



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Stories with Intent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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All Creatures of Our God and King – #43

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Affirmation of Forgiveness

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Romans 5:8

Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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Old Testament

Tell Me the Story of Jesus – #119

Psalm 130:3-4 – Cathy Gilbert

Message

Paul Reader

Am I Missing the Implications of God's Forgiveness?

Matthew 18:21-35

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Benediction

Postlude

His Mercy Is More

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Matthew 18:21-35

What things seem astonishing in this parable?

What would you say Jesus is hoping to accomplish by telling this story? What expectation is he setting up for God's Kingdom on earth?

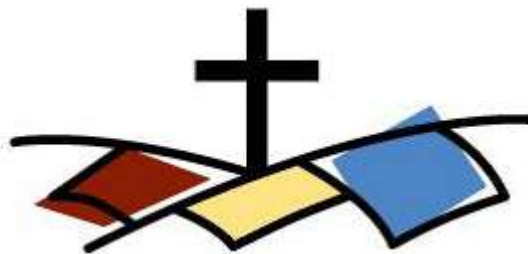
Forgiveness is here presented as legitimately costly and difficult. Where do you sense barriers & obstacles with regards to forgiveness & relationships?

How would you articulate Jesus's path for us to learn to forgive?

How does this passage shape our idea of what God's rule and reign in our lives right now look like? How does it impact our view of sin? Of the importance of person to person relationships?

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering Matthew 20:1-16 'Am I Missing God's Goodness?'



All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water pure and clear
Make music for thy Lord to hear
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright
That givest man both warmth and light
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast your care
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words by St. Francis of Assisi, 1225;
tr. William H. Draper, 1926
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Affirmation of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we
were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Tell me the story of Jesus
Write on my heart every word
Tell me the story most precious
Sweetest that ever was heard
Tell how the angels in chorus
Sang as they welcomed His birth
"Glory to God in the highest
Peace and good tidings to earth"

Fasting alone in the desert
Tell of the days that are past
How for our sins He was tempted
Yet was triumphant at last
Tell of the years of His labor
Tell of the sorrow He bore
He was despised and afflicted
Homeless rejected and poor

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him
Writhing in anguish and pain
Tell of the grave where they laid Him
Tell how He liveth again
Love in that story so tender
Clearer than ever I see
Stay, let me weep while you whisper
Love paid the ransom for me

Tell me the story of Jesus
Write on my heart every word
Tell me the story most precious
Sweetest that ever was heard

Words by by Fanny J. Crosby, 1880
Music by John R. Sweney, 1880

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done?
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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