And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you that you have brought so great a sin upon them? (Exodus 32:21).

Moses was delayed returning from the mountain where he was with God so back in the camp the people were getting restless. They went to Aaron and asked him to do the unthinkable. “Come, make us gods that shall go before us...”

Instead of refusing or objecting, Aaron told them to bring him their golden calf. And the people said of the calf, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt.” They gave the glory which belonged to God to an idol that could not see, hear nor move. No wonder, Moses was furious. And Aaron who should have known better was complicit in the matter. His excuse was, “You know the people, that they are set on evil (verse 22). He neglected to mention that it was his idea to build an altar which further led the people into apostasy.

Aaron had a choice to do what was right but he chose the easy way out. God would have destroyed him if Moses hadn’t interceded (Deut. 9:20). Don’t go along with the crowd. Stand up for what is right in God’s sight.

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. I want to take this opportunity to wish mothers and grandmothers around the world a Happy Mother’s Day.

As a mother, I am truly thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to care for and raise the child He has blessed my husband and me with. I am encouraged to train him up in the way that he ought to go so that when he is older, these teachings will be a part of him and will be passed on to his own children.

How do you plan to spend Mother’s Day this year? Whatever you decide to do, I hope it will be a fun, special and unforgettable day for you. Enjoy!

A. Butler
Vision Health

Vision Health Month is a national awareness campaign designed to educate Canadians about their vision health and eliminate avoidable sight loss across the country. Throughout the month of May, CNIB asks all Canadians to protect their families’ vision health, starting with getting regular eye exams from a Doctor of Optometry.

For more information visit: http://cnib.ca/en/get-involved/join-an-event/Pages/vision-health-month.aspx

CHILD MARRIAGE IN NIGER

If you were the parent of a 15 year old girl, would you give your permission for her to marry? Most likely not. Yet in Niger, many girls under 18 are getting married with their parents’ permission. These girls face life of abuse and they are forced to give up their dreams. Belita was 14 when a man asked her parents permission to marry her. They accepted. Belita was devastated. She had dreams of continuing her studies and becoming a teacher. She tried to make her parents change their minds but they refused. Belita was desperate. What was she going to do?

Read the rest of Belita’s story and find out how a chance encounter changed her life.

According to the 2015 UNICEF report, Niger ranks number one on the list of the ten worst places for child marriage. The most vulnerable to child marriage are girls who are poor, under educated and live in rural areas. Some of them lack the opportunity to go to school or are threatened and coerced. These girls experience domestic violence, rape, poor reproductive health and lower levels of education.

Take action to help these girls stay in school and avoid early marriage so that they can become healthy and productive adults. Girls should have the right to choose when they want to get married.

Sources: Walk Free; World Vision
The first time I ever heard of this Karen Abercrombie is when she played the amazing Miss Clara in the movie, The War Room. Her phenomenal portrayal of a woman of mountain moving faith helped to make the movie what it is.

The scene where Miss Clara is cheering in her kitchen about the Devil getting his butt kicked, that was what cinched the role for Karen. She was only in her 50s at the time but wore a wig and makeup to look older. In the scene of the movie when Miss Clara is showing Elizabeth the house, we see a photo of Clara and her husband. The photo was actually taken earlier that day when Karen wasn’t wearing the wig.

Karen is an actress, singer-songwriter and a Parents’ Choice Award winning storyteller. She has guest starred on several television shows such as Judging Amy, Ally McBeal, Saved By the Bell and Strong Medicine.

This Spring, Karen will star in a new movie called God’s Compass. She recently formed Handmaiden Entertainment, her own production company and is working on creating and producing family friendly entertainment with thought provoking, engaging and uplifting stories with good role models for children and teens.

To learn more about Karen visit her site at: http://www.karenabercrombie.com/#!/home/cy4j

James 1:19 offers this advice: “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...” A lot of times we do the opposite. We are quick to speak but slow to listen. I am guilty of that. This only causes things to quickly escalate. Decide which one of you is going to speak first. Then, the person should be given all the time needed to say what needs to be said while the other listens carefully. Don’t interrupt. Just listen. When it is your turn to speak, speak.

Another important thing to be mindful of is how we say something. We might not intentionally mean to upset our spouse but sometimes the way we say something ends up causing anger and resentment. Solomon tells us that a soft answer turns away wrath but a harsh word does the opposite (Proverbs 15:1, 2). We say what we have to say in such a way that it calms rather than aggravate the situation.

For more tips on better communication, check out this Bible Study at: www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-answers/keys-to-good-communication.htm
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