

## Morning Worship

May 13, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

Piano — Marcia Hart

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

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Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Mother's Day Recognition

Hymn # 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Don/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 505 *Happy the Home When God is There* Don/People

Chorus # 386 *The Family of God* Don/People

Offering Prayer Bill Schottel

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Marcia Hart

Hymn # 507 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families* Don/People

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading Luke 7:11-17 Allan/People

Message *It's in Jesus' Hands* Allan Lane

Hymn # Don/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Chorus # 38 *All the Glory Belongs to Jesus* Don/People

## It's in Jesus' Hands

Luke 7:11-18

A mother's love has long been used as a way to measure love. Haven't you heard the phrase "He has a face only a mother could love!" Even with the immense love that a mother has for her children, it cannot compare to the Love of God. A mother can only go so far. There are things that she simply cannot do for her children. Even with the immense love that a mother has for her children, it cannot compare to the Love of God. A mother can only go so far. There are things that she simply cannot do for her children.

Perhaps your situation is beyond your control. If that is the case, you are encouraged to "place your children into the hands of Jesus." Let's consider:

### 1. The Problem . (verse 11)

This young man was not just sick, he was dead. One of the most tragic things a parent will ever have to endure is losing a child. We expect to die first, but there are times when the child passes before the parents. This mother was no doubt devastated and grieving the loss of her precious child. Not only was he dead, he was her only son. And to make matters worse her husband had died as well.

Let's consider the picture that Luke paints for us in these verses. We are told that many of the people of the city were with this widow. This crowd of mourners was in a funeral procession headed to the cemetery to bury this young man. It was a custom in their day and time for the people of the city to join in and mourn. The mother would have been at the front. Those who carried the coffin would be behind her. The

coffin would have been open as they make their way through town. Behind the coffin would be the mourners. This crowd may have included the friends and family of the deceased. It was also common to have paid mourners at a funeral. Then at the rear of the procession would have been the people of the city following as a sign of respect for the dead.

This was taking place Jesus and His followers came on the scene. As the mourners were headed to the cemetery, the followers of Christ were headed into the city. Jesus sees the problem and has compassion on this widow. Then notice with me in verse 13:

## **2. The Pity . (verse 13)**

It's important to note that in this specific situation this lady was not looking for Jesus. But Jesus arrived at the moment that she needed Him the most. She may not have even known who He was but He knew her. She may not have heard of the many miracles that He had performed. But she was about to experience a miracle first hand. Jesus comes and tells her "not to weep." What a strange comment to make to a mother at her son's funeral. It may have seemed strange to those present, but Jesus knew something that they did not know. Things may seem devastating in your life right now, but Jesus knows some things that you and I don't.

There were many people who felt sorry for this widow woman. There were several people in that crowd who had compassion on her, but that was as far as they could go. It was not the case for Jesus. Jesus went further than having pity on this woman. He saw her problem and did something about it. In verses 14-15 we see:

## **3. The Power . (verses 14-15)**

Can you imagine the scene as Jesus interrupted this funeral? He walked to the open coffin and begins to speak to the corpse. He said the simple words "young man, I say unto you, Arise!" We wouldn't be too far off to assume that for a brief moment those who heard Jesus speak to this dead son thought Him to be crazy. But before their very eyes this young man sat up and began to speak.

Can you imagine the reaction of the pallbearers, the mourners, his mother, the man who was dead? Obviously there were many different emotions present on that day. There was fear, confusion, amazement and most of all joy. That is what happens when Jesus comes on the scene. When Jesus shows up people are amazed. Some may be fearful and sometimes He does things that confuse our simple minds. Oh, but when Jesus comes on the scene there is always joy and excitement at the miracles that He performs.

Those that traveled with Jesus had just witnessed the healing of the centurion's servant. Notice that when you walk with Jesus the miracles never get old. We can be sure His disciples were amazed as well. It is one thing to heal someone who is sick, but to raise someone from the dead is on a level by itself. What this miracle shows us is that nothing is impossible for our God. In this widow's moment of devastation and desperation Jesus shows up and takes control.

What is Jesus' motivation for raising this young man from the dead? You may think it was the compassion that He had on this woman. But the Scriptures show us that there was a greater motivation. In verses 16 and 17 we see:

## **4. The Purpose . (verses 16-17)**

The people who were present realized that they had witnessed a miracle. They also knew the source of Jesus' power and they glorified God. They also proclaimed that "God had visited His people." Furthermore Jesus' fame spread across the entire region.

The purpose of our lives is to bring honor and glory to our Heavenly Father. But too many times we are focused on our problems, our difficulties, our sorrows, our grief and our trials and tribulations. When we cry out to God we do so in a selfish manner. And when Jesus does show up and work a miracle, it is not only for our benefit. Ultimately the purpose is so that our Father will get the glory.

Do you remember what Jesus said in the Model Prayer? In Matthew 6:13 He said "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." It is all about the Father's Glory.

Great things happened in the city of Nain that day. And when it was over God received the glory. Sometimes Jesus shows up in our lives and does things that are so amazing that it is obvious where the power came from. He does things that no one else can do. And the fact that He cares and has compassion on us in the process just makes it sweeter.

### **Conclusion**

Today there are several Mothers and Fathers who are concerned about the situation of your children and grandchildren. Some of you have children who are struggling with addiction. Some of you have children who are suffering from alcoholism. Some of you have children who are dealing with depression. Some of you have children who are in jail or prison. Some of you have children who are going through divorces and custody battles. Some of you have children who are living evil rebellious lives. Some of you have children who are involved in homosexuality. Some of you have children who are dealing with serious health issues. Some of you have children who are living in rebellion and are away from God. On and on it goes, there are many different situations that your children are facing.

And being a loving parent you are concerned for them. Many of you are carrying heavy burdens today. You don't know what to do to help them. And in most cases there is nothing you can do. You may be in a similar situation as this widow woman. You may be at a place where the only answer is for Jesus to come on the scene and work a miracle.

Comprehend the fact that Jesus knows your name. He sees your sorrows. He understands and can calm your fears. And as was the case in this story, He has compassion on you. Even when it doesn't seem like it, He cares for you. When the time is right He will come on the scene and through His power He will work a miracle.

There is nothing you are facing that He can't handle. This young man was dead. Does it get any worse than that? But Jesus has the power over death. He has the power over your situation and circumstances as well.

What then should you do? Trust Him. Place Your Children in to the Hands of Jesus today. And if you will do this, then in His time He will work a miracle. And when the miracle happens, God will get all the glory.

Maybe you are here and you are that rebellious child of a loving mother or Father that is concerned about your situation. Maybe you are here and spiritually speaking you are as dead as this young man who was in a coffin on the way to his funeral. Jesus can raise you to walk in newness of life today.

That is just what He does. He comes to us even though we are not looking for Him. He comes to us even though we have not called for Him. He comes to us even though we do not deserve Him. He comes to us because He loves us. He comes to us with grace, mercy and salvation. And when He arrives He completely transforms our lives.

Jesus arrived at a funeral and left a party. He restored a mother and a son. He replaced fear with hope. He replaced death with life. He replaced sorrow with joy.

What Jesus did that day in Nain, He can do for you right here right now. Though you are dead in your trespasses and sins, though you are desperate and things seem hopeless, He can deliver you from those sins. He can remove your desperation and give you hope and life eternal.

What should you do? Just give your life to Jesus. What should you do with your burdens? Just give them to Jesus. Parents, what should you do with your children? Place Your Children into the Hands of Jesus.

## ***Give Your Burdens to Jesus!***

### **Follow the Manual**

Once upon a time everything we purchased came with a manual. Today, you can download it off the internet. If you take the time to read the manual, you can learn lots of fancy things. But most people just plug in and go. They get the basic benefits, but not all the bells and whistles. The same is true in our lives. We've been made with all sorts of potential, but it comes from following God's Word. When we fail to follow the Word of God and listen to the voices of imitators we lose out on all the benefits and might even get hurt. For example:

**God says** sex is for marriage. We think – I don't want to follow that voice, so we follow our own. And we reap sexual addiction, teen pregnancy, abortion, disease, emotional scars, and often a cycle of poverty. **On the other hand** if we follow God's Word we enjoy sexual relations without fear of disease, abandonment, and unwanted pregnancies. We enjoy to the full the benefits of what God has created without all the side effects.

**God says** we are to forgive those who hurt us. We think – I don't want to follow that voice, so we harbor bitterness and seek revenge. And then we reap ulcers, hatred, divorce, pain, emotional scars, and physical violence. **On the other hand** if we follow God's Word we discover that forgiving others really sets us free. We discover that we are more at peace. While others lose control over their emotions, we set into motion a cycle of grace for our lives and the lives of others.

**God says** we are to abide in His Word. We think – we don't want to do that, because we want to watch TV and get on the internet and talk on our cell phones. And we reap hectic lives full of more information than we know what to do with. We reap images in our minds that are unholy, which reaps a whole new cycle of sinfulness in our lives. **On the other hand** if we follow God's Word we discover reading God's Word every day produces ways to apply it. We encounter people we can share it's truths with. We find that when we're tempted we're able to recall Bible verses and defeat the devil.

This is what Jesus is talking about when He said He came to give us abundant life if we follow His leadership as our Good Shepherd (John 10:10). We can count on Him to provide protection against our enemies. Last Sunday we touched on the contrast Jesus created between the hired hand and the shepherd of the sheep. The hired hand does an okay job caring for the sheep as long as everything is going as planned. But when tough times come – as suggested by an approaching wolf – the hired hand says "I'm outta here!" It's because he cares more for himself than for the sheep.

Jesus says "I'm not like that." We can trust Him to be willing to stand up to predators and defend His sheep.

This is such good news. It means as long as we stay close by Jesus, by walking with Him and following His voice, we don't have to worry about Satan being able to pick us off. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, will see the evil one's approach and will protect us as long as we're staying close to Him and not wandering off.

God Bless You!  
*Bro. Allan*

## **Opportunities For Service**

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: ? ? ?

Evening Services.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 16**

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Gary Yarbrough,? ? ? ?, John Lewis, Joseph Coats

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Lunch and Business Meeting following worship service.

**Monday, May 21**

Workers Meeting.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 23**

Prayer / Bible Study ....6:30 pm

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**May 13 — Mother's Day**

**May 20 — Business Meeting and Carry-In Dinner**

— Collect for the Longs

**May 27 — Diversicare**

— Farewell reception for Don and Marcia Hart

**May 28 — Memorial Day**

**June 5 — Food Kitchen**

**June 11-15 — Youth Camp**

## **GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW! Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

### **Sunday Nights**

We will have Sunday night services tonight at 6:30 pm. We will continue our study entitled: ***A Case for Faith*** with Lee Strobel. Don't miss it!

### **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study.

### **Business Meeting and Carry-In Dinner**

We will have our regular business meeting and carry in meal immediately following the morning worship service May 20.

### ***Congratulations to our Graduates!***

Britney Griswold is graduating from Central High School on Sunday May 20, 2018. Jessica Kirkpatrick graduates from Benton High School.

### **Mark Your Calendars Now!**

- ♦ June 11-15  
Youth Camp
- ♦ July 16-20  
Children's Camp
- ♦ August 18  
Men's Conference  
Frederick Boulevard  
Baptist Church

### *A "Hart-felt' Goodbye*

Many of you know Marcia and Don Hart will be moving to Washington state to be near their son and his family. Their last Sunday at Calvary will be May 27th. We will miss both of them more than words can say. The Lydia Sunday School Class would like to invite the entire church to join us as we send them on with a heartfelt goodbye.

**May 27, 2018**  
**4:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Church Basement**

Jack Conard has a like new window a/c unit. If you are interested, see him for more details.

## *For the Record-*

### Attendance: May 6, 2018

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| Sunday School.....       | 23 |
| Visitors.....            | 0  |
| Total.....               | 23 |
| Contacts Made.....       | 0  |
| Morning Worship.....     | 35 |
| Sunday Night.....        | 5  |
| Children's Worship ..... | 3  |
| Wednesday Night .....    | 4  |

### Financial Record:

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Budget .....    | \$ 2,286.39 |
| Offering Received ...  | \$ 3,889.80 |
| Long Family - April... | \$ 110.00   |

### Offering Received by Mail:

### May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

### May Van Driver:

George Burgess  
Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am if you need a  
ride.

### May Member Birthdays:

03... Vicki Long  
11... Hannah Schottel  
12... Rev. A. B. Brown  
17... Arlette Duty  
20... Pam Eldredge  
20... Erin Molloy  
20... Mike Green

### May Anniversaries

Russ and Nancy McCamy  
May 22, 1982

### *Prayer Requests ...*

Mike Green—infection in knee  
Larry McKahan—infection  
Sharri Duty—surgery recovery  
Swymeler's Grandsons—kidney issues  
Jessica Kirkpatrick and baby Levi  
Donna and Bill Dunn—health

Joyce Cook—health  
Jack and Flo Conard  
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health  
Arlette Duty—strength  
Gina Harr—strength  
Don Beavers—heart and health  
Curtis Conard—recovery  
Emily Jones & baby Liam  
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
The Waters Family—guidance  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Shawna Hughes—recovery  
Larry Danner—cancer  
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister  
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim  
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter  
LoLeta Middleton—strength  
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law  
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister  
Rev. A. B. Brown      Betty Campbell  
George Ferbert      Kevin Duty  
Ellen Blanton      Lois Ulmer  
Jim Winans      Nellie Reynolds  
Madeline Swink      Ann Riddle  
Kathryn Beavers      Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans      Kenny Duty  
Pat Means      Buddy Means  
Bill & Juanita      Debbie Sands  
Pat Puckett      Judy Anderson  
Brenda Burgess      Roscoe Lane  
Carolyn Houts      Tim Izer  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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