

THE EQUIPPER

Ephesians 4:12

HILLTOP CHAPEL Bible Methodist Church, CONCORD, MICHIGAN

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He looked around the hill and foresaw a scene. Three figures hung on three crosses. Arms spread. Heads fallen forward. They moaned with the wind.

Men clad in soldier's garb sat on the ground near the trio. . . .

Women clad in sorrow huddled at the foot of the hill, . . . faces tear-streaked.

All heaven stood to fight. All nature rose to rescue. All eternity poised to protect. But the Creator gave no command.

"It must be done . . ." he said, and withdrew.

The angel spoke again. "It would be less painful . . ."

The Creator interrupted softly. "But it wouldn't be love."

from In the Eye of the Storm by Max Lucado

Potato Chips

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave

her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

Have lunch with God.....bring chips

The Bible in 50 Words!

God made
 Adam bit
 Noah arked
 Abraham split
 Joseph ruled
 Jacob fooled
 Bush talked
 Moses balked
 Pharaoh plagued
 People walked
 Sea divided
 Tablets guided
 Promise landed
 Saul freaked
 David peeked
 Prophets warned
 Jesus born
 God walked
 Love talked
 Anger crucified
 Hope died
 Love rose
 Spirit flamed
 Word spread
 God remained.

Remember these special days . . .

March

1st Becky King
 4th Pastor Adrian Rosa
 10th Dan Hoeft
 11th Tim Galusha
 15th Krissy Brooks
 16th Becky Fisher
 16th Maynard Woolworth
 17th Juliana Beardslee
 19th Charissa Beougher
 20th Illa Mae Woolworth
 31st Cristin Woolworth

April

3rd Tammy Brooks
 6th Virgil Fisher
 16th Dan Brooks
 17th Tyler Brooks
 19th Dawn Bartel
 23rd Jan Marshall

Dave & Becky's Anniversary
 is the 8th

THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE

"No matter what type of job you have and no matter what the circumstances in your workplace, you can be content and highly productive. It does not matter that the work is monotonous or dirty or seemingly pointless. It does not matter that you may have to continually deal with irate or rude customers and coworkers. The quality of your work life can be regulated wholly by your personal perspective on the work. If you choose to view your job as service to God and simply decide to be satisfied with all you do, your work life will be fulfilling no matter what you are doing."

SOME OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

March

1 Men's Breakfast
 3 Church Board Meeting
 4 Ladies' Bible Study
 9 Daylight Savings Time begins
 9-12 Revival
 16 Children's Emphasis Service
 18 Ladies' Bible Study
 21 Good Friday Service
 22 Easter Choir Practice
 22 Easter Egg Hunt
 23 Resurrection Sunday
 30 Area Rally (p.m.)

April

1 Ladies' Bible Study
 5 Men's Breakfast
 8 Ladies' Night Out
 14 Church Board Meeting
 15 Ladies' Bible Study
 27 Hospitality Sunday
 27 Retirement Home Service

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

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