

Misguided Commitment

A number of years ago, I attended a James Taylor concert at the Zoo Amphitheater. Now I'm not real big on concerts. Though I love music, I can live without some the unnecessary frills associated with concerts. But James Taylor usually draws a pretty sedate crowd, so I decided to go.

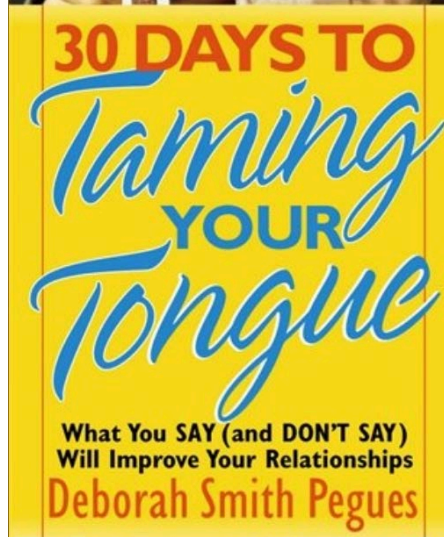
It was a scorcher! We arrived nearly an hour and a half early, and the line was already 300 yards long. Sweat was beginning to pool up on the street! Standing for that long was not much fun either. Finally, the line began to move and we inched our way closer to the gate until entrance was granted. There were no reserved seats. In fact, there were no seats at all. We all scrambled for our own little piece of ground to call home for the next 3 or 4 hours. And the people kept coming. About 10,000 were there. Obviously air conditioning was out of the question. There were not nearly enough rest rooms to accommodate the crowd. People actually stood in 15-people lines in order to use the port-o-potty. And you know how wonderful port-o-potties are! If you wanted a cold drink or something to eat, you had to weave your way through legs and feet and other body parts. Comfort was not a part of the evening.

But no one seemed to mind. Everyone was having a good time. And they were behaving quite well. I was impressed. What really amazed me, at least from the point of view as someone who addresses crowds, is that when James Taylor said he was through, the crowd called him back for three encores! This crowd was definitely committed to his concert.

I thought, "Wouldn't it be great to have this kind of commitment to Jesus Christ?" Think of it! Can you imagine a church where you stood in a hot line for two or three hours, paid \$50 per person to get in the door, mixed your sweat with everyone else's in the process, only to be jam-packed with 9,999 other people sitting on the ground for 4 more hours, with insufficient rest room facilities, bugs, no air conditioning, and where they called the preacher back to the pulpit for three more sermonettes after he had finished the first one? Would that take commitment or what?!!

That may sound unusual, but it happened to Jesus many times. The Sermon on the Mount. Feeding the 5,000. Feeding the 4,000. Have we become so comfort conscious that we have forgotten commitment? Not according to the James Taylor crowd. Perhaps our human quality of commitment is just a bit misguided. What about yours?

—Jeff Gardner



New Sunday Morning Ladies Class in Room 205

Ladies, please consider joining **Misty Martin** and **Alicia Breslin** **TODAY** in room 205 as they lead a class using the book to the left as a study guide. Who hasn't struggled with saying the wrong thing at the wrong time? The author is a certified behavioral consultant who knows how a slip of the tongue can sabotage relationships. She put this book together to serve as a refreshing and humorous guide to help you tame that unruly member of your body and turn it into a productive asset.

Donations are needed for Camp Rock Creek

Cleaning Supply Drive

Needed items included: toilet cleaner, toilet brushes, toilet tissue, Clorox wipes, Pine-Sol, individual hand soap, trash bags (4, 13, and 55 gallon), paper towels, brooms, mops, food service gloves, kitchen towels, and oven mitts. Items can be left in the cart in the lobby.

You may also make monetary donations to help purchase supplies. Visit CampRockCreek.org to see different ways to donate, or purchase from their wish list at amazon.com.

Contact Tim Hempel (405-990-1729) with questions.

April Wishlist for:

Community Cupboard

Laundry Detergent Pods, Dryer Sheets, Bleach, Dish Soap, Dishwasher Pods, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Multi-Purpose Household Cleaner, and Disinfecting Wipes

Sermon Notes

The Servant as a Giver 2 Corinthians 8:1-8

There are many philosophies by which to live; most are self-focused. In Jesus, self is no longer the focus. The focus is on giving yourself for others in His name. Notice six ways the Macedonian disciples excelled as servant givers.

- I. A _____ (2 Corinthians 8:1).
A. A great proof of servanthood is A_____.
- II. G _____ (2 Corinthians 8:2-3a).
A. Give E_____ that anybody has a right to
E_____ from you, and then some.
- III. V _____ (2 Corinthians 8:3b-4).
A. The R_____ of giving voluntarily are the
R_____.
- IV. P _____ (2 Corinthians 8:5).
A. You know you have given yourself to the Lord when
your L_____ service to others becomes your
L_____ service.
- V. R _____ (2 Corinthians 8:7-8).
A. We lag in the grace of giving because we are not
H_____ E_____ our ability to give.
- VI. C _____ (2 Corinthians 8:9-11).
A. The challenge is to S_____ to your
C_____.

Announcements

- ➔ Please pick up a Green Sheet Prayer List and be prayerful for all the sick and suffering.
- ➔ The Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of April 4, 2022. Items on their shopping list include: Capri Sun, Sweet Cereal, Canned Soda, Assorted Chips, Beef Jerky/Slim Jims, Jell-O/Pudding Cups, Coffee, Velveeta, Little Debbie's Cakes, Bottled Water, Bottled Gatorade, 100% Orange/Fruit Juice, Assorted Band-Aids, Liquid Laundry Soap and 13/39 Gallon Trash Bags. If you can help, please leave your items in the designated spot in the lobby.

Children's Ministry Thank You!

To everyone who donated eggs, candy and money, THANK YOU! We now have all we need to host a wonderful *Easter in the Park* celebration for area children. We will need your help stuffing the plastic eggs with candy. Watch for brown bag kits for pick up on Wednesday, 3/30 in the FLC, to be filled and returned by Sunday, 4/10.

Dates To Remember:

- TODAY @ 11:15 AM New Ladies Bible Class Begins, *30 Days to Taming Your Tongue*, Room 205
- March 29 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- March 30 @ 8 AM Men's Breakfast @ Madison's
- March 30 @ 4:30 PM Early Bible Class
- March 30 @ 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
- March 30 @ 5:30 PM Pick up Brown Bag Easter Kits in FLC
- March 30 @ 6:30 PM Singing Practice
- March 30 @ 7:00 PM Adult Bible Class in the Chapel
- March 31 @ Noon Ladies Class in the Chapel
- April 1 @ 6 PM Keenagers Game Night in FLC
- April 4 Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck will be here this week
- April 8-10 Women of Joy Weekend in Branson
- April 8-10 DCYG Area Wide Youth Spring Retreat
- April 10 Return finished Brown Bag Easter Kits to the Lobby
- April 16 @ 2-5 PM Easter in the Park

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

3/20 Worship Attendance.....	215
3/20 Bible Class Attendance.....	132
3/20 Contribution	\$8,042.23
YTD Regular Contribution	\$166,872.27
Weekly Average	\$13,906.02

Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: _____

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Welcome To Our
**Sunday Morning
 Family Worship**
 March 27, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

Order of Worship

Song #72, *Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*.....Tim Holt
 Welcome.....Tim Holt
 Song #300, *Praise Him! Praise Him!*.....Tim Holt
 Song, *Great Are You Lord*.....Tim Holt
 Song, *Glorify Thy Name*.....Ivan Gonzalez
 Prayer.....Steve Hisey
 Song #344, *Low in the Grave He Lay*.....Ivan Gonzalez
 Communion.....Sam Day
 Song #664, *Take My Life and Let It Be*.....Tim Holt
 Offering.....Sam Day
 Scripture Reading, *2 Corinthians 8:1-11*.....Aaron Rhodes
 Song, *10,000 Reasons*.....Tim Holt
 Message, *The Servant as a Giver*.....Jeff Gardner
 Song #662, *All to Jesus I Surrender*.....Darrel Sullivan
 Closing Announcements.....Jeff Gardner
 Prayer.....Chad Barney
 Song, *Hilltops of Glory*.....Tim Holt

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Singing Class	6:30 PM
Mid-Week Adult Class	7:00 PM
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday.
 For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.