

A Never beyond redemption

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By DOUG SCHMIDT | AUGUST 21, 2017

How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 36:7)

The permanent restraining order hearing had begun. The accused man, represented by no one, sat slouched at the defendant’s table, displaying obvious contempt for the judge and the person seeking protection. The judge asked him, “Sir, do you wish to participate?” The accused got up to speak.

“Y’know, I’m not going to contest this. Yeah, I messed up and lost my temper—a bit. But I want the court and everybody here to know . . . I no longer consider myself a Christian and don’t believe in God anymore.”

What struck me when I heard this was the realization that he made this statement under oath. There was no longer any ambiguity about the nonexistence of his faith.

The writer of Psalm 36 lamented the contempt the wicked have for God. There is no fear of God in their hearts, and they express nothing but belligerence for the Lord’s claims upon their hearts and souls. They don’t believe they’re doing anything wrong and cannot grasp the extent of their damaging words and behaviors.

But even the malicious people in our lives are not beyond redemption. The young man who spoke these words of renunciation can still repent and experience saving faith in Jesus Christ, and find the merciful arms of God ready to receive him. Let’s never give up on anyone.

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August 27, 2017

FOCUS Wesleyan Church

“Encouragement for the Journey of Faith”

Joshua 5 “*Coming to Your Gilgal*”

Sermon Notes:

Joshua 5:1-15

Micah 6:1-5

1. A metaphor for _____

2. A call to be _____

1 Peter 1:15-16

3. Why we don’t want to _____ the Call

4. Wearing the _____ of distinctiveness

Romans 12:2

1 Peter 1:17

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the *next step* is for our lives. When you consider the Call of God to be Holy, what steps could you make this week to press into His power and presence to be transforms in the way you think, live, love and speak? What areas of your life need to be surrendered?

Challenge: This week I will pray for following local schools:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

FOCUS Board Meeting - Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

This coming month's Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, September 11, 6:30 PM.

Youth Group Tonight 6:30 - 8 PM!

Friends welcome, snacks provided!

FOCUS Family Fun Friday - September 15, 7:00 PM

FOCUS will be having a family movie night out on the lawn of the North side of the church building. Popcorn and water provided! Consider inviting some families and friends for a fun evening together!

Our Beliefs

Wesleyans believe in one God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the Savior of all who put their faith in Him alone for eternal life.

We believe that those who are made new in Christ are called to be holy in character and conduct, and can only live this way by being filled with the Lord's Spirit.

We believe in the Bible and its sufficiency to establish our faith and conduct.

We believe God wills for people everywhere to know Him and be made new in Christ.

We believe that the purpose of the Church is to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to reach a lost and fallen world with the gospel of Jesus Christ through its worship, witness, and loving deeds.

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