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### **Care Letter for January 19, 2020**

#### **Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42**

***If God calls us to a task, God will then qualify us for the job. –Jack Hyles***

Most of the readers of HomeTouch are retired — or at least not working because of age or some physical limitation. But still, we all know what a job description is. This is a document which defines the duties of the job for which we were hired. Do you have a job description now? Probably not. Yet, if we consider ourselves employed in the service of the King of Kings, we do have a job, and with it, we have a job description, don't we? I've have noticed over the years, however, that some people worship their job description to such a degree that they will not do anything outside of what the job description says they should do. And this brings me to an old fable. In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many people loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone out of the way. A peasant then came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. Here's the thing: The Lord expects us to be ready to serve whatever the circumstances. This means that we may need to do things that are not always expected of us. And yet, sometimes, the obstacles we encounter may be astounding opportunities for growth.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Thank you, O God, for giving me opportunities to go above and beyond what is expected. Help me to look for moments when I can share your love with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*We are praying for you and wishing you a good week!*

**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

### Verse to Remember

*"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'  
 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of  
 the living God.'"*

—Matthew 16:15-16

**Can you do this in two minutes?**

Here are 10 short words, all with the letter F in them. Can you unscramble them in two minutes? That's about 11 seconds per word. Try it!

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tefe \_\_\_\_\_

hsfi \_\_\_\_\_

gofr \_\_\_\_\_

ofx \_\_\_\_\_

nfa \_\_\_\_\_

rouf \_\_\_\_\_

rokf \_\_\_\_\_

evfi \_\_\_\_\_

fcea \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPTY BOXES

Arrange the numbers 2 through 10 in the boxes so that each column, row and long diagonal add up to 18. One number is already given.

			Can you do this in two minutes? Fly, feet or fete, fish, frog, fox, fan, four, fork, five, face.
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			EMPTY BOXES: Top row: 9,2,7; Middle row: 4,6,8; Bottom row: 5,10,3.

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