



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

August 2, 2020

Devotional:----- Nathan Yoder

Message:----- Elmer Yoder

Offering:----- Missions

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 2 Thessalonians 2:15

**Intermediate Verse:** And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power. Colossians 2:10

**Junior Verse:** For we are His

workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

**Primary Verse:** Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. James 2:8

**Preschool Verse:** Be ye doers of the word. James 1:22

### ▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○ ▣

#### The Dog At The Well

A mother dog and her pups lived on a farm. On the farm, there was a well. The mother dog always told her pups never to go near or play around it.

One day, one of the pups was overcome by curiosity and wondered why they weren't allowed to go near the well. So, he decided he wanted to explore it.

He went down to the well and climbed up the wall to peek inside. In the well, he saw his reflection in the water but thought it was another dog. The little pup got angry when his reflection was imitating him, so he decided to fight it.

The little pup jumped into the well, only to find there was no dog. He began to bark and bark until the farmer came to rescue him. The pup had learned his lesson and never went back to the well again

**Moral: Always listen to what elders say and don't defy them.**

<https://momlovesbest.com/short-moral-stories-kids>

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Brotherhood Meeting Tues. Eve. 7:00 PM

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Happy Birthday! Aug. 4, Justin Miller 1994

Happy Birthday! Aug. 8, Ralph Yoder 1974

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### Father's Love Letter Devotional #4

#### *I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3*

The Hebrew word for familiar, *biyn*, means to be acquainted with or to intimately understand. Father God is familiar with all our ways, which means He is fully acquainted with us and He intimately understands all that we are and all that we do.

This thought of intimacy causes many of us to be very uncomfortable with God, for we are not even comfortable with ourselves. Our minds can't even comprehend this kind of depth of His intimacy and acceptance. He is familiar with all our ways, and yet He still desires to be our Father. This kind of love surpasses anything that we have ever experienced or anything that we could ever possibly hope for or imagine. However, it is a two way street.

Just as much as Father knows us, He wants us to begin to know Him, to become familiar (*biyn*) with all His ways. Father desires intimacy with His children. He sees us for who we really are, yet He loves us. He wants us to see Him for who He really is, and to allow Him to father us perfectly.

Jesus and the Father shared in this type of intimacy. In John 17:10, Jesus prayed these words to His Father, All I have is yours and all you have is mine. Theirs was an interaction of hearts that was completely given to each other without reserve.

When we receive Jesus Christ, we enter into the same relationship that Jesus has with His Father because we are now in Christ. Jesus died so we might share in this incredible relationship with His Father. Will we begin to yield all that we are over to the One who wants to give us all that He has?

I think we are getting the better end of the bargain! To become intimate, requires vulnerability. God understands our trepidation so that is why He risked first. He made the first move when He gave up everything He had to win our hearts. He emptied the bank when He sacrificed His only Son so that we might know Him.

Why not respond to this ultimate gesture of love by beginning to risk a deeper relationship with your Father? Intimacy with God begins with us lowering our defenses simply to allow God to into-me-see.

#### PRAYER

*Father I thank You for being familiar with all my ways. I believe that You intimately understand everything about me, yet You still love me unconditionally. Today I want*

*to begin to lower my own defenses and lay down my pre-conceived ideas of who you are. I want to know You Father. I want to begin to see into Your heart and to become familiar with all Your ways. In the name of your beloved Son, Jesus, I pray. Amen.*

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-4.html>

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### **Mission & Vision Statement Of: Calvary Christian Fellowship**

**Mission:** To realize our need of Christ.

To help one another on life's journey.

**Vision:** To surrender to Christ our Head, to walk in the Spirit, to love as Jesus loves.

To be a place where it's safe to share failures, struggles, hopes, and dreams.

To encourage, and empower one another to find God's purpose as we walk with Christ on our journey to Heaven.

To help the hurting find healing, and the lost experience salvation, in Christ.

To assist in physical needs among, and around us.