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John Klassen - The Immeasurable Compassion and Power of God

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Last Sunday Johann Funk told the Luke story of the good Samaritan from three perspectives to detail the problems of dealing with moral questions solely from the legal, ethical or theological approaches. Moral values that transcend time and place give the story flesh and detail the God-given quality of mercy. Examining the behaviour of the Levite and other travellers, beside the Samaritan from legal, ethical and theological perspectives give us a sense of the broad shape of mercy, and draw us closer to God. [AP]

The message will be posted for playback as soon as possible.

Scriptures for Today

Psalm 103: 1-13
Matthew 1: 18-25
1 Corinthians 13
Revelation, 22:1-7

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

February 18	Herb Reesor	Conversations about Faith
February 25	Dan Whitehead	Sanctuary Ministries
March 4	TBA	TBA
March 11	TBA	TBA

Small Group Dinners We thought it might be time to resurrect the small group dinners once again for the Spring, as they seemed to go over well last time we did it. I am offering to coordinate once again, so here is how it works- if you are interested in hosting, let me know. If you are interested in going out to dinner at someone's place, let me know. We will aim to have dinners by end of March, so please let me know by February 14th (Valentine's Day) if you would like to participate. We will not necessarily keep it to geographical locations unless you tell me you wish to stay in a certain area (ie. Ladner, north shore, UBC area). Groups, once determined, can choose to make it potluck, can go out to a restaurant, stay in one's home, or do as your group decides. I will keep it to around 6-8 people so it does not get too unwieldy. Contact Diane Ehling at [.....]

Wider Church

MCC Survey MCC British Columbia hopes to collect input from donors, volunteers, and constituent churches as they look to the future and make decisions about how best to continue the good work of relief, development, and peacemaking in the name of Christ. You can participate by taking a short survey on behalf of our church community, to help MCC gather the information it is seeking to inform future decisions for the organization. Survey link: <http://goo.gl/Veq4Rf>

MCBC AGM Those who wish to see the report book for the MCBC AGM may download them directly from the MCBC website on the home page or at the link below:
http://www.mcbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/PRESS-QUALITY_2018-MCBC-Annual-Report_no-crops-and-bleeds-1.pdf

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will not be recorded.

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Psalm 103: 1-13

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who
fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
[NRSV]

Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are

to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. [NRSV]

1 Corinthians 13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. [NRSV]

Revelation 22:1-7

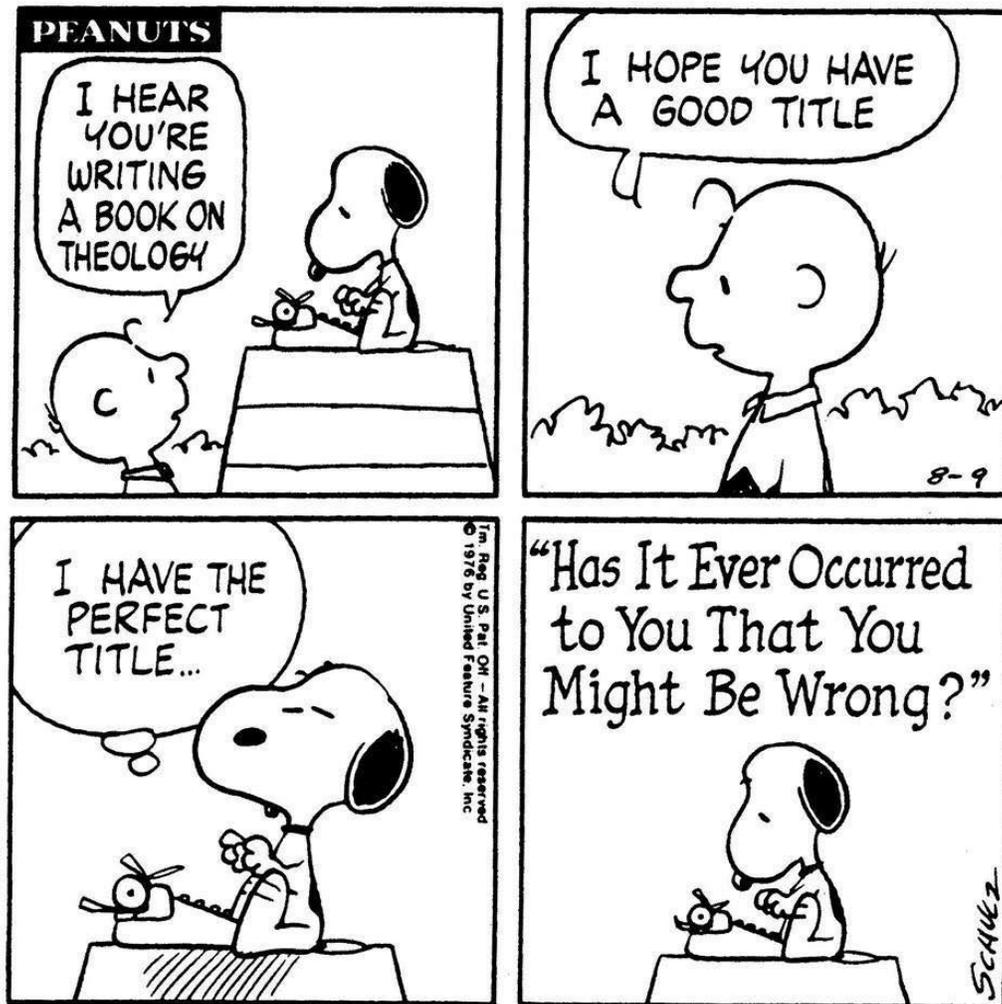
¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light

of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.'

⁷ 'See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.'

[NRSV]



Wisdom Corner

Yesterday I was clever so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise so I want to change myself.

~ Rumi