

Let's Visit

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"Angry Words"

Many of the songs that we sing are designed to teach and admonish. That is what Paul had in mind in Colossians 3:16 when he wrote, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."* In last week's bulletin our back page "Across The Preacher's Desk" dealt with the idea of angry words versus encouraging words. On the front page, we wrote about one of the most popular children's songs ever written, *"Jesus Loves Me"*. Well, another popular song over the years has been one entitled *"Angry Words"*. For a number of years, this song has been a favorite of many people. It is a song with valuable counsel for our dealings with each other and it warns us against disrupting friendship and love through unthoughtful use of the tongue.

The song tells us of the need to bridle our tongue. Take a look at the first and third verse of the song:

*"Angry words! O Let them never
From the tongue unbridled slip.
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip."*

*Angry words are lightly spoken
Bitt' rest tho'ts are rashly stirred,
Brightest links of life are broken
By a single angry word."*

James tells us that the tongue is powerful and difficult to control. It has the power to control the whole body. You see, the tongue reflects the true expression of the inward man. The tongue has the power to do good and evil, to turn away wrath or stir up strife. The tongue has the power to use knowledge wisely or pour forth foolishness. The tongue can be a tree of life or a breaker of spirits.

When we restrain our tongues, we avoid sin and keep ourselves out of trouble. Restraining the tongue can often make one to appear wise. Words poorly chosen, unthoughtfully and rashly spoken can destroy friendships. Words poorly chosen can make even the closest friends become enemies.

The chorus and verse two remind us of the importance of friendship and love.

*Love is much too pure and holy,
Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly
Thus to desolate and mar.*

*Love one another, thus saith the Savior
Children obey the Father's blest command
Love one another, thus saith the Savior,
Children obey the blest command."*

Some of the most beautiful passages in the Bible were expressions between friends. Think of Ruth's love for her mother-in-law, Naomi; or Jonathan's devotion to his friend, David; or Jesus' love for His disciple, John, and of course, Paul's love for his co-worker, Timothy.

Jesus teaches us to love one another. In fact, Jesus makes it a command and a mark of our discipleship in John 13:34-35. It is a blest command and love will avoid offending another with loose words.

Friendship is too holy to be destroyed by loose

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"Making Lemonade"

Our text comes from Psalm 119:71. Sometimes life doesn't always come up roses. Sometimes we get lemons. Yet, God can take the sour lemons of life and make sweet lemonade.

He trimmed the dead limbs off of them
That sat just next to me.

And then I got to thinking...
I felt sneaking as I could be...
And when I turned and looked at him,
His guns were trained on me!

-anonymous

*As Robert Burns, the great Scottish poet said...
"O would some power the gift to give us,
To see ourselves as others see us!"*

On The Lighter Side. . .



"I BET A LOT MORE PEOPLE WOULD COME TO CHURCH IF YOU ALLOWED POPCORN!"

For The Pantry. . . Paper Towels

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words in reckless moments, especially between brethren in Christ. True love values friendship so highly that it will resolve to say nothing that unnecessarily endangers friendship and to let nothing that is said, no matter how hurtful, to destroy a friendship. Let's make sure that our words are soft and sweet and never such that will destroy the closest bonds of love and affection between our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Some Food For Thought. . . .

Our preacher sure did pour it on,
But he just let me be.
He took the starch right out of them
That sat just next to me.

You should have heard the things he said,
It was true as true could be.
He burned the seat from under them
That sat just next to me.

He hit the nail square on the head;
With him I do agree;

Each One Bring One!
52 in '22
Invite Someone Each Week!

Miscellaneous

Due to scheduling conflicts, we had to change the date of our next covered dish luncheon. Please take note of this and make your plans to be here.

Save the Date! May 15, 2022

Our Next Covered Dish Luncheon!

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for June, July & August

We will also have a "Special Celebration"



Make your plans to be here and bring a guest!



**The Children's Home of Lubbock
"BIG HEART CAMPAIGN"**

WE DID IT!

This congregation has brought 1,051 rolls of toilet paper for the Children's Home of Lubbock!

You are to be commended for your generosity!

SUNNY GLEN CHILDRENS HOME

The grocery truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here the week of May 8th.



Those To Remember In Prayer

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims,

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) **Ana Blair** (friend of Debra Pate) **Donna Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) **Gil Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery **Gayle Foster** (Cancer) **Dalton Hendrix** (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) **Sandra Hogan** (friend of Roxie Bostick) **Wendy Johnson** (friend of Norma Perkins) **Julia Keffer** (Bobbi Holder's mother) **Laurie King** (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer : **Bruce Ligon** (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) **Liam Martinez** (11 months old) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Katilyn Tate** (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) **Jared and Natalie Bostick** (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) **Marc Tate** (Jana O'Brien's brother) **Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother) **Tina Vaughn** - cancer (Sue Hagler's Daughter) **Stephen Williams**, recovering from surgery.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE
Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

"I am only one, but
I am one. I cannot
do everything, but
I can do something.

And that which I
can do, by the
grace of God,
I will do"

D.L. Moody
1837 - 1899



Across The Preacher's Desk

Peter would write in I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon Him for he careth for you" (KJV). Personally, I like the way that Phillips translation gives us this passage when it says, "You can throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon him, for you are his personal concern." Whether we realize it or not, you and I are in this verse. If there was ever a passage for troubled believers, this is the passage.

So much in this world is impersonal. You have to press one for English and give someone the last four numbers of your social security number. Yet, God still knows you and me as individuals. Guess what, God does not track us down by the last four digits of our social security number either. He knows us by name and he has time for us. Just like he had time for an outcast publican named Zacchaeus, a woman with a disease that touched the hem of His garment, and an unnamed woman with a poor reputation he met beside a well near Sychar. Jesus had time for them, and he has time for me and you.

When we read that passage in I Peter, we realize we are in that verse and that our cares and burdens are in that verse. Peter tells us that Jesus can take on the full weight of all our worries and anxieties. Everything we are carrying, all the baggage we have and every care that is a roadblock to a blessing.

Don't ever wonder if Jesus cares. He does, and He wants to bear our burdens if we will only let him.

it's something to think about. . . .tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
52 in '22!**