

Not Like Yesterday

When our grandson Jay was a child his parents gave him a new T-shirt for his birthday. He put it on right away and proudly wore it all day.

When he appeared the next morning in the shirt, his dad asked him, "Jay, does that shirt make you happy?"

"Not as much as yesterday," Jay replied.

That's the problem with material acquisition: Even the good things of life can't give us the deep, lasting happiness we so strongly desire. Though we may have many possessions, we may still be unhappy.

The world offers happiness through material accumulation: new clothes, a new automobile, an update to our phone or watch. But no material acquisition can make us as happy as it did yesterday. That's because we were made for God and nothing less will do.

One day, when Jesus was fasting and faint with hunger, Satan approached Him and tempted Him to satisfy His hunger by creating bread. Jesus countered by quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

Jesus didn't mean that we *should* live only on bread. He's rather stating a fact: We're spiritual beings and thus we *can't* exist on material goods alone. True satisfaction is found in God and His riches. ~David H. Roper

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Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Attendance 04/21 64 |

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Sing For Freedom

I was reading the other day about this preacher in Boston who lived near his church building. And as he was walking to the building one day he saw a young boy carrying some birds in a cage. The preacher said, where did you get those birds? The boy said, I trapped them in the field. What are you going to do with them, the preacher ask?

Oh, I'm going to play with them for a while and then I'll feed them to my cat at home. They are just field birds and they can't sing very well.

The preacher responded by saying, I'll give you two dollars for the cage and the birds. That's a deal the boy answered but you are making a bad deal because these birds aren't worth anything.

The preacher paid the boy and took the bird cage behind the church building and released the birds. They flew away, free and singing.

The next Sunday the preacher took the bird cage and set it on the pulpit as he told the story. "When I released them," he told his congregation, "they flew into the sky singing loudly as they disappeared into the blue. It seemed they were singing, 'Redeemed, redeemed.'"

People who don't know Jesus as their Savior are like those birds before they were released. They can't sing very well, because they are trapped in the cage of sin. But it doesn't have to be that way,

John 8:36 says, "If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed."

He gives freedom that puts a song in your heart. Like the famous Dr. King said, "Free at last, Free at last, Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last." However, I'm sure he would agree that there is no freedom that compares to our freedom from sin.

When the Israelites were delivered from the bondage of Egypt, they proclaimed, "I will sing to the Lord ...

He has become my salvation." They were indeed set free from bondage by the Power of God and we too can be set free from sin and the bondage of Satan, if only we will accept Jesus as our personal Savior, repent of our sins and obey the commands of God by being baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

Then we can truly sing, "Redeemed, Redeemed" by the blood of the Lamb, we are free at last!

~ H. Hewgley

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I Be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing have I asked the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of My life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. (Ps. 27:1-4)

Keep These Dates in Mind	May Birthdays and Anniversaries	
05/05 First Sunday Potluck 05/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 05/12 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 05/15 Soup Night 05/24 Family Night 6:00p 06/02 First Sunday Potluck 06/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 06/09 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 06/21 Family Fun Night 6:00p	Lynette Jones 5/4 Gerald Funnell 5/5 Cathy Heston 5/6 Jared Bolt 5/7 Bill Lafferty 5/8 Barbara Goldsmith 5/16 Tom Gritzan 5/17 Dustin McCrickard 5/30	<p style="text-align: center;">Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress</p>

**Learn to be still and listen.
When we empty our minds of all
the worry and the voices that
distract us, then we can hear the
Words of God.**

Bible Studies		
Adult Bible Classes Sunday am.-O.T. Beginning in Gen 12 Wed pm – Shadows of the church from the O.T	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00a.m – 11:30a.m.



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Sue Aldrich, Marji Lindholm, The Johnson family, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington
 Many have asked for prayers for family members including **Karen McBurney (father), Amanda McCrickard (mother), Leland and Marilyn Davis (daughter)**. Please add them to your prayer list.

Our lectureship begins this Wednesday at **6:00p** – note the time change from usual Wednesday services
 6:00 pm The One True Church - Who, What, Where, When? – Terrance Brownlow Dindy
 7:10 pm The One True Church In Prophecy – Ray Sullins
 The Bride of Christ (Women Only) Thursday 8:30-12:30
Invite your friends!

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Distracted With Much Serving

"Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, 'Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me' " (Luke 10:38-40).

Do you ever feel burned out? Sometimes, we get so busy in our lives that we find ourselves feeling exhausted from all the activities going on in our lives. In such circumstances we might do well to heed the title of a song sung by the rock band, the Eagles: "Learn to Be Still".

Jesus wants His disciples to be servants. Remember He said to His disciples, "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28). However, can a Christian be involved in too much service? Spiritually, do we need to "Learn to Be Still"?

Luke records an event in Jesus' life where He is invited to the home of Martha. It was commendable for her to be "welcoming Him into her house" (Luke 10:38). Later, Martha's brother Lazarus would become terribly sick and Martha would demonstrate great faith in Jesus' power to heal him (John 11:3, 20-22). Jesus had great love for Martha (John 11:5). On this occasion record by Luke, Martha was even taking time to serve Jesus (Luke 10:40). There is much commendable about Martha.

However, Luke notes that Martha became "distracted by much serving" (Luke 10:40). In fact, she was so engrossed with serving that she became upset that her sister Mary was not engaged in what Martha judged to be her "fair share" of serving. Instead of being engaged in a lot of service like Martha, Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet listening to His Word (Luke 10:39). Martha must have thought, "How dare my sister not lift a finger to help me while I am doing all this work". Martha even accuses Jesus of not caring that she was "pulling more weight" in service than her sister. She says to Jesus, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve along? Therefore, tell her to help me" (Luke 10:40). Martha pleads with Jesus to tell her sister to "get up and get to work!"

How does Jesus respond? Does He tell Mary to get up and start serving? Unexpectedly, in Martha's eyes, Jesus says to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42). While it had been commendable for Martha to be a servant, Martha had allowed her service to overwhelm her to the point she began to be judgmental of others who were trying to take time to gain spiritual nourishment at the feet of Jesus. Martha herself need to "Learn to be Still".

We have been called to be servants. The apostle Paul wrote, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). However, we should not become so engrossed in service that we don't have time to meditate and listen to God. I rejoice that God doesn't want me to suffer from spiritual burnout by being so focused on service that I don't have time to "recharge my batteries". Today, take time to "Learn to Be Still" and sit at the feet of the Lord!

~Susquehanna Valley Church of Church – Daily Devo

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away