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is never “what should they do”, because we don’t control them.

When the clouds roll back, at the dawning of the new heavens and new earth, when Jesus reviews our lives with us... we don’t answer for them. At that throne room scene, when we stand before the judgment seat of God, it isn’t about anyone else’s behavior at all. We will want to have done the right thing.

The mystifying thing about the account of the life of Jesus as recorded in Scripture is how focused he is on the end goal. As his disciples want to call down fire from heaven, he anticipates bearing the sins of the world, none of them his own, for the greater purpose.

I know, when we get mistreated, it is natural to want to get even. The idea of blessing the one who causes your babies to cry themselves to sleep at night is repulsive. The concept of treating with grace and kindness the one who treats you with disrespect and hurtfulness is painful. But, God has called you to view this world through a different lens. He calls you even when it is hard.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The Day Is At Hand

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“They are being mean to me. How should I respond?” It is a pretty common question that people struggle with when relationships fracture. Among friends, family, or ex-spouses, the question arises repeatedly.

As a therapist, I understand the dynamic; a desire for balance, equilibrium, fairness. It is as old as man himself, the desire to be treated correctly. In a distorted view, there is a desire to retaliate. How am I to act when I am mistreated by others?

If I framed the question back to the person in this way, they might be able to answer, but likely they believe that there is an exception for when the pain is too much.

We are to “go the extra mile’, unless this is the third time the offender has done this in the past 30 days. We are to “turn the other cheek”, unless they are just doing this to spite me.

The point in all these situations is, we are not called to “right the ship”, to make sure that “everything is equal”, or to make sure that no one takes advantage of us. We are called to regulate our own behavior, to act godly in a godless situation. The question

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 5:5-10 (Ben Sizemore)
SONGS: No. 745—Humble Yourself
No. 523—I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me
No. 690—Consecration Medley
-No. 691—Make Me New
-No. 692—Change My Heart, O God
-No. 693—Heart of a Servant
-No. 694—Servant Song
No. 803—Turn My Heart
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
Jerry Kinnamon
Fred Johnson
Orrin Feril
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 539—Higher Ground (vs 1, 3, 4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gladys Hornbaker—September 2
Daniel Sizemore—September 7

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jerry & Kay Kinnamon—September 2
Garland & Dena Mansel—September 3
Chris & Marisa Mansel—September 4

FOR THE LADIES

LADIES RETREAT—Mark your calendar for the fall Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp, September 21-22. The theme is “The Lord is My Shepherd.” Cost is \$50. Information and registration is available at www.silvermaplecamp.org

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—Hosted by the Garden City Church of Christ. Save the date, October 13, from 9:30am to 3:30 pm. Guest speakers: Barb Rains & Tammy Meador.

LOST

Please contact Carl if you know the location of the telescoping pole that is used for changing light bulbs in the auditorium.

UPDATED DIRECTORY

Due to several requests for an updated directory, one is in the making! Please let Janet know of any updated information and also know that digital pictures are needed of your family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gladys Hornbaker—in Pratt Regional Medical Center
Larry Bailey (Meagan's father) - fell yesterday and dislocated his elbow while visiting here in St John
Aprell Foster (Royce & Beth Wilson's daughter) - back surgery
Carol Gingrich—in the hospital in Larned in Swing Bed; she is now being treated for a serious infection in her leg
Teddy Gingrich—recovering from arm/wrist injury
Vanessa Marks' father—in Aberdeen, South Dakota; heart failure and fluid in his lungs
Harry Feril (Carl's brother in Dallas) - recent extensive neck/spine surgery; recuperating at home
Martha Dickson—recent back surgery
Rick Toland (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - chemo for Stage 4 bladder cancer
Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law—heart problems
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Diane Campbell—MS
Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford

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