



# Forest Home Church

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## Freedom in Commitment?

Minister Tim Keller was recently interviewed about his new book on marriage. One of the questions was intriguing, followed by an insightful answer. LH



**One of the paradoxes you talk about is how the commitment of marriage actually produces freedom: the freedom to be truly ourselves, the freedom to be fully known, the freedom to be there in the future for those we love and who love us. Why do you believe that the commitment of marriage is viewed as largely anything but freeing today?**

Our culture pits the two against each other. The culture says you have to be free from any obligation to really be free. The modern view of freedom is freedom *from*. It's negative: freedom from any obligation, freedom from anybody telling me how I have to live my life. The biblical view is a richer view of freedom. It's the freedom *of*—the freedom of joy, the freedom of realizing what I was designed to be.

If you don't bind yourself to practice the piano for eight hours a day for ten years, you'll never know the freedom of being able to sit down and express yourself through playing beautiful music. *I* don't have that freedom. It's very clear that to be able to do so is a freeing thing for people, with the diminishment of choice. And since freedom now is defined as all options, the power of choice, that's freedom *from*. I don't think ancient people saw these things as contradictions, but modern people do.

(Timothy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*, Interview with "Christianity Today/2011)

### **Did You Know: M-L-K without G-O-D?**

Just this past October the new Martin Luther King Memorial was officially dedicated in Washington, D.C. I took a virtual tour on line; pretty impressive and inspiring, a memorial to a preacher man whose sermons and speeches inspired a peaceful revolution in civil rights. And what did preacher King's family say when they toured the site just before the public dedication? Amidst many expected complementary comments, King's niece, Dr. Alveda King, felt that something essential was missing. There are 14 quotes of her uncle along an impressive 450 foot long Inscription Wall. She asked why the name of God wasn't inscribed in some of the quotes. She was told that the effort was to be global and universal in scope and that the hope was that people would depart the site wanting to know more about her uncle. The niece remarked it was a "missed opportunity to carve God's Name on the wall," but she hopes that folks will be encouraged to read his sermons.

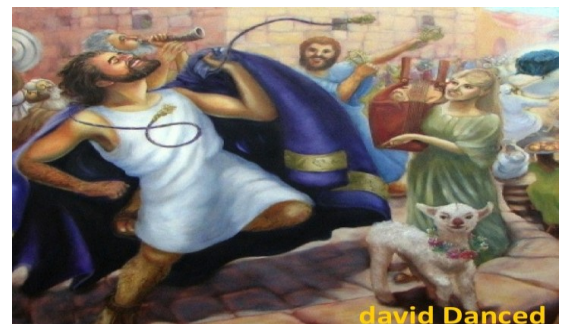
Similar observations have come from other visitors to the memorial. Local minister and social activist Patrick Mahoney reported:

"As I walked around the memorial, I was stunned and shocked to see that the mention of 'God' was not included in any of the quotes from Dr. King on the granite wall surrounding his sculpture. Dr. King was an ordained Christian minister and pastor who made faith in God and the teachings of Christ the central part of his life and message. The heart of the civil rights movement was rooted in the Church and drew its strength from the timeless truths proclaimed by God. . . . I think he (MLK) would have been stunned and disappointed to see this oversight."



The slave to the compass  
has freedom of the seas.  
The rest must  
sail close  
to the  
shore.  
Adrian Rogers

thanks to  
unknown artist  
for this  
marvelous  
rendition of  
David Dancing



David Danced

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:20-21

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Matthew 13:44

Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Matthew 13:45-46

So is the man (like the Rich Fool) who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. Luke 12:21

But we have this treasure (the gospel of the glory of Christ) in earthen vessels . . . 2 Corinthians 4:7

(Moses) considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. Hebrews 11:26

Come to the full wealth of conviction which understanding brings, and grasp God's secret. That secret is Christ himself; in him lie hidden all God's treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3 (New English Bible)

Mother Teresa Encounters Nashville Worship Music

Back in 1988 Integrity Music's Gerritt Gustafson was teaching on the importance of worship to ministers in India. He was able to meet Mother Teresa in Calcutta where he presented her with his booklet on worship and two popular worship recordings, *Glorify Thy Name* and *Give Thanks*. He expounded to her what he saw going on internationally in the area of worship and how the Lord is clothing His people with the garments of praise.

He was surprised by her response. "Her eyes were kind, but unimpressed, and as she pushed back the cassettes, she told me that they did not have any cassette players in the compound. They had chosen to live without such distractions. Immediately I thought to myself, 'How can you be a worshiper and not keep up with all the new songs? . . . I learned that their early-morning worship times were very reverent, and prayer was more prominent than singing, mostly unaccompanied by instruments.'"

Gerritt remarked how it was as though they were speaking different languages, so he asked Mother Teresa what worship means to her. "Finally, her eyes brightened, and her answer went something like this: 'If you really want to honor the Lord and pour out your love to Him, He has told us how we can do just that.' And she quoted Jesus' words from Matthew 25, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' She said that when the Missionaries of Charity minister to the lepers . . . , they do it as an act of worship to Jesus.' She challenged me with these words: 'If you really want to lavish your love on God, pour out your life on the least of the least.'"

"Mother Teresa," I said, "Would you pray for me that I would become a true worshiper?" She answered, "Only if you'll pray for me first that I would be one too." We prayed for each other.

On his flight home, Gerritt came across Hebrews 13:16 (And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased). He reflected: "God was right there on the plane with me, teaching me that the sacrifices that pleased Him included *both* what we say with our lips (Hebrews 13:15) and how we serve the needs of others, especially the poor.... Sacrificial service to others is fundamental to a life of worship. Jesus ..., as we hear Your call to be living sacrifices, please give us new hearts to sacrificially serve others, and to do so as an offering unto You."

*We will be collecting orphan letters from now until SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th. We have to be strict about this deadline because we are sending goodie bags to all the WCA students for Christmas and want to include your letters in there. PLEASE write your sweet orphan a note and let him or her know who you are and that you are praying for them...what a way to share Jesus with them! We will be enlisting the help of Forest Home kiddos to color pictures so that every orphan has a little something in addition to the goodie bags, but feel free to make letter writing a project with your kids...how amazing to have a pen pal in Kenya! You can hand in your letters or mail them or email them.*

*Thank you so much, -Liz and Gil*

It's time to bring in your items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Many have already brought their completed boxes, which is so great. However, if you don't have the time to put your boxes together--even better! Adam and the youth group are ready to serve by assembling the boxes for you. They will be assembling boxes this Wednesday night (11/16). Please bring in your items by Wednesday if you'd like them to do the work for you. If you choose to bring the items after that, keep in mind that you'll have to assemble them yourself, since they are due next Sunday (11/20). The youth group will deliver the boxes to the station next Sunday after church. No time to do the shopping? No problem! Dawn will accept any donations and will do the Christmas box shopping for you! Just remember to include \$7 for the shipping of each box you donate.

Thanks for helping share Jesus with the world!

Because Christmas falls on a Sunday and several families will be out of town the weekend before, we are doing the **Herdman Christmas play on Sunday, December 11th** this year. Please plan accordingly and put it on your calendars and to also let you know **that play practice needs to begin on Sunday, November 20th.**

**Girls Night Out**

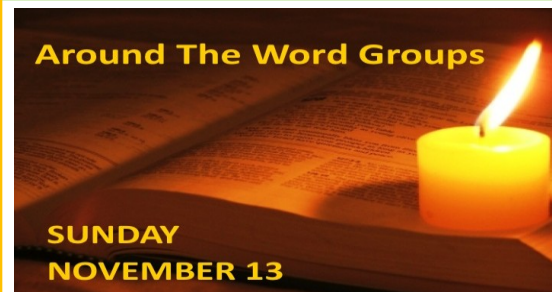
**Friday November the 18<sup>th</sup> Evite will be sent with more details.**

**BOOK CLUB**

This month's book is *Velva Jean Learns to Fly* by Jennifer Niven.

It would be helpful but not necessary to read the prequel *Velva Jean Learns to Drive*.

We will meet at Shannon Whitehead's in early December, Date & Time: T.B.A



**2011 Calendar**

- TONIGHT - "Around the Word small groups"
- November 16<sup>th</sup> - BRANDED (packing Op. Xmas Child boxes) 6pm-7:30pm
- November 18<sup>th</sup> - Girls Night Out
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - Xmas child boxes due
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - Xmas practice begins
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Orphan letters due
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - XMAS PLAY!!!!
- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@church, Intercessory prayer 4 anyone
- EACH TUES MORNING - 6:30am, mens bible study @ church
- EACH WED - Dinner @ 5:45pm & Women's Bible Study @ 6:15pm

DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
Nov 6	Karen Costello	Oct Austin	Nov 9 Liz/Dawn
Nov 13	D'Ann McAlister	Nov VanderLinden	Nov 16 Linda/Lois
Nov 20	Ronna King	Dec Christy	Nov 23 Thanksgiving
Nov 27	Cecile Allen	Jan D'Ann	Nov 30 Ocie/Shannon
Dec 4	Kathy Grimenstein	Feb McAlister	Dec 7 Pat/Karen
Dec 11	Shannon Whitehead		Dec 14 Pizza
Dec 18	Lois McAlister	(Sub-Grimensteins)	Dec 21 Sarah/Kathleen
Dec 25	Mari Ann Farmer	See Jim Grim with questions.	Dec 28 Liz/Dawn