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The Thief or the Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

"Daddy, can you help me? My doll broke her arm." "Maria, use some masking tape to fix it. I am busy."

"Daddy, would you play with me? I want to play catch." "Maria, I'm too tired to play. You will have to do something else."

"Momma, what shall I do? Janet does not like playing with me." "Maria, we will have to talk later. I have to finish this bookwork."

Maria steps up to the plate. "We may as well head in, she will strike out anyhow," remarked the upper grade boys. Connie, all excited, tells Maria about her evening with the youth. Maria doesn't think it was quite like Connie thinks and tells her version. Connie gets angry that Maria dares to disagree with her, even threatening to hit her.

Momma, after a church service message on modest dress says, "Make sure your dress sleeves are well below your elbows, Maria. Your sleeves keep getting shorter. A person your age should be a good example." Maria's thoughts were confused. Were her dresses not well within the church guidelines? Why was momma giving a lecture if they were?

Lu 10:30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

Are Daddy, Momma, Connie and the fellow scholars like the thieves? They may not physically hurt Maria, but they've stripped her of her self-worth and confidence, leaving her without the ability to speak up for what she believes is true. Around her family she speaks in half sentences stopping in the middle to see if her family will contradict. She always is striving for affirmation. She is quiet and listens to others but rarely offers ideas. She dreams of how a certain knight in shining armour will come along and give her a life of happiness and will always have time for her. To keep from thinking about her hurts, she buries herself in any book she can lay her hands on.

Lu 10:31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Those who are like the priest are those who will say there is nothing wrong. Life is like that. Everybody has hurts. Just get over it.

Lu 10:32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

The Levites are like those who get close and allow Maria to openly share but then they turn around and gossip about what she confidently shared, breaking her heart even more.

Lu 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

The Samaritans are the mentors, counselors, and those who care and help. They are able to cover their own hurts and give up their comforts to do so. They will never tell a person the hurts they experience are nothing.

Lu 10:36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Which of these three are you?

By a counselee

Fall Seminar - Nov.18, 2017

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it... Mark Twain

Place: Countryside Gym, (Hawkesville)
3745 Herrgott Rd. Wallenstein, ON N0B2S0

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Theme: Understanding Forgiveness

Speakers: Earl Martin from PA
Peter Shantz from ON

Topics: - What is Biblical Forgiveness
- What Forgiveness Is Not
- Examples of Forgiveness
- Will You Forgive?

Cost: Freewill Offering
(any amount over \$20.00 is receiptable)

Plan to attend: please pre-register by phone or email:

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**Bring your own lunch.
Coffee, water & snacks will
be provided at the breaks.**

John 3:16 I don't understand it.....

In the city of Chicago, one cold dark night, a blizzard was setting in. A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner. The boy was so cold he lost interest in even trying to sell many papers. He walked up to a policeman and said, "Sir, you wouldn't know where a poor boy could find a place to sleep tonight, would you? You see I sleep in a box there, up around the corner and down the alley. It's awful cold in there at night. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay." The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and knock on the door. When they open the door, just say John 3:16 and they will let you in." So, he went, walked up the steps to the door and knocked. A lady opened the door. The little boy looked up and said, "John 3:16." The lady smiled and said, "Come on in, son"

She took him in and sat him down in a rocker in front of a great big fire place and off she went. He sat there for awhile and thought to himself, "John 3:16... I don't understand it but it makes a cold boy warm." Later she came back and asked him, "Son are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days and I guess I could stand a little bit of food." The lady took him into the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate, until he couldn't eat anymore. Then he thought to himself, "John 3:16 ...I don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full."

The lady took him upstairs to a bathroom where the bathtub was filled with warm, soapy water. She helped him in. As he sat and soaked, he thought to himself, "John 3:16 ...I don't understand it but it sure makes a dirty boy clean." You know I have not had a bath, a REAL bath in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of the fire hydrant as they flushed it out."

Then the lady came in and gently wiped him with a warm towel and gave him clean clothes. She took him to a room and tucked him into a big old feather bed. Pulling the covers up around his neck, she kissed him goodnight and turned out the lights. As he laid in the darkness, and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself, "John 3:16 ...I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy feel rested."

In the morning, the kind lady came to his room and took him down again to the same big table, full of food. After he ate, she took him to that same big old rocker in front of the fireplace. She reached for her old worn Bible and sat down in front of him. Kindly looking up at him she asked, "Son, do you understand John 3:16?" he said, "No, Ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard of it was last night when the policeman told me to use it." She opened her Bible to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus.

He sat there and thought, **John 3:16...I don't understand it but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe.**

...Author Unknown

Well, I have to confess, I don't understand it either.... how God would be willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand it either..... but it sure does make life worth living. Never underestimate what God can do when you are willing to show His Love.

...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40b. ..Submitted by a board member..

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Notice

1. Fall Seminar - Understanding Forgivenesssee details on the front side of this newsletter

2. Premarital Group Sessions for engaged couples, but married couples are also welcome.

When 2 to 6 couples have registered we will cover some fundamental issues in relationships as a group with the option of working on personal issues as a couple privately with some assistance if required. Date to be determined. Please contact Dave Lichty to register.

3. Grief Share To help those who are grieving, there will be 14 weeks of meeting once a week in the fall of 2017. Contact Dave to sign up or for more information.

4. Presentation There have been some inquiries about us giving church presentations.

We would gladly come and share with your congregation about the work of the ministry.

To schedule a presentation please contact:

Dave Lichty by:

- phone: 519-291-5203 or

- email: djlichty@xplornet.com

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Dave for wisdom and guidance from the Lord as he meets regularly with people.
- Pray for the board for wisdom and direction as decisions get made for the work of this ministry.
- Pray for the grief share group that meet weekly to help work through pain and loss.

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