

Journey Enews

Weekly E-News November 6th 2018

Dates to Remember:
Tuesday Night's Men's Group will resume with our new book, "Everybody Always" by Bob Goff November 6th, starting at 7 PM @ Starbucks in Georgetown.

Join us this weekend at journey as we wrap up our series "Forgotten Virtues."
Saturday @ 6 PM
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

We would like to extend a huge "Thank You!" to all of our Journey volunteers who were able to make this year's Trick-or-Treat Outreach a success! You guys rock!

Also, congrats to Bryan on his ordination into ministry this past weekend!

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Things we Notice

People can be wacky. We're all guilty of it at times. Have you ever thought about how quick we are to find something to criticize, but hardly ever offer a genuine compliment? Why is that? It seems the world over is made up of too many "Negative Nancies." We notice all the bad habits a person has and rarely the good ones. Yep!

In Jesus' short time on Earth, He seemed to confirm that this is just human nature. Remember His words about His hometown: "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own home town among his relatives and his own family." Mark 6:4 NLT

The neighbors of Jesus didn't much care that He was performing miracles in town, healing sick, restoring sight, and raising the dead. They only wanted to point out that Jesus lived in a poor neighborhood and His family was just average. It isn't fair the way people pick out our worst characteristics. Still, if they did this to Jesus we can be sure we're going to find plenty of naysayers today, as well.

So, what can we learn from Jesus' encounter with his hometown? For one thing, don't let negative opinions get you down; move on. It happens to the best of people, even Jesus. Instead, look for opportunities to let things go, let people off the hook. Love your neighbor anyway and always. Everyone makes mistakes and nobody gets it right all the time. We're not Jesus; not even sweet old grandma.

Love people more. Those three words are worthy of our energy and resources as long as there is breath in us. If you can find something positive to say about someone, say it. Don't hold it inside. You never know how badly they may need a positive statement to balance some unfair criticism. We are all in this together. Until NASA establishes a colony on Mars this good old green Earth is all we've got, so we're going to have to work things out.

Remember this relevant verse also: "Love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8 NLT. Don't wait until the funeral to say nice things about someone. Call them today, send a card, and then go get some lunch. Laugh more, eat more, be together more. It works.

Politics, education, the workplace, healthcare, the economy, parenting and every other important endeavor would all be in much better shape if we tried to practice Jesus' advice more often.

Notice people more, in a good way. Love them more. Criticize less.

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