

Learn To Love Again

I don't know the origin of the following story. But when I read it, it brought tears to my eyes and new commitment to my heart. I hope it will do the same for you.

The woman arrived at the lawyer's office...alone. She had visited marriage counselors before, and she had even persuaded her husband to go along because their marriage was failing. The honeymoon was a distant memory. She had given up hope and saw nothing but more of the same hurt, emptiness and disappointment for their marriage. She was done with the counselors and ready for the lawyer to begin immediate action on her divorce proceedings.

Her husband had hurt her over and over again. He was thoughtless, sometimes even rude. All he seemed to care about was their "physical" relationship. Yes, he did have a good job and provided for the family financially. However, that was about the only kind of support he provided.

She told the lawyer she had been hurt so deeply she wanted a divorce that would really cut her husband. She wanted revenge for those years of his selfishness. The plan the lawyer proposed sounded perfect.

For 30 days she would try to be the perfect wife. She would cater to her husband's every desire. She would do all the romantic things that endear a wife to a husband. On the 31st day, she would hand him the divorce papers. Her lawyer promised that her husband would be heartbroken. For years to come he would remember how good things had been when their marriage ended. His loss would be great and he would hurt again each time he thought of her. *Revenge!*

35 days passed and the lawyer had not heard a word from the unhappy wife or the self-centered husband.

Her reply when he called her? "Forget it. We fell in love again. When I started being all he wanted, he immediately responded with tenderness, gentleness, love and concern for me. Our marriage has never been better. Thanks for your wonderful advice!"

If your marriage is not all that you would like for it to be, do not preach to your spouse. YOU change! Become more selfless, more giving, more forgiving, and your actions will change your partner more quickly than any sermon ever could. This applies whether you are a husband or a wife!

Learn to love again...before you quit your spouse, give yourself the 30 day test.

—Jeff Gardner

Don't forget to pick up one or several Brown Bag Easter Egg Kits after service today in the lobby. Please fill the eggs with the included candy and return to the church by April 10th. Thank you for helping us make Easter in the Park special for children in our church and community!



Our **Visitation Ministry** is starting back up. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, April 4 at 6:30 PM in the FLC. Volunteers are needed to visit hospitals and home-bound church members to share prayer, hope and love. Please contact Melvin Thompson at 405-606-9253 or melvin-thompson@cox.net to be included. Sandwiches, chips, cookies and soft drinks will be served.



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

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Camp Rock Creek Supply Drive. We raised \$325 and collected numerous cleaning supplies and other items.

Sermon Notes

The Servant as a Forgiver

Ephesians 4:31-32; Matthew 5:23-24; 18:21-35

As a servant disciple imitating Jesus Christ, it is up to you to initiate the process of forgiveness, whether victim or violator. Servants always make the first move. Notice the two sides of forgiveness.

I. V _____ (Matthew 5:23-24).

A. Jesus' four step plan:

1. S _____.
2. G _____.
3. R _____.
4. R _____.

B. What if he/she won't forgive? Healing sometimes takes T _____.

C. What if the situation only gets worse? That is a good P _____.

D. What if I decide to just deal with it with God? You have to stop P _____ until you have made things right.

E. What if it is impossible to reconcile because of death? Share your burden of guilt with someone you T _____.

II. V _____ (Matthew 18:21-35).

A. Servant forgiveness is L _____ (vv. 21-22)

B. Servant forgiveness is D _____ by G _____ (vv. 23-27).

C. Servant forgiveness D _____ G _____ (vv. 28-33).

D. Servant forgiveness is the S _____ of P _____ (vv. 34-35).

1. Peace with G _____.
2. Peace with P _____.
3. Peace with Y _____.

Announcements

- ➔ Welcome to our new Brother in Christ, Landon Parker, who was baptized on March 27th
- ➔ Please pick up a Green Sheet Prayer List
- ➔ Welcome new members! Craig and Cherlynn Deatherage, 6104 SE 57th St., OKC, OK 73135, 405-650-2141

Happy Birthday This Week:

Hannah Parker - April 1
Tim Fanning - April 4
Kevin Smith - April 5
April Zapata - April 6
Chris Stephens - April 6
Ida Tedford - April 6
Marian Zapata - April 7
John Randolph - April 8

Dates To Remember:

- April 4 Westview Boys' Home Grocery Truck 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 Easter in the Park, 2 PM - 5 PM
- May 3 Whiz Kids End of Year Party
- May 15 Senior Sunday | Promotion Sunday
- June 5-10 Camp Rock Creek
- June 19-24 Camp Zenith
- June 25 Car Show at DCCOC
- July 6-9 Vacation Bible School
- July 18-21 Day Camp
- July 29-30 DCYG Float Trip
- Aug. 11-13 DCCOC hosts National Hispanic Preacher's Conference
- Sept. 24-25 DCCOC 70th Anniversary Celebration

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**
 April 3, 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 #87, *Sing Amen!*Ivan Gonzalez
 WelcomeIvan Gonzalez
 Song #449, *Thy Word*Tim Holt
 Song #553, *I Am a Sheep*Tim Holt
 Song #719, *Love One Another*Tim Holt
 Prayer.....Melvin Thompson
 Song, *Here I Am to Worship*.....Ivan Gonzalez
 CommunionJames Phillips
 Song #309, *In My Life, Lord, be Glorified*.....Tim Holt
 OfferingJames Phillips
 Scripture Reading, *Matthew 18:21-35*.....Erik Stinnett
 Song #577, *We Bow Down*Tim Holt
 Message, *The Servant as a Forgiver*Jeff Gardner
 Song #934, *Softly and Tenderly*.....Darrel Sullivan
 Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
 Prayer.....Mark Carr
 Song #346, *He Lives*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
 Hispanic Class 7:00 PM
 Youth Group 7:00 PM

An Attended Nursery for birth to 2-years-old is available on Sunday mornings. For transportation to worship or other assemblies, please call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

3/27 Worship Attendance.....218
 3/27 Bible Class Attendance.....138
 3/27 Contribution\$13,106.38
 YTD Regular Contribution\$179,978.65
 Weekly Average\$13,844.51
 Weekly Budget\$14,703.58