

LIVING FAITH !

Dead or Alive?

Back on September 25th, 1999, a forty seven year old woman **named Joan Murray** went skydiving. Unfortunately, on that day, Murray's parachute failed to open after she jumped from a plane that was flying at an altitude of fourteen thousand five hundred feet. Murray's secondary parachute also failed to deploy, which led to Murray crashing into a fire ant mound at more than eighty miles per hour. These fire ants did not waste any time attacking her unconscious body before she was rushed to the hospital. According to doctors, the fire ants shocked Murray's heart into beating in addition to stimulating her nerves. By attacking Murray, the fire ants were helping to preserve her body until she reached a hospital. Murray was in a coma for two weeks and several operations had to be performed on her, but she survived thanks to those fire ants.

Christmas eve 1971 - **Juliane Koepcke** was flying over the Peruvian rainforest with her mother when her plane was hit by lightning. She survived a two-mile fall and found herself alone in the jungle, just 17 found by lumber workers.

Mathew Croucher – in Afghanistan threw himself on a grenade but only got a nosebleed.

Alexis Goggins – 7 year old suffered 5 gunshot wounds when she stepped in between a crazy boyfriend and her mom.

Vesna Vulovick – flight attendant when bomb went off on plane – fractured skull both broken legs, 3 broken vertebrae after falling 3 minutes then crashed into a frozen mountainside. In a coma 3 days and paralyzed from the waist down.

June 10, 1990 British Airways Flight 5390 – Pilot sucked outside the plane **Tim Lancaster** rode down to earth for 20 minutes with frostbite while his co-pilot held onto his legs.

James 2

Matt 7

Internal vs External

Internal – love, worship, hunger, obedience

External - witness, attend church, give \$, serve,

FRUIT - the sweet, appealing product and mature proof, useful for consumption.

the botanical definition of “fruit” is very specific. A fruit is a mature, ripened ovary which is able to reproduce after its own kind.

Motivation vs production

Evidence –

Cold Case – an unsolved investigation which remains open pending the discovery of new evidence.

Forensic - the application of scientific detailed, microscopic, methods and techniques to the investigation

A Witness of evidence has seen first hand or personally experienced an actual fact or event.

SYMPTOMS – indication of something bigger - a physical or mental feature which is regarded as indicating a condition of disease, particularly such a feature that is apparent to the patient.

Gal 5 –

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”[b] 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever[c] you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

Are we motivated by Loving Jesus or Pleasing Jesus

James 2 is NOT about Salvation...

Salvation demonstrated by works VS Salvation earned by works

Eph 2:8,9

The wake up call....

Ezekiel 37 – Valley of dry bones

The dead come to life

1967 Israel reborn as a nation after 2500 years in exile