

Family Information

Today's Sermon Title

A Relationship Driven Letter

Theme Passage

Philemon

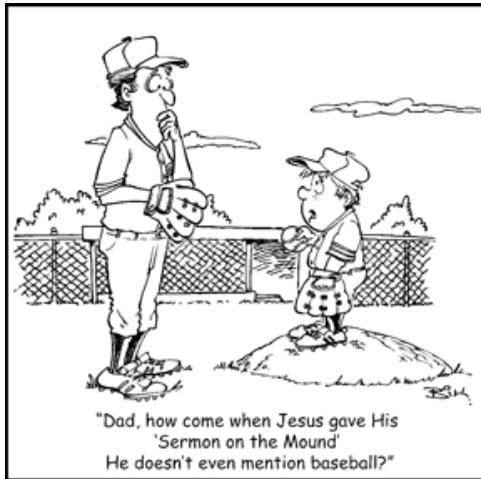
Thoughts to consider:

- 1) How does God influence your relationships?
- 2) What role does society play in shaping the way we interact with each other?
- 3) How do spiritual mentors shape the church?

June Challenge: Select one Bible story/passage/set of verses and read it, listen to it, and meditate on it every day

Independence Day

There will be No Activities at the building, Wednesday July 3rd due to the Holiday.



Calendar

June

24-27 Vacation Bible School
31 Services At Willow Brook
31 Area Wide Worship At Alum Creek

July

3 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
4 Independence Day
14 Single Sisters Lunch
14-20 Camp Week At Fort Hill
31 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am

For The Month of June

Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans

Foyer Duty: Jack Evans

Greeters:

Announcements: Mike Evans

Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Bill Chavis	Glenn Culler
David Estep	Gary McMasters
Frank Rynearson	Art Silva

Contribution

Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$4867	\$5337
Designated:	\$110	\$185

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Truly Our Souls Find Rest In God

(With More "Furry Logic")

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. - Psalm 62:1-2

Truly our God is our Rock of salvation and guidance and understanding; truly our Father in heaven is a fortress of love and mercy and redemption. Truly God carries us every step, truly the Lord our living God steadies our spirits even when the world is shaking and trembling. Truly our souls find lasting rest and continuing peace and enduring meaning in God alone, and truly God rejoices in being with everyone who humbly seeks him with our hearts.

In one of Jane Seabrook's "Furry Logic" paintings, a cute, weary ground squirrel curled up in a ball, its tail covering its eyes, with the caption, 'No day is so bad that it can't be fixed with a nap.' Animals know when they are tired and need to rest, so no matter how many things they may want to do, they get the physical rest they need to renew them.

Human beings, on the other hand, can become so consumed with what they're doing, and can become so concerned with outward appearances, that it is easy to forget the need for us to slow down and take some time with God so he can give us rest for our weary souls, to ponder his words and to open our minds to them, to pray for him to guide us and to protect us from all the things that are too strong for us, and to let him renew our spirits -

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. - Psalm 62:5-6

Another of Seabrook's paintings depicts a puzzled meerkat with the caption, 'There has been an alarming increase in the number of things I know nothing about.' Indeed, there is a constant increase in new facts and events and fearful things, and this is hardly new to our own era. Yet our salvation depends on knowing God, not on knowing a lot of facts, and our honor depends on God's unfailing love for us, not on earthly popularity or talents -

My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. - Psalm 62:7

Truly God gives us refuge from the world's restlessness and its disappointments and its anxieties, and he gently calls us to trust in him instead of in human strength, and to pour out our hearts to him in prayer - *Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. - Psalm 62:8*

God's love endures forever, and it is good to be near him.



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- Mark Garner

Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. This week, we're talking with **Nick Strawser**.

Q: Hello Nick, what scriptures have you been reading?

Nick: I've been reading through the whole Old Testament. I've learned a lot about the timeline, have learned a lot about God, and two things have especially stood out. In the Creation narrative, God designs everything he made, and there is beautiful imagery of God wanting to walk with Adam and Eve - *The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8)*. I've also been thinking about God creating us in his image, and about God resting, *God blessed the seventh day . . . because on it he rested (Genesis 2:3)*. God wants to give us more than a physical rest, rather rest for our souls - *There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God (Hebrews 4:9)*.

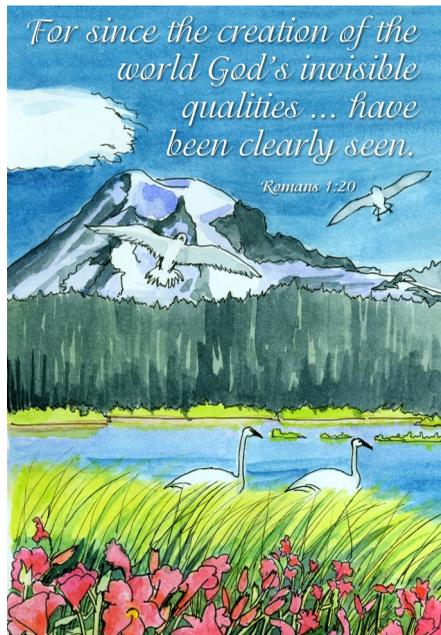
Q: Lots of good thoughts. What does it mean to you that God creates us in his own image?

Nick: *God said, Let us make mankind in our image (Genesis 1:26)* tells me that he made our minds and gives us emotions; he made us so that we can love, and so that we can have relationships with each other and with God - *The Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. (Genesis 2:7)*.

Q: More good thoughts. What is the other thing that especially made an impression on you?

Nick: A lot of the Old Testament was new to me, so it's been eye-opening. In reading about David's life, it struck me that everything is out in the open. It tells us all the good things he did, and how David showed mercy to Saul (1 Samuel 24 and 26), and it also tells us the mistakes he made with Uriah and with the census. It is an encouraging story of redemption, like Paul's. Our hearts are the key, and God is never far from us.

Thank you, Nick!



It Is Finished

Dear Lord, let me recount to Thee
Some of the great things Thou hast done
For me, even me
Thy little one.

It was not I that cared for Thee, -
But Thou didst set Thy heart upon
Me, even me
Thy little one.

And therefore was it sweet to Thee
To leave Thy Majesty and Throne,
And grow like me
A Little One,

Thou didst assume my misery,
And reap the harvest I had sown,
Comforting me
Thy little one.

Thy unblemished Body on the Tree
Was bared and broken to atone
For me, for me
Thy little one.

And love of me went up with Thee
To sit upon Thy Father's Throne:
Thou lovest me
Thy little one.

- Christina Rossetti (1881)

Everything In Christ

In Christ we possess everything. Let every soul approach him, whether it is sick with the sins of the flesh, infixed by the nails of worldly desires, admittedly still imperfect, progressing by intense medication or already perfect in its many virtues.

Everyone is in the Lord's power, and Christ is all things to us. If you desire to heal your wounds, he is your doctor; if you are on fire with fever, he is your fountain; if you are burdened with iniquity, he is your justification; if you need help, he is your strength; if you fear death, he is your life; if you desire heaven, he is your way; if you are fleeing from darkness, he is your light; if you are seeking food, he is your nourishment.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy is the one who takes refuge in him. (Psalm 34:8)

- Ambrose of Milan (4th Century AD)