



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

October 25, 2020

Devotional:----- Joseph Weaver

Message:----- Ralph Yoder

Offering:----- School

Adult and Youth Verse: Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Acts 6:3

Intermediate Verse: For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him. 1 Samuel 1:27

Junior Verse: Help us, O Lord our God;

for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God. 2 Chronicles 14:11

Primary Verse: The Lord hath done great things for us. Psalm 126:3

Preschool Verse: The Lord hath done great things for us. Psalm 126:3

▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○ ▣

The Old Man In The Village

An old man lived in the village. He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world. The whole village was tired of him; he was always gloomy, he constantly complained and was always in a bad mood.

The longer he lived, the more bile he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words. People avoided him, because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnatural and insulting to be happy next to him. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others.

But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone started hearing the rumor: "An Old Man is happy today, he doesn't complain about anything, smiles, and even his face is freshened up."

The whole village gathered together. The old man was asked: Villager: What happened to you?

"Nothing special. Eighty years I've been chasing happiness, and it was useless. And then I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life. That's why I'm happy now."

Moral of the story: Don't chase happiness. Enjoy your life.

<https://wealthygorilla.com/best-short-moral-stories/>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ PTA Mon. Eve. 7:00 PM
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
- ✓ School devotions this week by: James Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Oct. 27, Kandace Yoder 2008

Happy Birthday! Oct. 29, Jan Yoder 1972

Devotional #15 of The Father's Love Letter

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me.

You are doing the things your own father does. We are not illegitimate children, they protested. The only Father we have is God himself. Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:41-44(NIV Bible)

Over the centuries, God has suffered a great injustice at the hands of those who claim to be the closest to Him. In Jesus' day, they were called Pharisees. They were Israel's religious leaders who misrepresented God to the Jewish people. They portrayed God as a legalistic, rule-bound entity that required performance instead of mercy, regulations instead of grace.

While some of these Pharisees had good intentions, many others had political ambitions and loved to be in the limelight. They used their spiritual influence to make others stumble as they blindly followed their spiritual leaders. Jesus loved the Pharisee as much as he loved the prostitute, yet it was the Pharisee who caused Him the most grief. It was the Pharisees whom Jesus rebuked openly with scorching words of warning, not the woman at the well.

In their delusions of grandeur, these leaders misled many because they masqueraded as God's children. Jesus made it clear that they were not God's children, but were in fact misrepresenting Him. Jesus came to dismantle all our misconceptions and to reveal what His Father was really like.

Jesus told his followers in John 14:9 Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. If you really want to know what Father is like, all you have to do is look at His Son. All of Jesus acts of compassion and kindness were pure expressions of his Father's true nature.

Today we find that many still struggle with misconceptions of God, especially as

Father. Some of us might have had God misrepresented to us by a modern day Pharisee, while others might have had an abusive or emotionally distant earthly father. The good news is that God is not like the Pharisees, and He is not a temperamental father, but is absolutely perfect in every way. And He loves us perfectly.

If you have had God misrepresented to you by somebody, I would encourage you to forgive those who have misled you. Whether they did so intentionally or not, by forgiving them, you break any unhealthy ties that you have with them and you open the door for God to show you what He is really like. He loves you and really is the Father you have been looking for all your life!

PRAYER

Father, I confess that people have misrepresented You to me in the past, but now I want to know You for Who You really are. I want to forgive those who have portrayed you falsely and I want to see You as You are, not as I thought You to be. I repent of every lie that I have believed about You. You are not an angry Judge or a legalistic Pharisee, but a loving Father. And You are my Father. Thank you for revealing your true nature to me through the life of Your Son Jesus. In the name of Your beloved Son Jesus I pray, AMEN.

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-15.html>

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.