

Back to School...

Summer vacation was over and Little Johnny returned back to school.

Only two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving.

"Wait a minute," she said. "I had Johnny with me for two months and I never called you once when he misbehaved!"



Teacher: Why are you late for school, Joey?
Joey: I was good 'til I saw that sign down the road.

Teacher: What does a sign have to do with your being late?

Joey: The sign said, "Slow down, School Ahead!"

The teacher came up with a good problem. "Suppose," she asked the second-graders, "there were a dozen sheep and six of them jumped over a fence. How many would be left?"

"None," answered little Norman.

"None? Norman, you don't know your arithmetic."

"No, teacher, you don't know your sheep. When one goes, they all go!"



A mother's youngest child comes home from his first day at school. Mother asks, "What did you learn today?"

The kid replies, "Obviously not enough; I 'm going back tomorrow."

A man in a hurry taking his eight-year-old son to school made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited.

"Uh-oh, I think I just made an illegal turn!"

the man says.

"It's okay, Daddy," the boy said, "The police car right behind us did the same thing."



A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do."

The mother exclaimed, "But that's terrible! I'll have a talk with your teacher about this..."

Mom storms into class the next day, after which the teacher asks the mother, "by the way, did she tell what she didn't do?"

When mom shook her head, the teacher said, "her homework."

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



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The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow
wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I
could

To where it bent in the
undergrowth;

Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted
wear;

Though as for that passing there
Had worn them really about the
same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads to way,
I doubted if I should ever come
back.

Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

~ Robert Frost



Join us each Sunday for Worship

3 p.m. worship and praise

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

Thot: "Faith looks away from the greatness of the undertaking to the greatness of an ever-present all-powerful God." ~ David Roper

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A Goat for Dinner

A young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister visited with their young son and to 'break the ice' asked what they were having for dinner.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Daddy tell Mommy, 'Well, I guess today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'"



Moral of the story: "Out of the mouths of babes come words we should never have uttered in the first place!"



Something To Think About..

It may seem strange but when I think of how I'm best equipped to reach others I remember God's promise at Psalm 37:4 to "Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Since our hearts are always full of desires, perhaps you're thinking this would actually hold us back from being irresistible to those around us, from creating in them an unquenchable hunger and thirst for God. But my scenario's not too far off the mark if we are truly seeking Jesus, giving ourselves over to Him and desiring to follow Him.

Some think this powerful promise means that if I delight in God, He'll give me whatever else I desire – the perfect job, health, success, money – like a favourite uncle who always had a pocket full of candy for the little ones. But that isn't what this verse is saying.

I remember entering secondary school and being fortunate to have Bill Tucker as my English teacher for two years in a row. His classroom was oversized with a platform at the back where we could dramatize everything we read, everything we wrote. And being an accomplished pianist with a baby grand piano in the classroom Mr. Tucker brought music to our drama often setting the mood for particular scenes and playing softly during periods when we worked independently. Because of that commitment to providing his students with a thirst and interest in great writers like Shakespeare and Dickens, and a hunger to write from our experiences, my delight continues as an avid reader and writer. It has given me a desire to

continue to communicate well and share that delight with others. What happens when we delight in the Lord? When we delight in the Lord what we desire *is the Lord* — delighting to behold His glory, to bring Him worship, to seeing our unrelenting fellowship *with God*. So when we delight in the Lord, the desires we have in our hearts are desires only for the Lord.

But how does having our hearts filled with desire for the Lord, finding delight in the presence of God, building a relationship in His Son Jesus Christ make God irresistible to others? It begins with satisfied hearts. That's what God promises at Psalm 37:4!

God promises that if we delight ourselves in Him, His glory and beauty and love and majesty will so fill us we'll desire nothing else. Our hearts will be completely full. We'll be perfectly content. He'll have satisfied every desire of our hearts — in Himself.

How Do We Delight Ourselves in the Lord? Because of our remaining sin we need the Spirit's work to see and feel God's glory in Christ. So this isn't ultimately under our control; it's a sovereign, gracious, blood-bought gift from God. Yet God promises to give us this gift asking that we confess our sin, trust Christ as our Saviour, pray for the Spirit to fill us and work through us, meditate daily on God's Word and humbly and persistently wait on the Lord.

Now think of the most important experience we have in common with people around us. We're all sinners; we all need God; we all need the love demonstrated through the sacrificial gift of Christ dying on the cross. The greatest gift you can give to those around you

is to model a redeemed life – be contagious through your delight in, your love of, your Heavenly Father. Be excited about reading and studying the Bible yourself. If others see you're eager to read the Bible, that you find life in Christ extremely interesting and rewarding, there's a good chance they will too.

Can you do it? Sure you can! Delight yourself in the Lord, let all your desire be in Him and be open to others joining you.

Mark your Calendar...

Sep 4th – Communion Sunday

Sep 6th – Women's Mission Encounter (FBC Strathroy)

Sep 18th – Grandparent's Sunday (bring the family and celebrate together)

Sep 19th – MBBC Bible Study (The Minor Prophets & You)

Sat Oct 1 – **Camp Hermosa Celebration Dinner** (doors open @ 4:30) Westview B.C. **\$35.00**