

Welcome to Carmel Friends Worship Service

February 28, 2010

Today's Scripture

Mark 10:17-27

As he went out into the street, a man came running up, greeted him with great reverence, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?"

Jesus said, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good, only God. You know the commandments: Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't cheat, honor your father and mother."

He said, "Teacher, I have—from my youth—kept them all!"

Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him! He said, "There's one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor. All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me."

The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go.

Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, "Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?" The disciples couldn't believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: "You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom."

That set the disciples back on their heels. "Then who has any chance at all?" they asked.

Jesus was blunt: "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it."

Pastor Craig Blair will share the message:

"Gentleness"

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Theme – The compassion of the Lord gives us the gift of gentleness.

Question – How does the Lord help us to live in this world without being controlled by it?

I. The Spirit of gentleness frees us from being legalistic.

- a. What happens to the person who is allowing the Lord to live in their heart?
- b. What happens when people try to manufacture the fruit of the Spirit?
- c. How does the legalism kill the work of the Spirit?
- d. How does the spirit of gentleness free us from legalism?

II. The Spirit of gentleness frees us from living in the status quo. Romans 12:1-2

- a. Why are we in a recession?
- b. What is God's solution according to Romans 12
- c. How does the spirit of gentleness free us from conforming to the world?
- d. What would it look like to be transformed by the Lord?

III. The Spirit of gentleness frees us to experience life by giving it away.

- a. When might the Lord ask us to choose to be poor?
- b. Why might the Spirit ask us to have a budget?
- c. How should we deal with a consumer mentality?
- d. How does the spirit of gentleness free us to give ourselves away

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n order to discover who we really are?

Question – How is the Lord gently leading us to die to ourselves so that we can experience more of Him?

Closing Song

Chorus #1 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Today, Sunday, February 28th

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, March 1st

6:00 pm Men's Dinner & Study

7:00 pm Board Meetings

8:15 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 2nd

11:00 am Men's Yokefellow—MCL

1:30 pm Pam's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 3rd

6:30—8:00 pm Youth

7:00—8:00 pm Ladies Study Group in the parlor

Thursday, March 4th

8:30 am Betty Fields' Bible Study

Noah's Ark Day

Friday, March 5th

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, March 7th

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, March 8th

6:00 pm Men's Dinner & Study

7:00 pm Easter Basket planning meeting

Coming...Saturday, March 13th

8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Michael's

Sunday, March 14th

12:00 noon Monthly Meeting Meal

Group #2

Jerry & Kay Myers, Dick Byrd, Ray Oman

Don & Nancy Childs, Joyce Rogers, Gail Schmid

Eric & Kim Moffett, James & Lucinda Belt, Gayle Cress,

Brian & Susan Zepp, Donna Jones, Shelley Moore

12:45 am Monthly Meeting

Supporting Carmel Friends in Ministry

Pam Sims, Clerk of Monthly Meeting

Diana Frush, Treasurer

Rhonda Taylor, Director of Vocal Music

Clover Leap, Organist

Dick Leap, Percussion

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