

JUNE 18, 2019

Journey Enews

Things to Know:

Tuesday Night Men's Group will resume meeting June 18th at the Starbucks in Georgetown

Interested in joining a small group? Ask Bobby, Bryan, or our elders to get connected!

This weekend we wrap-up our current series "RE" by looking at the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Journey Community Christian Church
Service Times:
Saturday @ 6 PM
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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Getting Behind

Yard work and landscaping is pretty hard to keep up with in the spring and early summer where we live. If you get behind for even a week or so you are in trouble. Things that are naturally hard to get rid of once they take hold, like weeds and briars, begin to take over.

I have always thought the Indians knew what they were doing when they settled in this area. Deer and other wild game thrived in the wooded hills, providing venison and wild turkey for their families in winter. Abundant streams provided fish and easy canoe travel.

Forcing Indians to resettle out West on reservations was hardly a fair trade. I lived a big part of my life in the West Texas dirt where it hardly ever rains. When it does rain, it usually comes in a flood all in one day. When they call the West a dry and dusty desert, it is not an exaggeration. Most of what grows west of the Mississippi River all the way to the Pacific Ocean is grown by irrigation.

This Kentucky dirt grows almost everything, though. A lot of Amish have moved into the area in recent years. They have bought up farmland and now grow large gardens for income. Frequent rains bring bountiful harvests in the growing seasons. Connie and I enjoy fresh vegetables in season at very reasonable prices. It is amazing to watch how they operate a farm with horses and equipment similar to the way it was done a hundred years ago.

The Amish, like the Indians, have one big thing in common: these people know how to live off the land. I'm not saying I want to go back to living that way, but I do think we could all learn a thing or two from the work ethic that is modeled by the Amish and early settlers.

Hard work and some time in the dirt are not bad parts of our history. Earning a living by the sweat of your brow is not all wasted time. There is great satisfaction in working hard to produce food for your family or community. Today as I ate lunch at my local sandwich shop, the conversation in the room is familiar. Many people around me are discussing their dissatisfaction with the work force wherever they work. It is a recurring topic.

Today there are more jobs than people who will fill them. Many of those who do take those jobs will not stay long enough to create long-term results. There is a constant turn-over of labor in small towns and large cities alike. I am all for more options and opportunities; I am glad there are better paying jobs today than ever before. I am glad education is available to more people. Hardly anyone is stuck in a minimum-wage job forever.

Still, someone has to be willing to take the lower-paying positions; the harder jobs where your hands get dirty and the hours are long. This is true in factories, offices, government agencies, and even churches. It feels like we are losing the ability to work hard in a place that was founded on hard work. As a pastor I see a similarity to yard work that gets out of hand when people fall behind, and other areas of our life getting out of hand when we fall behind spiritually. The more we let things go in our relationship with God and with each other, the more pain and suffering to come later; like weeds growing unchecked.

Hard work is a forgotten virtue in many areas of life. Do your best not to get too far behind.

Moving Forward
God is Good



Bobby D.

