



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

November 13, 2016

Devotional:----- Justin Miller

Message:----- William Troyer

Offering:-----General

SS Lesson for next week: Revelation 14

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. Revelation 14:5

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Fish Ears

Hurry up, Dad, thought Landon as he glanced at the clock. Dad was reading a Bible passage aloud, but Landon was anxious for morning devotions to end so the day's fishing trip could begin. It seemed like a long time before Dad finally closed with prayer.

"Okay, let's go!" said Landon as soon as Dad said "Amen." He grinned at his mother. "We'll bring you some fish for dinner."

When they got to the river, Landon and Dad quickly cast their fishing lines into the water. They talked as they waited for the fish to bite, but they didn't get even one nibble. "Maybe it's true that talking scares the fish away," said Landon as he and Dad moved along the riverbank to try a different spot. "I won't talk so much this time. Maybe they heard us talk about frying them!"

Dad just grinned as they cast their lines out again. A few minutes later, Landon felt something tugging at his line. "I've got a bite!" he exclaimed. "I'm gonna get this one." He pulled in his catch. "My dinner!" he announced, holding the fish above his head.

Before long they caught a few more fish. Landon frowned as he took one off the hook. "I thought talking too loud was scaring the fish away," he said, "but fish don't even have ears."

"Sure they do," said Dad. "You just can't

see them." Landon examined the fish carefully as Dad explained. "Fish have internal ears--that is, ears on the inside--not external ones like us." He tugged gently on Landon's ear. "But you know what?"

Landon shook his head. "What?"

"Well," said Dad, "even though our ears are on the outside, our most important hearing takes place on the inside. That happens when we listen carefully and take to heart the messages God has for us."

Landon thought about their devotions that morning. He had heard Dad's voice, but he knew he hadn't listened with his heart to hear God's message. He had been too busy thinking about the fishing trip.

"When we take what God is saying to heart, we also act on it," continued Dad. "So it's hearing God's message on the inside that makes a real difference in our lives." Nance E. Keyes

HOW ABOUT YOU? How well do you listen when someone reads the Bible or talks about what it means? Do you just hear words, or do you hear a message from God and obey it? Don't just listen to God's Word with your ears—listen with your heart, too. Then you'll be able to put it into practice and live your life the way God wants you to.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: Micah 6:1 (KJV) Hear now what the Lord says.

<http://www.keysforkids.org/For-Kids/Keys-for-Kids/Read-Listen>

Announcements:

- Fellowship Lunch at the school after services today. Everyone welcome!
- Youth will be singing at Morningside this afternoon at 2:00
- This Evening: Free Evening
- PTA Monday evening at 7:00.
- Wednesday Evening:Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go: Chad, Robert & James - Devotions
- School devotions this week by: Elmer Yoder
- Church Social Thursday evening (the 17th) at 6:30.
- Out of state correspondence this week by Jenni Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

November 18, Happy Birthday! Martha Yoder, 1997

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A Different Perspective –

I suspect it would be very rare to find two people who had the exact same perspective on everything. Based on our past experiences, we tend to see things in a little different way than others do.

Ten years ago, I had been prayerfully considering what God's perspective might be. If you have spent some time reading the Bible, it's not difficult to know what God's perspective is on most things. Nevertheless, we seldom act as though we know what God's perspective is.

I started a series on God's Perspective in June of 2006. I did not know where this would end up. I did my best to allow God to lead me. I ended up learning a lot from this study. The more I understood God's perspective, the more my perspective changed. I decided to update and share this series again – beginning today.

We tend to see things in terms of the present and/or the near future. In contrast, God sees things from an eternal perspective. He knows that most of the things you and I are concerned about today won't have any meaning or value 100 years from now.

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4:14 With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 2 Peter 3:8

When I think about my prayers and the prayers of others, I realize that we are seldom seeing things from God's perspective. We probably need to change that.

Don't just GO to church; BE the church

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