

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone. —Shannon L. Alder

*Listen my children and you shall hear, / Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the 18th of April in '75; / Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.*

A teacher read this familiar verse to his class one day and some students were able to identify it as the first verse of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, *Paul Revere's Ride*.

Then the teacher read the last four lines of the poem:

*In the hour of darkness and peril and need, / The people will waken and listen to hear
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed, / And the midnight message of Paul Revere.*

The teacher's question this time was, "What was the name of Paul Revere's horse?" He had the students read the entire poem and no one could come up with an answer. The reason? Despite the references to the horse in the poem's 13 verses, its name is never mentioned.

The point to the teacher's exercise was that while Paul Revere got all the acclaim for spreading his message, an unknown horse made a significant contribution by taking him where he wanted to go.

When a professional racer wins the Indianapolis 500, few people can name those who designed and built the car that brought the driver to victory or the mechanics who maintained it.

So it is with us. At some point in our lives, we all have received support and encouragement from some unsung friend, conscientious teacher or loving parent. And we still do even today.

No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.

—Adapted from various internet sources

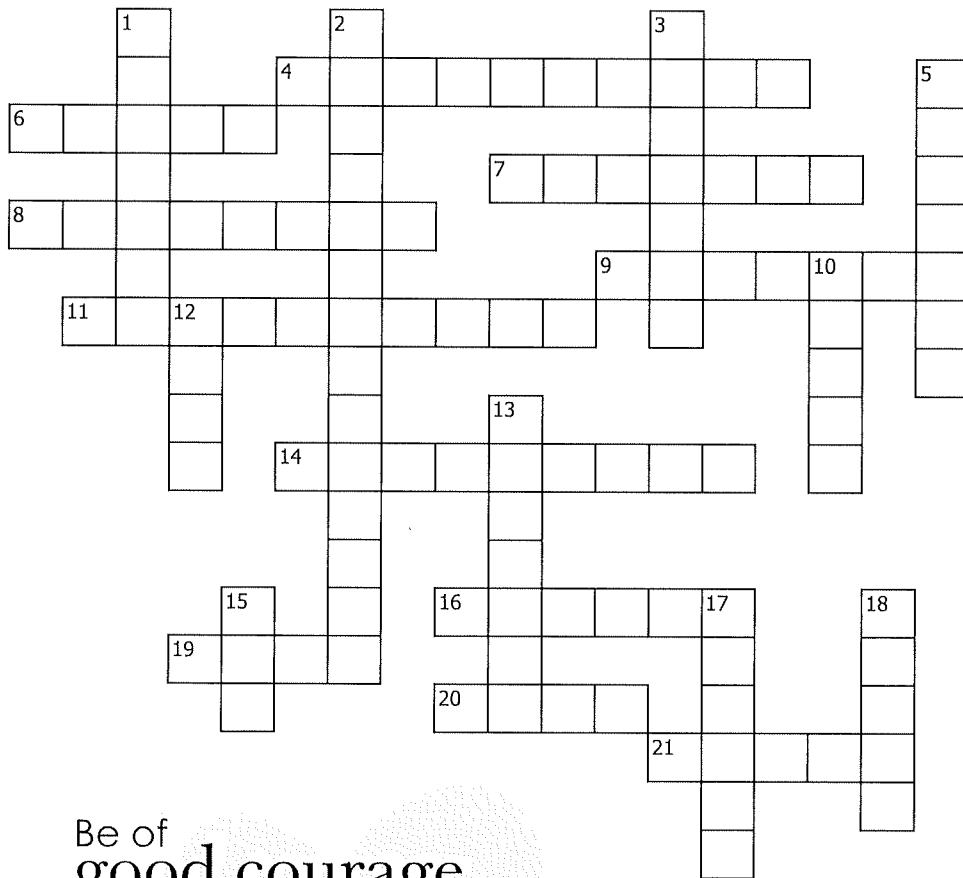
Prayer: Thank you, O God, for supporting me through life, and I give you thanks for the countless people in my past and those in my present, who have helped and assisted me through difficult times. In Jesus' name. Amen.


Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Matthew 8-11
- Monday:** Matthew 12-15
- Tuesday:** Matthew 16-19
- Wednesday:** Matthew 20-22
- Thursday:** Matthew 23-25
- Friday:** Matthew 26-28
- Saturday:** Psalms 4-6

DANIEL, A SERVANT OF GOD

In the book of Daniel, we read of a young man who was extremely gifted and also committed to serving God, no matter how difficult the challenges. Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



CLUES

1. Shadrack was thrown into this, 3:20
2. A king who went mad, 4:33
3. A friend of Daniel, 1:6
4. Saw handwriting on the wall, 5:9
5. Daniel's weeks, 9:24
6. Persian king, 10:1
7. Interpreter of Daniel's vision, 8:16
8. One of three friends, 3:19
9. Capital city of Chaldea, 1:1
10. What the den was full of, 6:16
11. Daniel's menu preference, 1:12
12. Animal with horn between its eyes, 8:5
13. A chief prince, 10:13
14. One of the last kings of Judah, 1:1
15. Number of horns on the fourth beast, 7:7
16. The Mede king, 5:31
17. The king made one for the people to worship, 3:14 (NRSV)
18. A word on the wall, 5:27
19. The second of four beasts, 7:5
20. Feet of ..., 2:33
21. What was cut from the mountain, 2:45 (NRSV)

Be of
good courage
and he shall
strengthen
your heart.

Psalm 27:14