



From the Pastor...

Enjoy the Blessing

Series Episode 9

“Gentleness”

Dear Friends, this month, in our look at the Blessings of the faith, we turn to “gentleness.” This blessing, like many of those we’ve looked at before in this Newsletter series, is a product of God’s presence in our heart (the Holy Spirit) and is both experienced by us in His fellowship, and is a calling to exercise this godly characteristic toward others. Gentleness is both a blessing received and a blessing we give. So let’s take a closer look at the “gentleness” that so blesses our every day in Jesus.

I: God is Gentle.

God is gentle. Big surprise there right? I am almost tempted to just say, “as with every other blessing of the faith- this one is a blessing because it is a characteristic of God’s nature.” BUT this point is so important that it needs to be stated. Gentleness is good because it is who God is. The Apostle Matthew records Jesus’ words as follows:

**“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.”
- Matthew 11:29**

We can get no better a look at God and His nature than by looking at Jesus. Christ is “God with us.” He is, as the Apostle Paul states in Colossians 1:15, “...the image of the invisible God.”, and from Hebrews 1:3, “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.” All that to say, look at Jesus and you look at God. And Jesus is gentle for God is gentle. In fact, the prophet Isaiah puts it this way:

**“[God] tends His flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in His arms
and carries them close to His heart;
He gently leads those that have young.”
-Isaiah 40:11**

Perhaps you may find it noteworthy that God is revealed as “gentle” in both the New Testament and the Old. Ever heard people wonder why the God of the Old Testament is so harsh and cruel while He is kind and gentle in the New Testament. If you pay close attention as you read through the Old Testament, you discover that God’s nature is presented with complete integrity between the two Testaments- God is gentle, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness in the Old Testament, and in the New. That shouldn’t surprise us- it’s the same God, and He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

II: What IS Gentleness?

Since God is gentle, what IS gentleness? Like with faithfulness, we know it when we see it but let’s unpack the term a bit. The 1828 Websters dictionary gives us a nice look at the substance of the term:

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Gentleness- softness of manners; mildness of temper; sweetness of disposition; meekness; kindness; benevolence; tenderness; mild treatment.

Gentleness is both a moderation within of the thoughts of our hearts, and also being careful with our words and actions when dealing with others. We are gentle when we carry a baby, or in the manner with which we load a carton of eggs in a grocery bag. So it is with our inner and outer life. Demonstrating care- to be extra sensitive with our thoughts, words and actions.

III: Put Gentleness into Action

**“Therefore, as God’s chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
-Colossians 3:12**

Gentleness in action is a key component to a life transformed by the love of God in Jesus Christ. As a Christian, you have experienced the gentleness of God. Instead of treating you as you deserve (as a wretched sinner deserving of condemnation), God treated you gently- with care and compassion. Instead of smashing you down- He showed His loving-kindness in offering you mercy. As we have received God’s gentle treatment, so we are called to be gentle with one another.

With the gentleness of Jesus in mind- discipline your mind and heart. When you think harsh things of yourself and others, repent. That’s not God’s way. Take those harsh thoughts to the cross and wash them away in the gentleness of Jesus’ Spirit. Then let the love of God replace harshness with gentleness- in our thinking of self and others, and then in speech and action. In all we do, even in our boldness of proclaiming the gospel, we are to do it with gentleness and respect.

**“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer
to everyone who asks you to give the
reason for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect,”
-1 Peter 3:15**

Even when we protest misconduct, and pursue disciplinary action against sin- we are to watch ourselves to make sure we do not abandon the gentle nature of Christ-likeness along the way.

Gentleness can be the discipline of NOT acting too. Showing deference, patience and being slow to anger. Taming the tongue- biting off that harsh word – especially if and when it seems well-deserved is a great exercise of gentleness through IN-action. Sometimes not responding is as important as how we do respond.

Pursuing an inner and outer discipline of gentleness is a huge investment in living a life of joy in the Lord. When we foster a gentle mind and heart, we are better equipped to show the love of God, and to rejoice in it ourselves.

May the gentleness of the Lord tend to your heart and mind, that you may treat one another in a similar manner.

In Christ and for His glory,
Pastor Aaron

ANNUAL Rummage & Bake Sale

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

AUGUST 12 & 13

Our rummage sale

raised \$1100 thanks to our members who donated items, baked, set up, and helped at the rummage sale.

The volunteers who helped make this sale a success are greatly appreciated!!

Vicki Zeller

September Birthdays

1st Beonka Talley
 1st Hannah Talley
 22nd Sharon Haddock
 30th Sally Heaton

September Anniversaries

4th Al & Judy Burman

Stewardship & Finance Committee

July 2022

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$12,294.37
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$12,205.73</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$ 88.64
YTD /Net:.....	(\$ 5,342.23)
Checking 7/31/22:.....	\$53,154.44
Money Market 7/31/22:	\$62,797.97

Hi Friends,

Expenses in July beyond regular operations were Building insurance, Quarterly taxes for IRS and State, Sanitary District quarterlies, and World Missions quarterlies.

As always, thank you for your continued support for Peace Church! I can't believe it, but it's that time of year again when we are gearing up for our stewardship drive, and to prepare our 2023 budget. This year sure has gone by fast, and here we are looking into the fall season.

So, committee chairs, please be thinking about your budget needs and any additions or changes to your areas of responsibility. We're not really in preparation mode, but if you send your information early, I'll hang onto it when we get moving.

Blessings to All!! *Kathy Todd*

MISSION MEMO



July 24, 2022

Peace Memorial Youth
4431 S 6th St
Klamath Falls, OR 97603-4865



Dear Friends,

I have some amazing news for you! Tin-tin recently graduated from the Compassion program! For the past 13 years, he has worked so hard — faithfully attending activities at the center, participating in workshops and classes and investing in his future.

Every step of the way, he was surrounded by a beautiful support system — tutors, friends, family and YOU — who helped get him to this moment.

Since you began sponsoring Tin-tin in 2009, you have served as a constant reminder that he is known, loved and protected. Your 12 letters and 10 gifts brought light where the darkness of poverty threatened to take over.

What Happens Now for Tin-tin?

The adventure is truly just beginning for him! He has been given the tools to escape poverty, including:



Educational Support



Church Support



Vocational Training



Community Connections



Confidence and Hope

Many students are able to continue their education after they finish their time with Compassion. Others secure jobs, often with the vocational training they received at the center. Regardless of Tin-tin's path, know that he is ready for his next steps — and you were such an integral part of that!

What's Next for YOU?

First of all, I hope you'll celebrate with Tin-tin! What an exciting time in his life that you get the privilege to be a part of!

Second, you can write a final letter to Tin-tin to cheer him on, encourage him about the future and let him know just how much he has meant to you! Simply go to write.compassion.com and choose Tin-tin from your list of children and send a message by October 4, 2022. If you're not set up to write online, you can send your letter through the mail — call us at 888-971-5501, and we'll walk you through the process.

Finally, will you take some time to pray for Tin-tin? Pray God would give him wisdom as he takes these important next steps. And pray that he will continue to feel the love and support of his family, the church and you. You have made a lasting impact on Tin-tin, and your prayers will continue to encourage him in his future.

I truly hope you know how important your sponsorship has been to Tin-tin. You helped lift him out of poverty — you literally answered God's call to care for the least of these. And you got to watch a child in poverty grow into a young man who is empowered to reach for his full, God-given potential! Thank you.

In Christ,

Dan Mangan
Senior Director of Supporter Experience
Compassion International

P.S. If you have any further questions about Tin-tin or would like to learn more about sending a final letter through the mail, please contact one of our customer service reps at 800-336-7676, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. MT.

BAZAAR IS COMING!!

The Peace Memorial Women's Missionary Group is gearing up for the Fall Bazaar, which happens in November. That may seem a long ways off, but now is the time to be planning how you can help the group raise funds for local mission projects. The monthly Craft Group has been working on items for the bazaar (and even came up with a new use for those Scrubbies we make). We hope you've been working on items at home. When you get ready to can, think about contributing a few jars for the bazaar. Get your recipes for candies, breads, cakes, pies and other homemade goodies lined out.

A couple things to mention. First, this has been the weirdest "growing season" ever. As a result, there will be some items missing from our usual offerings as our produce sources had no black cherries, no wild plums, no peaches, and NO APPLES! There won't be any apple pie filling available. Rhubarb has been generous, so Rhubarb Pie Filling will take the place of the apple. If you have friends who usually counted on the apple pie filling being there, let them know "not this year."

Second, if you use Classico Spaghetti Sauce, PLEASE save the jars and bring them to church. We need them for our Cranberry Scone Mix.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

4TH Wednesday of the month @ 12:30 in the Fireside Room



The Women's Missionary Group has settled on "His Last Words" what Jesus taught and prayed in His last hours, by Kim Erickson. It impacts the importance of Jesus's last words of eternal life, powerful and full of love. If you've been longing for more intimacy in your relationship with God, more meaning in your life and more boldness in your witness, "His Last Words" will draw you into what you need: The Word of God. Ladies, if you are interested, join our Ladies Bible Study on the 4th Wednesday of the month. See Noreen Rhoades to purchase the book "His Last Words" for \$14.00.

Noreen Rhoades



Bible Discovery

Women's Bible Study

Every other Thursday 1:30

@ Laura Brasser's House

(Call the Church office for details and location (541) 884-5057)

BEGINS OCTOBER 6TH

Small Groups registration!

New Small Groups are starting up in October! They are weekly times where we get together, share life with one another, pray and then discuss some points from the previous week's sermon. Since mutual support and sermon discussion will be our topics, these groups require minimal preparation (maybe 20 minutes to review some of the question). The focus of the groups will be deepening Christian fellowship and I encourage everyone to sign up for one this fall.

Small groups will run from October to mid-December (first Quarter). The second quarter of Small groups will then run for 10 weeks starting in January. A third Quarter of small groups will start up in February and go to mid June. Then we will take the summer off.

The breaks in-between small groups allows you to commit to smaller, more manageable times and then during the breaks, you can either change small groups, stay with the one you are in, or take a break.

Registration for small groups will begin on September 11th with an overview of which groups are available and when they will be meeting initially (groups can fine-tune their meeting times once they gather). Registration will then continue for two weeks before the groups begin to meet the first week of October.

On September 11th, after the worship service, pastor Aaron will be holding an informational meeting for anyone who has questions about our small group ministry, why it is so important and also why there seems to be a sense of urgency about this program. You are encouraged to read the article on Sermon-Based Small Groups from the August newsletter for a more in-depth look at this ministry in preparation for that Q&A time. (see August News Letter p. 8-10)

May the Lord bless us with deep Christian Fellowship. See you in Small Group!





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Sermons for September:

9/4 - Jesus Came to Save Sinners
I Timothy 1:12-20

9/11 - Pray for Everyone
I Timothy 2:1-15

9/18 - Qualification for Overseers
I Timothy 3:1-16

9/25 - Warning About the Apostate
I Timothy 4:1-5

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www.peaceEPC.com
"like" us on Facebook

"Give thanks in every
circumstance, for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18



SESSION



DEACONS

- Susan Orton— Chair
- Paul King— Vice Chair
- Jocelyn Shellito
- Vicki Zeller
- Bertra Bratton

*The Deacons meet the third
Sunday of each month
following worship.*

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| Pastor Aaron Beaty- | Moderator |
| Noreen Rhoades- | Clerk/ Discipleship |
| Kathy Todd- | Finance & Stewardship |
| Bob Wincentzen- | Discipleship |
| Geri Coker- | Mission and Outreach |
| Jim Zeller- | Building and Grounds |
| Betty Shaw- | Worship |
| Stephen Goode- | Building and Grounds |

Session is taking off the month of July.

*They meet the 2nd Monday of each
month from 1-3PM*



TRUSTEES

- Harold Heaton
- Stephen Goode
- Sharron Goode
- Sharon Haddock

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

OCT. 14, 2022

9:00 am



CONTACT JIM ZELLER FOR MORE
INFORMATION 541-274-1942

September 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2 Office Closed	3
4 Celebration Sunday 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Communion	5	6 4:15pm Peace Ringers Practice	7	8	9 Office Closed 3:00pm Peace Singers practice	10
11 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:45am Worship Comm	12 1:00pm Session	13 10:30am PMWVG Mtg 4:15pm Peace Ringers Practice	14	15 11:00am Missions & Outreach	16 Office Closed	17
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