



Calvary Chapel Sequim

We are a community of Jesus followers.

As the church is the body of Christ, we attempt to be living illustrations of our Creator. ~1 Corinthians 10:31

Announcements: February 10, 2019

“Helping the Hungry”

We want to show the love of Christ by offering food packs for the homeless and needy in our community. Take some packs that are on the table in the fellowship hall. Store them in your car, and offer them to the next homeless or needy person you see... and don't forget to tell them: “Jesus loves you!” If you would like to support this ministry financially, contact Terri Sunde at 360-980-1793.

Yes, Please! Text the Devotional to Me

If you would like to receive the devotionals as a text each morning let us know by signing up on the clip board in the hall.

Weekly Devotionals:

Love seeks to make and build relationship. What leads to good relationships is the loving thing to do.

Monday's Scripture: John 3:16

I have often struggled with the question, 'What is the loving thing to do in this situation...' I came up with a working definition that love is about making and building relationships. The idea being that we can know what the loving thing to do in any situation by knowing what will make or build a better relationship in the situation. I have lived for almost fifty years! In those years I have found a few things out. Like making and building relationships is not easily figured out. So we will look at Jesus, our human guide, as to how to make and build relationships. But first let's look at how God loved us. He sent Jesus to make and build a way to be in eternal relationship with Him. He died that we might be able to come to God boldly, as a worshipper, honestly in our weakness and our strength. It is through the atonement of His death that we can have relationship with our Father in Heaven. Love and relationship. Let's think about it this week as we look at Jesus and how He deals with others.

Tuesday's Scripture: John 3:1-21

Here Jesus is loving on Nicodemus. How? Well first He gives him time. Nic wanted to have a sit down, Jesus allows this at night. Then Jesus schools Nic (v.3), Jesus chides Nic (v.10), Jesus gives Nic a severe warning of hell (v.19-20), Jesus tells Nic the key for him to find eternal life (v.21). This is not nice. This is not mean. This is not easy. This doesn't spare Nic's self esteem. This doesn't hold to hopelessness. This doesn't ensure Nic's salvation. This paints the way for Nic's salvation. This is love. How can you tell? Because Jesus is giving Nic a way to be in relationship with Him. For this to happen Nic will have to place what is true above all other things he loves. If Nic won't be truthful and honest and lose his place in society he literally can't have a relationship with Jesus. Jesus will not compromise who He is to have relationship with Nic but Jesus will also not reject Nic even though it is his ilk who will crucify Him. Jesus wants the best for this guy, so He won't allow Nicodemus to live in his fantasy world. He must be awakened, lovingly. Today, is there someone who is amongst the sleep walkers of this world who needs awakened? Do you love them enough to give a way for this relationship? Will you share your awakening?

Wednesday's Scripture: John 4:1-34

Jesus here is again making a relationship. It is one with a woman with whom He should have nothing to do with (according to conventional wisdom). Culturally He should not be talking to the woman at the watering well. Also she is a Samaritan. Not only that but she is a woman who sleeps around. Strike three. But she is not out in His ballpark. Jesus engages in a conversation that doesn't reject the woman but also doesn't make her feel good about the sin that is entangling her

Wednesday's Continued...

life. This is love. It is balanced. It is obvious. He is showing the way to the Kingdom. He is establishing His Kingdom here on earth with this woman. We are called to love as He loved. We are not loving when we reject those who are outside of our preferred circle of sinners. But we are also not loving if we ignore the sin that is tripping and destroying those with whom we are interacting with. This woman wasn't offended when Jesus was getting into her life and a very personal way. Why? I think it is because she sensed that He was not condemning her but convicting her. He did not want her to change because he was afraid for His disciples if they were to meet her late some night at the watering hole. He didn't take out His frustration on her because she was destroying society and the world around Him. He cared about her. So He loved her. So he created a way to have a good relationship with Him (v.13-15). Are we as the Church sacrificing and loving in such a way as to lay the groundwork for relationships? How do you think this will happen?

Thursday's Scripture: John 4:46-54

If love makes and/or builds a good relationship what about these verses? It seems as if Jesus couldn't be bothered to go to this guys house. I think that if we take in the whole of Jesus' ministry we would conclude that Jesus doesn't do anything because of convenience. Rather what He does is precisely calculated to glorify who He is. So why does He send this guy home rather than traveling there like He will for a Gentile Centurion!? I believe because this guy needed faith. Jesus would not always be with them bodily. In a few years He will go back to be with His Father in Heaven. When that happened people would have to rely on faith, not on sight. Here Jesus is training this man to live the way all of us have to live post Resurrection. This truly is laying down a way of making and building relationship. This guy after Jesus is raised from the dead and in Heaven will hear how he is to go about doing this or that without Jesus bodily accompanying him. He has already done this, he can do it again.

Friday's Scripture: John 6:41-71

Jesus fed 5,000 the day before. Instant mega Church. Jesus doesn't want that. He offends them down to twelve. And one of those will never really get it. If love seeks to make and build relationship then how do we reconcile this passage? Did Jesus love these people? I believe He did. I think that what needed to happen to these people was they need a wake up call so intense that it would be like a bucket of water alarm awakening. Who likes to be awoken by a bucket of water? No one. But what if it was an emergency, if they were not awakened they would perish in a house that was burning down around them? Then the bucket of water is loving and appropriate and refreshing and life giving. Jesus knows that for these people to have a good relationship with Him, their fantasy of the Messiah must be dashed on the rocks. Their idea of Heaven must be rebooted. They had to be awakened. Do you know anyone who needs to be awoken with a bucket of water? Do it. But don't blame me, this is on you and Jesus.

Gather to Grow

Celebrate Recovery

Sundays
5:30pm Dinner/ 6pm Worship
Meet at CCS

Men's Breakfast

Tuesdays, 7:00am
Meet at CCS

Wednesday Night Study

Wednesdays at 7pm
Meet at CCS

Women's Fellowship & Prayer

Third Thursday of the month
8:30-10am at CCS

Helps Ministry & Prayer

Need assistance in a time of need? Contact Tina: 360-797-1501

Need Prayer? Contact Vicki: ccsprayerchain@yahoo.com

Prayer for the Persecuted Church: 1st Sunday of the Month, 10:30am in loft.

Calvary Chapel Children's Ministry

Nursery

(Ages 0-3 years)

9am & 11am Service

Children's Church

(Pre-school — Middle School)

11am Service

Questions? Contact Kim Thomas 360-460-2183

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2. Ipad on the coffee counter.
3. PayPal via our website. (Scan this QR code)
4. "Bill Pay" (Give our P.O. Box # to your bank.)
5. Mail Check to our P.O. Box 651, Carlsborg, 98324



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