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A Most Important Thing

What is the most important practice Jesus had in his ministry? While many might disagree with what it might have been, I think most of us would agree that prayer was one of the most important things. This is illustrated in the following story when Jesus went to Capernaum:

"When evening came, after the sun had set, they {began} bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city had gathered at the door. And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left {the house,} and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. Simon and his companions searched for Him; they found Him, and *said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." He *said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for (Mark 1:32-38)."

Jesus had begun preaching and healing, that this certainly got people's attention. People began to come to him bringing their sick. Boy how he must have displayed the power of God late into the night. Jesus could have stayed right there while people brought their sick, diseased, and demonized people to him. He could have stayed there and had a powerful ministry doing good in this way.

While it was dark, Jesus went away to a private place. Simon and others found him and told him that everyone was looking for him. I can imagine that there were many more sick and hurting people that came to Jesus looking for wholeness. Many of us might be inclined to go back, or to have stayed to reach out to all those sick and hurting people. But notice what Jesus did. He walked away. One of the things that Jesus always made time for was to go away and spend time with God in prayer. Sometimes he prayed all night long. I don't know what he would say all night long. Perhaps he said nothing. It is conceivable that one could pray without saying a word, but just spend time in communion with God.

Sometimes the most important thing you can do is pray. Sometimes it is more important than ministering to sick and hurting people. Not all the time, but there are times when prayer is the most important thing. Without prayer, you can become burned out, or worse, you could lose your focus.

Jesus didn't lose his focus, although there were many, many times he potentially could have lost his focus. He could have stayed in Nazareth and lived out his life as a carpenter, but didn't. He would have stayed Capernaum and healed sick and hurting people, but didn't. He could have listened to Peter's rebuke and avoided going to the cross, but didn't. He was alert in prayer in the garden, and even on the cross.

We need to make prayer a priority as Jesus did.

John Telgren
Leavenworth, KS



Let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

For the victims of the recent cyclones in Burma and the earthquake in China

Annette Coriell is in Heartland, Room 421. She is doing much better.

Deanna Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) had surgery on last week to remove a tumor. She is being evaluated for treatment at this time.

Hazel Hutchinson (David Graff's grandmother in law) has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Family is requesting prayer.

Geneva Miller will be going to Warren, Ohio, this weekend for 2 weeks to stay with daughter, Judy Hinze, for more recuperation and rehab.

Ellen Lemon has her second chemo treatment in Columbus on Tuesday.

Emerson Coriell is going thru the radiation phase of his treatments at this point. He is needing a better appetite and more physical strength.

Lisa McCray had her thyroid removed this week due to a cyst that had developed there. A biopsy showed some malignant cells but the doctors are assuring her that her condition is treatable.

Penny Ball has a knee replacement surgery sometime in July. She is being tested by the cardiologist now.

Sharon Rogers is still dealing with pain but healing is taking place. She says "Hi" and "Keep praying."

Rick Richmond going through chemotherapy, dealing with the side-effects. Prayers for physical and spiritual strength and healing.

Alex Cram, a continuing request for healing.

Garrett King, Jr (Cheryl Sims' uncle) diagnosed with cancer, at Riverside in Columbus.

Gail Swick (teacher at Minford High School) has been diagnosed with cancer in multiple locations in her body. She has had surgery and is starting chemotherapy.

Verse of the Month

My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. John 10:27



New Church Directory

If you are interested in helping Gary Glispie compile a new photographic church directory, please let him know. 776-4279.

VBS Flyers and Registration Cards Available

On the table in the foyer you will find VBS flyers and registration cards. If you have friends or neighbors with kids in the VBS age range, tell them about our VBS and invite them to come or maybe even volunteer to bring them. This year's VBS is going to be a great one. Keep on praying and planning.

Missions Meeting Tonight

At 5:30 pm this evening, there will be a meeting here at the building for any and all who are interested in going on a mission trip to Haiti in the future. You can ask questions and get basic information. See Aaron Kallner for details.

Rick Fyffe Visiting Tonight

Rick Fyffe, executive director of Hope for Haiti's Children, will be with us this evening for the Bible study time. Rick will be giving us an update on the work in Haiti and about recent changes in the structure of HFHC. **Students from junior high on up will be meeting in the auditorium. Classes under junior high will be meeting as usual.**

Congratulations!

Mark Coriell, son of Emerson and Cathy Coriell) graduated with honors from Capital Law School in May. He is now studying for his BAR exam and will be taking a position with a firm in Norwalk, Ohio, in the fall. He and his wife, Megan, are currently preparing to relocate from the Columbus area to Norwalk.

This is It!

Tomorrow, is the beginning of the 2008 VBS for Sunshine. Pray for us. Pray for full classes. Pray for weather that will allow us to have our VBS. Bring your kids and your neighbors kids. Show up for your job. Have lots of fun with the kids.

VBS Cookies

We can't have VBS without lots of cookies, homemade preferred but store-bought will do. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Last Minute News for VBS

Everyone! First, come early Monday night, 6 pm, and be ready to do whatever.

Second, Monday night after VBS, plan on meeting in the auditorium with Steve for a few minutes to make any adjustments for succeeding nights of VBS.

Guides, if you have not met with Steve to go over your job, come to the church office after services this morning, and you will get the quick version of how to be a great VBS Guide.

City Organizers, three reminders: (1) There is a blue sheet in the holder by the doors that will tell you what age group you will have in your room each night of VBS. (2) You will be given a hole punch to punch the passports of the kids who come to visit your city. Just a head's up. (3) Excess furniture can be stored along the south wall of the auditorium, between the ends of the pews and the walls. Remember, it needs to go back when we are done.

Parents of Students, please understand that we may need to move your child into a group other than they one they have signed up for--to balance out the number in the classes. For instance we have 3 classes for the 4's and 5's. Right now, one class has 17, one class has 9, one class has 3. All 3 classes will go to the same cities on the same night, but it will work so much better if we can balance these classes out number wise. For now, 15 is the class limit.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

6/22 Rick Fyfe - HFHC
6/29 PM Youth Service
7/6 1 Corinthians 2
7/13 1 Corinthians 3
7/20 1 Corinthians 4
7/27 1 Corinthians 5

Wednesday

6/25 Genesis 11:1-9
7/2 Genesis 11:10-14:24
7/9 Genesis 15-17
7/16 Genesis 18
7/23 Genesis 19
7/30 Genesis 20-23

COMING EVENTS

6/23-27 Vacation Bible School @ Sunshine

7/13-19 Sunshine Week @ Fort Hill Camp



Good Homes Produce Good Children

In bold, thick, extra large print, running all the way across the top of the page was this headline: **Survey: Close families avoid teen troubles** (CC Caller Times, 9/10/97). It was almost like this was a new discovery, a scientific break-through, something learned that had never been known before.

A short summary of the article stated that "Teens who reported feeling close to their families were the least likely to engage in any of the risky behaviors studied, including smoking marijuana or cigarettes, drinking or having sex." While the article did not necessarily say the homes were good homes, the whole emphasis was on good behavior. Though we are glad this is receiving publicity, this is not exactly a new discovery. Going back at least four thousand years we find Moses emphasizing the value of having good homes and of teaching the Word of God in every way possible (Deut. 6).

Written around three thousand years ago the book of Proverbs emphasizes the power of the home in training children (Prov. 22:6). Nearly two thousand years ago Paul gave the example of Timothy to illustrate the value of a good home (2 Tim.1:5).

We are glad the power of the home is being recognized. Let's renew our efforts to make our homes what God would have them be.

— George Pledger

I Know a Homeless Person

Fanny J. Crosby's famous hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," describes the Savior in terms of Isaiah 53: "He was despised and afflicted," and then adds, "homeless, rejected, and poor." Last week, as we sang this beautiful song, I focused on that word, "homeless," and thought about all of the connotations we give to it these days.

It's hard to imagine Jesus as a homeless person or our usual stereotype—scraggly beard and unkempt hair, dirty clothes, body odor, panhandling, looking for thrown-away objects he can use or sell. Despised, afflicted, rejected, and poor, he would certainly be one from whom men turn away their faces (Isa. 53:3).

Yet it is in the eyes of the homeless of this world, the dirt poor, the abandoned, and the forsaken that we need to be looking for the likeness of Jesus. What did he say? Whatever you do for the least of these brothers of mine—whether it is feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, giving clothes to those in rags, or visiting those who are sick or in prison—you are doing it for me.

Let's develop an attitude mirroring the Man who spent His days preaching the Good News to the poor. Tell me His story. Write every word on my heart. Let me weep while you whisper of His ransoming love. Then, let's you and I relive the drama He acted out.

— Steve Singleton

