

Sharon Methodist Church

WEEKLY HOME DEVOTION

For Sunday, July 5, 26

Day 1: A Love That Never Lets Go

Devotional - Have you ever felt like you were too far gone? Too broken, too distracted, or too inconsistent for God to still want you? That feeling is common, but it is not the truth.

God created you. Not as an afterthought, but with intention and love. And that same love does not have an expiration date. It does not shrink when you fail or disappear when life gets hard. Nothing you face today, and nothing you will ever face, has the power to cut you off from it.

The world pushes a different message. It says chase happiness while you can, because this moment is all you have. But that kind of happiness is fragile. It depends on circumstances going your way, and circumstances always change. What God offers is something far more stable. It is a love that holds you even when everything else shifts.

You do not have to earn your way into it. You do not have to clean yourself up first. God already knows you fully, and He loves you completely. That is not a small thing. That is the foundation everything else is built on.

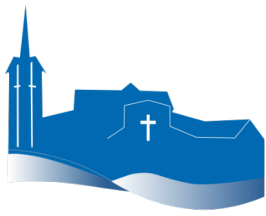
Rest in that today. Let it settle into the places where you have been doubting whether you are enough. You are not just enough. You are His.

Bible Verse - "Nothing in creation can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:39

Reflection Question - In what area of your life have you been acting as though God's love for you is conditional?

Quote - Nothing in creation can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer - Father, thank You that Your love is not based on my performance. Help me to receive it fully today and let it be the foundation I stand on. Amen.



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Day 2: More Than Just Getting By

Devotional - Most of us want to be happy. That is not a bad thing. But happiness alone is a shaky goal to build your life around, because it rises and falls with your circumstances. A good day can make you feel on top of the world. A hard week can make you feel like everything is falling apart.

There is something more durable than happiness, and it is available to every person who belongs to Christ. Romans 8:11 tells us that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead actually lives inside of us. That is not a small detail. That is a life-changing reality.

You are not just surviving until things get better. You are carrying resurrection power inside of you right now. That changes how you face a difficult conversation, a health scare, a broken relationship, or a season of grief. You are not alone in it, and you are not without hope.

Faithfulness is the goal worth chasing. Trusting God when it is hard, leaning on Him when you do not have answers, and knowing that He is steady even when you are not. That kind of life does not just feel good on the easy days. It holds together on the hard ones too.

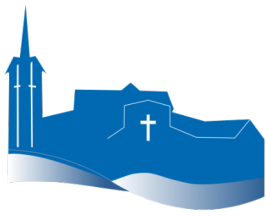
You were made for more than just getting by. You were made for a life rooted in something eternal.

Bible Verse - "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through the Spirit that dwells in you." - Romans 8:11

Reflection Question - Where in your life are you chasing short-term happiness instead of trusting God for something deeper and more lasting?

Quote - Yolo happiness is too small a goal to live for. Because your happiness is here today, gone tomorrow. Faithfulness, trusting in God, knowing that He's got you, that God created you, that God is your safe place when struggles and trials come.

Prayer - Lord, remind me today that I carry Your Spirit inside of me. Help me to live from that truth rather than from my circumstances. Amen.



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Day 3: He Came Because of You

Devotional - Before the world began, there was relationship. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit existed together in perfect love. And yet, somehow, there was a place at the table meant for you.

The problem was that we could not get there on our own. Every one of us has fallen short. We have made choices that pulled us away from God, and no amount of effort on our part could fix that gap. So Jesus did something extraordinary. He left the perfection of heaven, took on human flesh, lived the life we could not live, and went to a cross He did not deserve.

He did not come in spite of our failures. He came because of them. He looked at everything broken in us and chose to deal with it Himself. He died to kill death. He rose to give us life. That is the gospel, and it is deeply personal.

This is not a story about a distant God who watches from a safe distance. This is a God who stepped into the mess, took the punishment, and made a way when there was no way. He did not force anyone to accept it. He simply gave everything and left the door open.

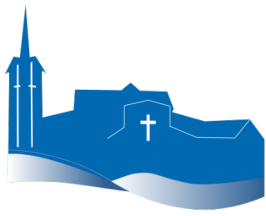
If you have never responded to that love, today is a good day to start. And if you have, let it move you again. He did all of this for you.

Bible Verse - 'He is not going to force you to love him. He gave everything so that you love him.' - Sermon Quote

Reflection Question - When you think about what Jesus gave up to reach you, how does that change the way you see your relationship with Him today?

Quote - He didn't come in spite of that. He came because of that. He wanted to get rid of it. And the only way to do that was the one who never did anything wrong came and made the punishment. He took it on himself.

Prayer - Jesus, thank You for coming because of me, not in spite of me. Help me never to take lightly what You gave so that I could be with You. Amen.



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Day 4: Grief With Hope

Devotional - Loss is one of the hardest things we face. There is no way around the weight of it. But for those who know Jesus, grief does not have the final word.

When a believer dies, there is sorrow. That is real and it is right. But underneath the sorrow is something that changes everything: hope. Not wishful thinking, but a confident expectation rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because He rose, we will too. The grave is not the end of the story.

That hope looks different from the outside. When followers of Jesus gather to remember someone who knew Him, there is a celebration underneath the tears. What they have stepped into is greater than anything we can see from here. That does not make the loss easier, but it makes it bearable in a way that nothing else can.

Now think about someone you know who does not have that hope. If they were to face loss today, or if they were the one being lost, what would be left? The absence of hope in those moments is a darkness that is hard to describe.

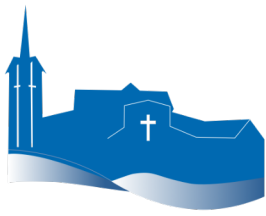
This is not meant to create fear. It is meant to create urgency. The people around you matter. Their eternity matters. And you have something worth sharing with them. Do not keep it to yourself.

Bible Verse - "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us." - Romans 8:18

Reflection Question - How does the hope of resurrection change the way you approach both your own grief and the grief of people around you who do not know Jesus?

Quote - We do not grieve like those who have no hope.

Prayer - Father, thank You that because of Jesus, death is not the end. Give me compassion for those around me who are facing loss without that hope. Amen.



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Day 5: You Are the Knock on the Door

Devotional - Imagine your neighbor's house is on fire and they do not know it. You would not stay quiet to avoid an awkward conversation. You would run to the door and knock as loud as you could, because the situation is urgent and you care about them.

That is exactly where we are with the people around us. Your coworker, your neighbor, your family member who does not know Jesus is in a situation far more serious than a house fire. And you might be the only person in their life who knows the way out.

That can feel intimidating. Most of us are not theologians. We do not have perfectly rehearsed answers to every hard question. But here is the good news: you do not need them. You just need to be willing. When you do not know what to say, the Holy Spirit speaks for you. Your job is simply to show up and open the door.

Start small. Think of one person in your life who does not know Jesus. Pray for them by name every day this week. Look for a natural moment to say something as simple as this: God made you, He loves you, and His love is forever. That is enough to plant a seed.

Jesus would not stay in heaven without them. He came all the way here for them. Will you walk across the street, or the office, or the dinner table for Him?

Bible Verse - "Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!" - Psalm 117:1-2

Reflection Question - Who is one specific person in your life who does not know Jesus, and what is one small step you can take this week to let them know they are loved by God?

Quote - You may be the only Bible your co worker ever reads. You might be the only one that knows God, that your co worker even knows.

Prayer - Lord, give me the courage to knock on the doors You have placed in front of me. Use my words, my presence, and my life to point someone closer to You this week. Amen.