

So how did he pull that off? Well, it seems that he cared about people. Not what they did, what their mistakes were, or even how many times they had done the same mistake. He cared about the impact of the choices on the individual.

The woman taken in adultery was forgiven, cared about, and urged to make better choices. The woman at the well was seen as important, had her questions answered, and made to feel valuable. The blind man went from being the product of sinful parents to being someone so special that God had a plan for him.

Being willing, able, and available to the wrecks around you can be frustrating. It means that you will have lots of situations that you aren't sure what the answers are. Learning to love, care and point to God might seem too small to you, but it is great in the lives of the fallen.

You see, we don't get to pick the family we are born into. Perhaps your parents taught you good values, great decision making skills, and even helped you get started. Or you might not have had any of that. You might have been raised in a family that believed everyone was out to get them. Perhaps you were taught from 3-4 years old to steal and cheat. Perhaps your family saw it as "survival". Can you imagine the choices that come from those situations?

Breaking the cycle is difficult and only happens with your availability. It doesn't happen when people are sent to incarceration and are taught "good values" from other inmates.

So, I urge you, put down your protest sign and get your mop bucket ready. It will be messy, but it is the only way that things improve.

Grace and Peace,

Carl



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A Family of God

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People make poor choices. Some of those choices limit their future options, others lead them down a path that will result in further difficulty.

What I find, from the sidelines, is that folks are not appreciative of those who make it their agenda to loudly proclaim the foolishness of those choices with a gleeful air of superiority. Comments like, get a job... if you quit smoking you would have another \$500 per month... or.... Only an idiot would make a choice like that... does not tend to endear us to those who are struggling.

"Why would you marry someone like that?" Is seldom followed by the words, "I see what you mean, thank you for pointing it out."

No more than a superficial reading of the Scriptures will show us that Jesus didn't spend his time on the sidelines, wagging his head and talking under his breath. He didn't cross to the other side of the street to avoid dealing with those in crisis.

He didn't spend his time condemning those who were in wrecks, he helped them in the aftermath. His first reaction was not to judge, but to care.

Jesus didn't sit on the sidelines with protest signs, or become the one who made huge sighs and eye rolls. No one felt he was such a good guy that he was unapproachable.

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
 Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
 Worship Service—10:45 am
 Afternoon Service—1:15 pm

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
 Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)

ELDERS: Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JUNE 12, 2016

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich
 GATHERING SONG:
 No. 72—Blessed Be the God Almighty
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Phil 3:7-14 (Richard Breensing)
 SONGS: No. 536—Higher Ground Medley
 -No. 537—Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims (vs 1, 2)
 -No. 538—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs 1, 2)
 -No. 539—Higher Ground (vs 1, 4)
 No. 589—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
 No. 768—Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
 PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
 SONG: No. 379—If That Isn't Love
 COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
 Orrin Feril
 Teddy Gingrich
 Fred Johnson
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 678—More About Jesus
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Garland Mansel
 (CCLI #2440129)

WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again! Please stay for our potluck lunch today.

SILVER MAPLE CAMP

These are the summer youth sessions scheduled.
 Scholarships are available—see Tom or Richard.

- June 12-18 (Foundations Session: Ages 9-13)
- June 15 & July 13 (Day Camp: Ages 6-8)
- June 23-26 (Young Adult Retreat: 18-25)
- July 10-16 (Junior Camp/Session 1: Ages 9-13)
- July 17-23 (Senior Camp/Session 2: Ages 13-18)
- July 24-30 (Group Camp/Session 3: Ages 9-18)



Go to www.silvermaplecamp.com to register.

Ladies—mark your calendar for September 23-24 for the Women's Retreat at SMC. The Salina Church of Christ is hosting this event and the guest speaker will be Lynn Dearing from Nashville, TN.

BIBLE HOUR DURING WORSHIP

A special Bible class/activity session is planned each week for children to attend during the worship period, at the time of the sermon. This is intended for children ages 3 through the completion of 5th Grade. Younger children can attend when special arrangements are made. Those who have finished 5th Grade, and older, are asked to stay in the auditorium to listen to the sermon. We want our children to receive the most benefit from their attendance!



Nick Mansel—June 18

PRAYER REQUESTS

Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - had surgery in Hutchinson last week; is now home
Fred Johnson—eye slowly improving
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Gary Hornbaker
Marci Klug (Joe & Lisa's daughter)—high risk pregnancy
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - brain cyst
Brent Monroe (Joy Monroe's grandson; Marilyn's great-grandson)
Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - acute leukemia
Clay Rodgers (infant son of friends of Ben & Baylee) rare birth defect
Pati Waters Risley—stroke
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law)
Jonathan Batten - cancer
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - health concerns
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Myron Breensing (Richard's father) - Leisure Homestead
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Leisure Homestead
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Vic & Phyllis Staub - Kenwood Plaza

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