

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake just for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked... and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

Do they see Christ when you think they aren't looking?

~ David Walls

Ladies: the Ideal Man is the one who says to his date when getting out of the car: "Darling, you are a wonderful driver and you parked the car perfectly. Ignore it, the Lexus was already scratched and the cat was dead. And we don't need that pine tree at all."

A man found his friend banging nails into the wall but he threw half of the nails away. "Why are you throwing half of them away?" asked the first man. "The heads are on the wrong end," answered the second. "Don't be stupid!" said the first. "Those are for the other side of the wall."

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



If a Canadian falls in the forest and there's no one around...does he still APOLOGIZE?

Celebrating the Seasons in Northern Canada

- Almost winter
- Winter
- Still winter
- Construction

When people come to visit, the door is open. When people leave, the door is open. May I make a suggestion? Don't stand **at** the open door, you're blocking the traffic.



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O Canada may God's love and wisdom always guide you on your way. "God keep our land glorious and free!"
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee."

Canada Day (Once called Dominion Day – "May He have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!" [Psalm 72:8]) celebrates the anniversary of the July, 1st, 1867 enactment of the **British North America Act**. This Act joined Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Province of Canada into a federation of four provinces (with the Province of Canada forming Ontario and Quebec). This day also marks the date in which Canada became a kingdom in its own right. May we take time as we celebrate to pray for our Nation.



Join us each Sunday for Worship...

3 p.m. worship and praise

22243 Allan Road (@Adelaide Road) South of Mt Brydges

Thot: "Three undeniable certainties we can draw from the Scriptures are: God wants us to love him above all else, God wants us to glorify him in all we do, and God doesn't want us to be enslaved to anything besides righteousness."

~ Matt Moore

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What should I do?

During a visit to a Psychiatric Hospital, a visitor asked the Consultant Psychiatrist, 'How do you establish whether a person should be institutionalized?'

'Good question,' replied the psychiatrist, 'what we do is fill up a bathtub, and we offer the prospective patient a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket and then we ask him to empty the bathtub.' 'I see', responded the visitor. 'That's easy. A normal person would obviously choose the bucket because it is larger than the spoon or the teacup and will empty the tub much quicker.'

'Aaaaah, actually, **no**', answered the director. 'Any normal person would simply pull out the plug and let it drain.'



Something To Think About..

"You're familiar with the old written law, 'Love your friend,' and its unwritten companion, 'Hate your enemy'. I am challenging that. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves." [Matthew 5:44-45 The Msg]

When Jesus demands not only we *not* resist evil people assaulting our honour or taking our possessions (vv. 38-42) but that we go so far as to actively love our enemies, we're quick to be defensive. After all we have a responsibility to maintain a good reputation and we've worked hard for what we have and there are just some people who are unlovable.

But Jesus builds a fence around the law of love, amplifying it to its ultimate conclusion. In doing so, He takes His demand way beyond the stringency of the law. He also makes a demand that requires more than merely human resources can muster to accommodate such behaviour as forgiving the unforgivable. Corrie ten Boom, who lost most of her family in a Nazi concentration camp, often lectured on grace. She was greatly challenged one day when a man who came to shake her hand after such a talk turned out to be a former prison guard. Only by asking God to love through her did she find the grace to take his hand and honestly offer him Christian forgiveness from her heart.

There are two kinds of love, each involving the same general feeling which springs from the same fountain of good-will to all humankind, but differing in its application. The one is the feeling by which we approve of the conduct of others; the second is that by which we wish well to another person, though we can't approve of his conduct.

During our celebrations of Canada Day, we are reminded that there are many avenues of thought to what is right and wrong for the direction our

nation is taking. It becomes very easy to complain and to reminisce to a day when things looked much more the way we would like them to be today. Since Jesus does not say exactly what to pray on behalf of our persecutors, some of us are tempted to pray, "God, destroy that person!" or "God defeat that movement!" Hoping God will see it our way doesn't work. Needless to say, the context for Jesus' teaching makes it clear that He means to pray good things for our enemies.

Jesus teaches that we must do all we can with kindness for everyone we meet, especially to their souls – even those who differ from us. Are we tempted today to pray for the salvation and rich reward to those who oppose us, to those who are working to change our country in directions we abhor? *That's what Christ's command is instructing us to do!*

We must pray for them not only being willing to "render good for good", but to exhaust our energies at rendering good for the evil shown to us. While there's no guarantee the other person, or our nation as a whole, will respond in kind, we have God's Word that this will speak loudly of a nobler principle than most men ever act by. So let us act for our Lord and not for the vengeance of our hearts. If our action toward others draws out the best in us, if it changes the condition of our hearts, then it may open the opportunity for others to view Christ' love for them and respond to His call to receive His gift of wonderful grace.

Jesus also taught, "All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other" [John 13:35]. And the Apostle Paul exhorted, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" [Romans 8:31b] It's confirmation that we do not love our enemies from a position of weakness nor defeat. We love because God first loved us, we love because we have a God-created self within us that prepares and directs our paths to be bold and courageous. Jesus illustrates love not only through concrete examples but in dying for us so He also forces us to go beyond examples. We pursue God's will, seeking to please Him in every area of our lives. Jesus says God's law was never merely about following rules; instead, God desires complete righteousness of the heart, a total devotion to God's purposes within this world.

With God as our standard, none of us can boast; we've been given a goal to which we must press on in reaching every soul for Christ in Canada. Wouldn't that be something to celebrate on Canada Day? Let us prepare our hearts to serve Christ!

Mark your Calendar...

July 1st – Canada Day

July 3rd - Communion Sunday

Mondays 3:30pm – Weekly

Bible Study @ 8771

Parkhouse Drive:

The minor Minor Prophets

Sermon Series:

(Starts July 17th)

What has the Bible to Say?