



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

January 17, 2021

Devotional:----- Brandon King
Message:----- Berea Mennonite Fellowship
Offering:----- General

Adult and Youth Verse: Nevertheless let everyone of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Ephesians 5:33

Intermediate Verse: And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:3

Junior Verse: Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. Matthew 15:25

Primary Verse: And he healed many that were sick. Mark 1:34

Preschool Verse: Thy faith hath made thee whole. Luke 8:48

□ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ □ ○ □

Eyes of My Father

A teenager lived alone with his father and the two of them had a very special relationship. The father believed in encouragement. Even though the son was always on the bench, his father was always in the stands cheering. He never missed a game.

This young man was the smallest of the class when he entered high school. His father continued to encourage him but also made it very clear that he did not have to play football if he didn't want to.

But the young man loved football and decided to hang in there. He was determined to try his best at every practice and perhaps he'd get to play when he became a senior. All through high school he never missed a practice or a game, but remained a bench warmer all four years. His faithful father was always in the stands, always with words of encouragement for him. When the young man went to college, he decided to try out for the football team as a "walk-on".

Everyone was sure he could never make the cut, but he did. The coach admitted that he kept him on the roster because he always puts his heart and soul to every practice and at the same time provided the other members with the spirit and hustle they badly needed. The news that he had survived the cut thrilled him so much that he rushed to the nearest phone and called his father.

His father shared his excitement and was sent season tickets for all the college games. This persistent young athlete never missed practice during his four years at college, but he never got to play in the game. It was the end of his senior football season and as he trotted onto the practice field shortly before the big play off game, the coach met him with a telegram. The young man read the telegram and he became deathly silent.

Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My father died this morning. Is it all right if I miss practice today?"

The coach put his arm gently around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son. And don't even plan to come back to the game on Saturday."

Saturday arrived and the game was not going well.

In the third quarter, when the team was ten points behind, a silent young man quietly slipped into the empty locker room and put on his football gear. As he ran onto the sidelines, the coach and his players were astounded to see their faithful team-mate back so soon.

"Coach, please let me play. I've just got to play today," said the young man.

The coach pretended not to hear him. There was no way he wanted his worst player in this dose playoff game. But the young man persisted and finally feeling sorry for the kid, the coach gave in.

"All right," he said. "You can go in." Before long, the coach, the players and everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. This little unknown, who had never played before, was doing everything right.

The opposing team could not stop him. He ran, he passed, blocked and tackled like a star. His team began to triumph.

The score was soon tied. In the closing seconds of the game, this kid intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown. The fans broke loose. His teammates hoisted him onto their shoulders. Such cheering you've never heard!

Finally, after the stands had emptied and the team had showered and left the locker room, the coach noticed that the young man was sitting quietly in the corner all alone.

The coach came to him and said, "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?"

He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes and said, "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?"

The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

<http://www.english-for-students.com/Eyes-of-my-father.html>

Announcements:

- ✓ Fellowship Lunch today at the Schoolhouse. Everyone welcome!
- ✓ This Evening: Informal Song Practice w/ light refreshments. All Welcome!
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Galen Kauffman
- ✓ Hot Lunch this week by the Schoolboard.
- ✓ Church Social Thurs. Eve. 6:30 P.M.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Jan. 19, Glenda Kauffman 1991

Happy Birthday! Jan. 20, Virginia Yoder 1969

Devotional #25 of The Father's Love Letter

And I rejoice over you with singing.

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV Bible)

Father is with you. He has come to save you and He takes great delight in your life. His song proclaims to the heavens His undying affection towards you. Have you ever wondered what Father's singing must sound like? I can only imagine!

When I think of how Father quiets us with His love, the image of a mother nursing her newborn baby comes to mind. It is as if while nursing at the breast of God, Father (El Shaddai, The Many Breasted One) sings a lullaby that soothes our soul and brings us reassurance and a sense of belonging (Isaiah 66:11). Each word lovingly expressed in a tender voice that calms and quiets us in His love.

When I think of how Father rejoices over us with singing, another image comes to mind. I envision Father swinging us around in circles, all the while bellowing His song of extreme affection over us. The Hebrew word used here to describe how Father sings is 'rinnah'. It means to express a ringing cry, a loud shout, a proclamation of extreme joy and an expression of gladness.

He is not ashamed of the love He has for us and He wants the whole universe to know it. The next time you worship the Father in song, remember that as you sing of your love for Him, He in turn sings His song of love over you! Can you hear Him singing?

PRAYER

Father, I pray that You would give me ears to hear Your love songs over me. I pray that I would be able to silence the busyness of my life so I could hear Your soothing lullabies and Your bellowing melodies. Thank You for being with me and for taking such great delight in my life that You rejoice over me with singing. In the name of Your beloved Son Jesus I pray, AMEN.

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-25.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.