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The Real Person

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Luke 12:6 - Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

:7 - But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Are you forgotten before God? Actually you are not forgotten regardless who and what you are. I mention that because many people are labeled by names or looks and other people react to this. For example, if you meet a person who has cerebral palsy how will you relate to this person? Would you treat him as if he is a normal person? As a deaf person we know that people react to us differently than they would to the hearing people. We will not be treated alike. Yet we are not forgotten before God. Praise God!

I remember one summer taking a class concerning additional disability at William McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland College) to fulfill my Master's degree in Deaf Education. The professor asked if we have deaf-blind student which disability will we look at first: deafness or blindness. I responded that we need to look at him as a person first before deafness and blindness. Aren't we looking at people as persons before any label or diagnosis?

How do we look at the people generally? When we look at the prostitute, will we look at her as the person whom Jesus died for or will we look at her for her sins? Jesus was describing how the religious people look at Him as the friend of publicans and sinners (Matthew 11:19) and the fact was true, because Matthew who was a publican and disciple of Jesus ate with Jesus along with other publicans and sinners. Pharisees complained, but Jesus responded that they needed a physician for they were sin sick (Matthew 9:9-13).

In Luke 7 Jesus told the people how they called him a friend of sinners and He still is, because He looks at them as person in need of forgiveness. In the same chapter a Pharisee invited Him to his house for a meal. A woman who was a sinner as Pharisee labeled came into his house, washed His feet with tears and wiped them with her hair before anointing with her expensive ointment. Pharisee thought that Jesus should know who this woman was. Jesus knew and told him

him a story about the creditor who forgave both debtors who respectfully owed small and great debts. Jesus was explaining forgiveness. He looked at a woman who needed forgiveness. We should do the same. We should look at the whores, thieves, and other sinners as persons who need forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We shouldn't avoid and make stories about them which often aren't true, but rather go to them and show them God's love. People will respond when we show God's love and they will respond to God's love as people did in Jesus' time like Zacharias who wasn't an honest tax collector.

Let's look at everyone as a person who needs God's love and forgiveness rather than look at them as sinners for our attitude will change negatively. Every person is a valuable soul. Therefore, let's look at anyone as a person who is of more value than many sparrows. We are created in God's image. When I say we, I mean all people including African Americans, Asians, men, women, children, prostitutes, deaf and blind, those with Down's syndrome, Hispanics, homeless, children of the murderers, and whoever you think of. Yes, those people are of more value than many sparrows. Therefore, let's look at them as persons whom Christ died for and who are created in His image.

National Christian Athletics Association for the Deaf Jeremy Stockman

National Christian Athletics Association for the Deaf hosted 30th annual Basketball Tournament at Ohio State University Recreational Center on March 15-16, 2013. NCCAD had 12 teams for the men and 5 teams for the women. Deaf Liberty Baptist Church from Kansas sponsored 8-men and 8-women basketball teams to attend NCCAD. We really enjoyed the trip and the experience at Ohio State University. On Friday March 15th, NCCAD announced the round robin match ups to set up the seeds for the tournament. DBLC men won two and lost one and DBLC woman lost 2 games in round robin match up. Then on Saturday March 16th, NCCAD announced the seeds for men and women, For DBLC men we were seeded at 4. We played our best but lost those 2 games and were eliminated from the

tournament bracket. For DBLC women, there was only single elimination tournament; we lost the game by 2 points. Both teams made the best effort and had shown their teamwork. We really enjoyed having Steve Dyer from Kentucky to be the guest speaker for the NCAAD Tournament weekend. Steve talked about how we can all come together as a team and as a Christian by using this concept as Obedience, Self-Discipline, and Unification (OSU acronym).



DLBC Men Team



DLBC Women Team



Kajuan Monroe won All Star

Tiffany Mccallum and Keara Washington won All Star



6th Mission Conference

Job Ayantola came to metro Kansas City to share God's Word relating to the mission on March 22-24. Job was a native from Nigeria before he moved to America for better education. His wife also came to America. When Dr. Andrew Foster who was a missionary in Africa established Deaf school in Nigeria, Job was the first student there and learned to read and write. He grew up in a Muslim family. He is currently a professor at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Meanwhile he was the pastor at Friendship Deaf Chapel in Litchfield for 12 years. He was a pastor in church in other cities as well. In 2002 God led him to be an evangelist through Christian Evangelistic Association which takes him to continents of Africa and Australia, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Canada, U.S. Virgin Islands, and many states in U.S. Besides, Deaf marriage conference/retreat has been added since 2009.

Our theme this year was "There Is No Difference" from Romans 3:22. Job preached on Friday sharing God's Word that anyone can be saved for there is no difference. He used the example of the dying thief on the cross beside Jesus. He used the word "right" in his message such as the right person and right spirit. 30 attended this evening.

On Saturday afternoon Job shared what Islam is in the workshop. He described what the Muslims believe and explained how we can lead them to Jesus. To lead them to Christ we don't correct their beliefs. He explained that the only way is to love them unconditionally and practically as they are not to say anything about Muslim beliefs and Bible. 39 attended. After the workshop we had Iranian dinner and enjoyed the meal. This evening Job shared the life of Dr. Andrew Foster who established 33 schools for the Deaf in Africa and many churches was called the father of deaf education in Africa. Afterwards, he shared his testimony how he was changed and now serves the living God. 35 attended the worship service.

Unfortunately Job couldn't preach on Sunday morning for the church was

canceled due to snowstorm. However, we were glad to have him here.



They were eating Iranian cuisine and enjoying it.

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Job Ayantola taught what Muslims believe and how we can win them to Christ

The congregation took heed as Job shared how God saved him



33rd Antioch Conference

Even though the church was established on January 20, we decided to celebrate in a warmer climate on April 19-21. We invited Rev. Larry White from First Southern Baptist Church in Oklahoma City to be our guest speaker for the weekend. Larry was able to visit Rev. David Hanson in the hospital for a warm fellowship on Friday. Jerry Sanders, his wife, and Clark Corogenes were with him visiting the pastor and his wife. David was in a good mood to chat with us while he had the chemotherapy.

Our theme was "Faith Produces Works" based on James 2:18. On Friday night based on the theme Rev. White preached "What is Faith?" Before the sermon Jeremy Stockman shared his testimony how he became a Christian. 53 attended that night. Larry explained very clearly on what is faith using illustrations.

On Saturday morning Clark and Larry met with the teens and young adults at McDonald's for breakfast and fellowship before going to First Baptist Church of Raytown for games from Clark and lesson from Larry. Larry taught them how to be an example in youth based on I Timothy 4:12. At supper time sandwiches were served such as chicken salad, tuna, egg salad, and ham salad. Decorated cake and cupcakes were served as well. Approximately 50 enjoyed the food and cake.

That night at the service Adriana Gonzalez shared her testimony how she met Jesus Christ as her Savior. The choir of young adults along with Jill Corogenes sang a song praising God. Rev. White shared "The Works" and how we should reveal joy, continual obedience, loyalty, and love from our lives. Several made decisions such as getting right with God. One of them came to accept Jesus Christ in her heart. Praise God! 64 attended the service. Several visitors were there with us.

On Sunday 69 attended the morning service. Rev. White shared "Workmanship" based on Ephesians 2:10. Afterwards, we went to Hilton Garden Inn in Olathe for Sunday School and dinner. Before dinner Rev. White talked about his life like how he became a Christian and how God called him as well as sharing his family. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship.

We look forward to 34th Antioch Conference next year with the presence of our pastor and his wife.

James 2:18—But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works". (NASB)



Everyone came to eat and fellowship at supper time before the worship service



Jeremy Stockman shared how God changed his life by grace and faith in Jesus Christ



Rev. Larry White from Oklahoma City came to share God's Word for three days



With Clark Corogenes' help Quimesca Yancey and Raul Meglar shared what they learned from Rev. White at the teens' gathering



Jerry Sanders shared what God did in 2012 using the PowerPoint on Saturday night

Young adults were singing praises to God on Saturday night



The group who attended the anniversary at DLBC on Sunday

After the service we went to Johnny's Italian Steak-house in Olathe



From the Heart of the Preacher's Wife

Charlene Hanson

Never in my wildest dream after David and I were married that cancer would ever enter my husband's body. David's brother and sister came from North Dakota to visit with their own sweet brother, David, last weekend (April 19-21). That was a very teary, touching, and sweet reunion. We all gathered together around David's bed catching up news and stories which made up all the 15 years since we last saw each other. There was laughter in his room. Even the nurses, doctors, and workers came by to see what was going on and they surely enjoyed hearing all those stories of their childhood and what God has been doing in our lives. His brother and sister shared that there was never anyone having cancer on David's side. He was the first one to have it on the Hanson's generation.

David gets tired from time to time, because that is the way chemo would do to any cancer patient. He has just got done with the 4th chemo treatment. In fact, he could not even stand or walk. All his nerves are destroyed. Now it will take time for the nerves to be back to normal again. We do not know when and how long. The doctors and nurses are working very hard and do covet your prayers. Prayers are really what we continue needing to bring up to God on the throne.

David shared with me the verses that God had spoken to him. Psalm 118:17, 18.

17- I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18 - The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Well, everyone, meditate on those verses with him. Thank you so much for praying and continue your prayers to our God.

For pictures of David continue on next page

Psalm 9:1— I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works. (KJV)

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. (ESV)

Events

May 31-June 2

June 15

June 24-28

Deaf Liberty Camp in Clinton Lake in Lawrence

Father's Day Picnic in Longview Lake

DBFA in Orlando

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