



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

November 29, 2020

Devotional:----- James Yoder

Message:----- Michael Yoder

Offering:----- Alms

Adult and Youth Verse: Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Acts 12:5

Intermediate Verse: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Junior Verse: But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Daniel 2:28

Primary Verse: The Lord be with you. . . . The Lord bless thee. Ruth 2:4

Preschool Verse: Love ye therefore the stranger. Deuteronomy 10:19

▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○ ▣

GIVING WHEN IT COUNTS (Author Unknown)

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and said, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away? Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

The Apostle Paul once said "For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers..." (Romans 9:3) It may be difficult for us to understand how Paul could be willing to give up so much, even his own salvation so someone else could be saved. He and this little boy knew the true meaning of giving everything for the sake of another.

<https://www.kidssundayschool.com/gradeschool/stories/inspirational-stories-part-1>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ No school Wed. & Thurs.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Lee Miller

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Happy Birthday! Dec. 3, Dorcas Wagler 1990

Devotional #18 of The Father's Love Letter

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could.

Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV Bible)

Most fathers have a natural desire to give good gifts to their children. If their children ask for a fish, do they give him a snake? Of course not! If they ask for bread, will they give them a stone? No way! God, who is the Model Parent, has placed within each one the natural desire to father/mother our children.

While this may have been God's perfect plan before our fall in the Garden, today because of our sinful nature, and the sinful nature of those around us, our ability to express these parental instincts can become damaged or distorted in varying degrees. But the truth remains, whether we can express our love in tangible ways or not, that deep down within each one of us, we all carry in our heart a desire to give good gifts to our children.

I know that I have disappointed my own children on many occasions and will probably do so more in the future, yet with all my frailties and faults, there is nothing more that I want than to bless my children with good gifts. I really want them to have God's best in their lives because I am their father and I love them with my limited father's heart.

I believe that God has given each one of us parental instincts in order that we might identify in a small way with how He feels towards His creation. As the Perfect Father, His love is not marred by sin or tainted by selfish motives. While ours is a limited father's love, His is a limitless Father's love!

If we, though we are evil, want God's best for our children, HOW MUCH MORE does He want the best for us? Pull out a picture of your child out of your wallet and see if it makes you smile. Now think about the grin on your Heavenly Father's face when He looks at you!

If we could capture the natural affection that we feel towards our children and multiply it by infinity, perhaps then, we could begin to comprehend the incredible Father's heart that God has towards us. He wants to give us so much MORE than our

earthly parents ever could, if we would simply come to Him in childlike faith and ask Him!

PRAYER

Father, I confess that I have related to You, in the same way that I have related to my earthly father. I thought you would treat me the same way that my earthly father treated me. Help me to see the truth that You love me MUCH MORE than my earthly father ever could and you delight in giving me good gifts MUCH MORE than my earthly father ever could. So Father, I come to you today with my needs, because I know that You love me and want to give me good gifts! Bless me today Papa! In the name of Your beloved son Jesus I pray, AMEN.

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-18.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.