Lord is living. Lord, suddenly I lifted my eyes up and the sun was setting, getting dark and cold, and it goes down into 40s there, you know? Uh, even in the summertime, in the low 40s, and sometimes even down to freezing on that mountain at night. We didn't have any clothes on for that. No place to hide. Suddenly I lifted up my eyes There. What do you think? I saw the sun shining on something. Well, since you know the answer, I'm going to see if he knows first. All right, What?

No, Katie. Saw the sun shining on the roof. Metal roof of the cabinet. OK, wonder what that is? So we. The last ounce of sprinkling climbed up a little hill and there was 100 cabins. Oh, thank you. The word for that cat. But I didn't know where it was. Not in the middle of nowhere. And what else was wrong. It was, surely. Purely locked. Well, the children arrived back home and mom finally called the state police. And they were organizing a search party to come look for me and. They, uh, Keith was going to go look for me too, and they sounded the sirens on the police cars to try to give him some sound where we were, where they were and uh. Coyotes answered the the sirens the same way they answered me. But finally I realized, well, we're gonna get through the night. I better kick open the store and with all my night, I broke the door. Now that isn't a good idea to do somebody's house, but this is on state property and it was an emergency and we didn't write them and walk in and fix it for them. Afterwards they said no. That happens every once in a while. We're happy to do this there, but we got in. And build a fire. The Lord provided fire uh wood in there and papers, newspapers and uh. We had our clothes were all wet and ripped and everything. We laid down the revenge and mattresses in the hunters cabins and we slept in and the next morning we set out if there's some coffee that was even in there. I got some fresh water out of the brook and made some coffee and put some sugar in it so we have some strength and. We decided to set out again. Now we had a choice. I heard some trucks over this way. And here was the river going this way. So we had to decide what to do. And I was mighty tired of walking in that river and so I decided it would be nice to go the noise in the truck. So I let Peggy decide. She says let's follow the noise in the trucks. So we did and ended up on the road. And then I tried to hitchhike back. But you know, people see a madman come out of the forest grip, his legs bleeding and. Beard on him and a little girl with him. He thinks that it must be a madman that that uh, kidnapped the little girl so. Truck drivers just went right on five without even stopping. Finally, a lady stopped, and she not. I just like the word for that Lady that she stopped. She took us into her car and explained what happened. She says, oh, you must be the ones at the state police are looking for. So she heard it on the radio and we stopped the highway department's truck and he radioed to the state police and told them we were safe. We got back. And what do you think? The first thing we did when we got back to Mrs. Gorgas was in the children. What do you think the first thing we did with? Right. What did we do? We glorified the Lord. Because he delivered us well, I thought you might be interested in that story, and uh, even I'm sorry you had to hear it again. But uh, because they've heard it these times before. But uh, isn't that wonderful how the Lord teaches us out of experiences like that, That there is a way that seems right into a man, but the end thereof are the ways of God? Telling you that story is don't trust your own way to get to heaven, doing what seems right to your construction where Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and be like. There are few Sunday school papers on the table. We don't have enough for any everybody, so if you take one for a family, I think there should be enough. Umm, there is coffee available downstairs so those can get this morning. And I'm drinking it from all of them. I'll drink it at 10:45. So I'm going to go to that 25 minutes, United everyone or in that sink a little early. And launch is scheduled for about 12:15 12/20 today, so.

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