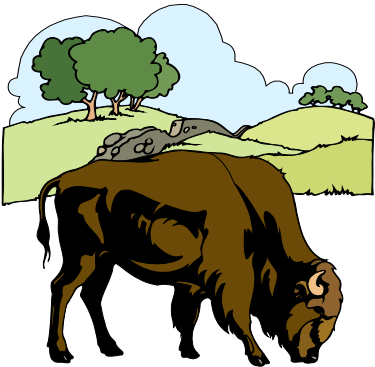


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"He opened for us a new
way, a living way . . ."

Hebrews 10:20



Check the Ground

Sam Renfro

I would like to share a personal story with you about something I just went through here at Buffalo Ridge. As most of you know we have quite a lot of grass that needs to be mowed regularly. The good Lord provided a wonderful zero-turn mower several years back in order to make that happen. It takes me about eight hours to complete the task. A few weeks ago while performing this needed function with the job not yet finished, the mower sputtered a couple times and died. This started a learning experience as well as an applicable life long lesson.

Not being much of a mechanic, (I do tinker and can take things apart with some success at putting them back together) I began to try to figure out the problem. Is it the starter? Is it the fuel pump? Maybe the battery? Possibly the relays have gone bad? After trying and replacing several of these parts still no luck. I was so frustrated I finally loaded it on a trailer and took it to a small engine repair shop. His diagnosis, "Something is wrong with it." Next I went to the local parts store to see if they have the right relays so I could replace them. Another knowledgeable gentleman at the parts store suggested a different plan of action. Once all was said and done I ended up back in the shop here at Buffalo Ridge with the mower still not operating.

Later that day however something wonderful happened. I was discussing the dilemma with Jim and in the process of showing him what was taking place. I turned the key to start the mower and it happened. No, it didn't start, but it did spark, big and bright. As I said I'm not a master mechanic but I know that a spark is important. Upon investigating the spark, I discovered the problem which involved more than just my many days and weeks mower problem. It's the problem that often creeps into our lives and causes us to no longer function properly. What I discovered was a loose ground wire. A poor connection to the source of power. All this time all that was required was a couple of turns with a small wrench! All the frustration, all the energy, all the effort expended while the whole time all that was needed was a better connection, a better ground.

How easily this translates into our lives. We will spend time, effort and energy. We will spend money, try to find solutions, work diligently even seek out everyone's advice and do everything "we" can to fix the problem. The simple truth is all we really need is a better connection to our Source of power! (John 15:4-7) We need to be better grounded to the One who can make us perform better and function correctly.

When it comes to small engines I know I will always start by checking the ground. When it comes to our lives my suggestion is for all of us to go *check the ground*. Being properly grounded changes everything!

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