



# *Seymour Sayings*

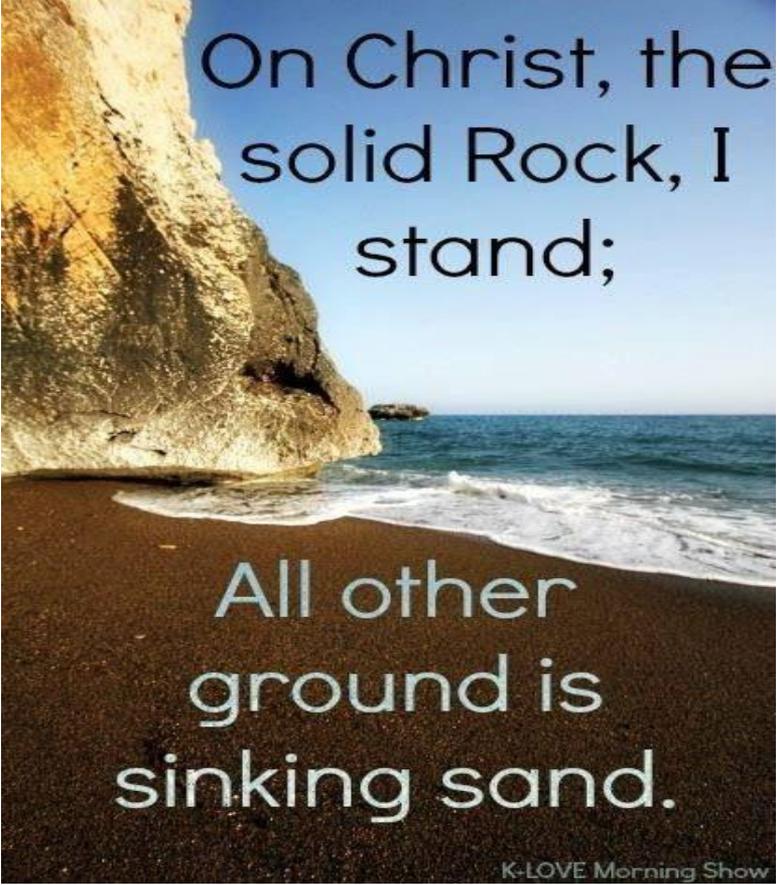
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Seymour, TN 37865

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On Christ, the  
solid Rock, I  
stand;

All other  
ground is  
sinking sand.

K-LOVE Morning Show

# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## DON'T BE AFRAID TO THINK

Halford Luccock was a preacher and teacher in the mid 20th century and a professor at Yale Divinity School. In one of his books, he made the following startling comparison. "Moslems, upon entering a mosque, remove their shoes. Christians, upon entering the church building, often leave their minds outside."

I do hope Luccock is wrong, but my experience tells me that he is not. Many people apparently find it easier to merely accept what they are told than to do the hard work it takes to examine the evidence, consider the possibilities, and think their way through to a sound, biblical conclusion.

This is not to say that we are to trust in human wisdom. The Scriptures are clear on this point. Jeremiah warns that the wise man should not glory in his wisdom (Jer. 9:23). Just a chapter later, he said, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself. It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23). God reminded us through Isaiah that His thoughts are always higher than our thoughts (Isa. 55:9).

These verses, however, do not preclude thinking. The same Bible that contains these verses encourages an open, honest examination of Scripture. The Bereans were praised for their fair-minded, reception of the Word and for daily searching what they had to heard to verify that it was true (Acts 17:11). Paul was certainly not afraid to use sound reasoning in talking with people about spiritual matters (Acts 19:8; 24:25).

Christianity should be viewed as a thinking man's religion. Truth has nothing to fear from investigation--honest or otherwise. It has stood the test of careful scrutiny in the past and has not been diminished by it one wit. God gave us Bibles and minds, and He expects us to use them both.

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# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—**John McBroom** had a cat scan recently to find the reason for some pain he has been having. The results were inconclusive, though some things were ruled out. Another scan is scheduled for two months out. . . **Jim Husband** is to have another procedure on his back this coming Wednesday. . . . **Sherry Fritts**, a co-worker with Trish Curtis, has requested prayers for her sister who has cancer. . . . Please keep the following in your prayers: **John & Dot Fitch, Jody Miller, and Gerrand Kinzalow.**

**STATS FOR LAST WEEK**—Bible Study, 50; Morning Worship, 76; Evening Worship, 58; Contribution, \$1,305. Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 38.

**PANTRY ITEMS**—This week's pantry items are mandarin oranges and canned apples.

**HEATHER FLEENOR RESPONDS**—Last Sunday evening, Heather Fleenor responded to the invitation. She asked that we pray for her to accept God's forgiveness and live victoriously.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—A Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday evening, October 26. After an abbreviated service, our elders will give a report to the congregation and listen to any comments the congregation has. A finger-food fellowship will follow.

**TEACHERS' MEETING**—There will be a meeting this afternoon for all active and prospective teachers. See you at 4:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

**COAT GIVE AWAY**—Our annual coat give away will be Saturday, October 25. Larger size coats are still needed. The beginning time is 9:00 a.m.

**ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING**—Tuesday evening, October 21, at 7:00 p.m.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, October 19**

A.M.—“Women In the Church” (Galatians 3:26-29)

P.M.—“Do You Love You?” (Mathew 22:34-40)

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Jason LaFollette	Jason LaFollette
Bible Reading	Larry Perry	
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Whitaker	John McBroom
Preside at Lord's Table:	Jim Husband	Jeff Whitaker
Serving at Lord's Table	To Be Determined	
Closing Prayer:	Keith McCord	Rusty Curtis

Wednesday: *Devotional, John McBroom; Prayer, Rusty Curtis*  
*Singing, Jason LaFollette*

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**Services: Sunday—9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday—7:00 p.m.**

### **DON'T BE AFRAID TO THINK**—*continued from page 2*

In a practical way, this means that we must encourage, and not discourage, thinking and questioning in the church. We must not automatically look with suspicion upon those who are searching for answers to difficult questions. Rather, we should offer ourselves as fellow searchers after truth.

It also means that we will personally devote our minds to discovering truth, and that we will pay the price in time and effort to know it. We must accept God's Word as our polar star, but we must also realize that faith which is afraid to think and investigate will never be adequate.