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BIBLE READING

Matthew 18:1-14

BIBLE TALK

from Rich Adam

The glory of childlikeness

The humble are the greatest in the kingdom

v1-4

Don't let pride cause others to stumble

v5-9

Don't despise the 'little ones'

v10-14

Let's celebrate the love of Jesus for us, his little ones.

SONG

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

CLOSING PRAYER

Watch the video as Richard closes our service in prayer.

That's the end of our service but do link up now with others from Emmanuel!



Sunday 30 August 2020

Welcome to today's virtual service!

For each person in your home, you'll need a copy of this service sheet, a bible, print outs of the children's sheets (if needed) and your computer or tablet connected to Emmanuel's website.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Watch the video of Richard's welcome and intro.

Let's begin our service by praising God for his greatness and blessings to us.

SONG

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word -
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same -
his holy name: the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

BITESIZE

We find out what church member Simon Robinson will be doing This Time on Tuesday!

BIBLE READING – John 10:7-15

In this passage Jesus uses the image of a shepherd to explain his loving care for us.

Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Our next song is based on Psalm 23 which also uses the image of God as a loving shepherd, caring for his flock.

SONG

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone.
(I will trust, I will trust in you)
And I will trust in you alone,
(I will trust, I will trust in you)
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

BITESIZE 2

Debs Hunt and Luke Edis are two of our mission partners working with Crossteach Nottingham. Watch this video for an update on their work.

PRAYERS

Father we thank you for the work Debs and Luke have been doing for schools in Nottingham. Thank you for sustaining them through this time of furlough. Thank you for how much they are appreciated by the schools they work in. Thank you for all the school pupils who hear about Jesus through their ministry. Please will you give wisdom to the trustees of Crossteach as they make difficult decisions about ending furlough. Please provide Crossteach with the finances they need. Please use Debs and Luke to bring young people to trust in Jesus. **Amen**

As the new school term starts this week, we thank you for our schools. Thank you for the high quality of education our children have access to in this country. Thank you for the relationship we have with Bramcote College. We remember the teachers and pupils in our congregation. Please will you help those who are nervous about going back, whether because of the virus, or because they've been away from school for so long, or because they are starting a new school. Help them to rely on you this week. Please will you protect our schools from outbreaks of coronavirus. Please will we be able to meet in Bramcote college again soon. **Amen**

And we pray for all the children and young people you have blessed us with as a church. Thank you for them, and for the work you are doing in their lives. Please draw them to Jesus and keep them trusting in him, especially now when we are not able to meet as a church. Please bring back those who are drifting away from Jesus. And as we advertise for a new Youth and Children's work coordinator, please will you provide us with the right person to help us support families in disciplining their children. **Amen.**

Thank you Father for your great love for all who believe in Jesus, from the youngest to the oldest. Help us to love one another too. **Amen.**

Before we look at our bible passage for this week, our next song reminds us of the Father's love for each of us in sending Jesus.

SONG

How deep the Father's love for us
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.