

# Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

We tend to remember things that are owed to us like money or a favor or fairness in a relationship. It might pay us not to remember. Jesus told a story about an unmerciful servant. He owed a powerful king millions and stood to be ruined along with his whole family. He threw himself at the feet of the king and begged for mercy. The king granted the huge debt forgiven.

Free again, this same servant went out, grabbed and roughed up a fellow servant who owed him a few dollars. When this poor guy asked for mercy, the unmerciful servant tossed him in jail. The king got wind of this and in anger called him on the carpet, reinstated the millions in debt and turned him over to the jail. The king asked the operative question, "Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" There was nothing more to say.

We are all about our rights. We want what's coming to us. But I've been forgiven millions. Haven't you? Why sweat the small stuff in the ups and downs of relationships? You might find your walk lighter to let it go. To others you may seem like a chump but at least you will be a happy one.

We will each be called before the King someday. When that happens I don't want what's coming to me: judgment for my sins. I'm relying on the mercy of God. And in receiving mercy, I want to be recognized as that person who always seemed to show mercy to others.

Matthew 5:7 – *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."*

*Mark*

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- **Attention All Teens** attending Winterfest: please meet TODAY immediately after Worship in the kitchen to help cook and prepare for our Winterfest dinner.

## **Winterfest Dinner is TONIGHT**

Winterfest fellowship and fundraising meal is at 5:00 PM. **Please sign-up today** on the bulletin board to **join us** for an evening of delicious food and fellowship. Donations will help our teens attend the Christian youth rally in Tennessee in Feb. We are having several kinds of chili, mac & cheese, baked potatoes, salad, rolls and cupcakes. **Come see the terrific culinary skills of our teens.**

**Welcome Amiee Koziol:** Amiee has placed membership! 212 Conestoga Drive, Marlton, NJ 08053. Home: 856-797-8193, Cell: 856-669-4198. Email: pakozl@aol.com

**Many Thanks to Howard Mansdoerfer** who spent the day Thursday shampooing the carpets in our building upstairs and downstairs! A BIG job.

**LIFE Groups are RE-STARTING:** this season as we reconnect and learn with our brothers and sisters to GROW in our faith!

**Cathedral Kitchen:** Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. See Vivian if you can help!

**Elders-Deacons-Preacher Meeting – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30:** Deacons, save the date and join us—it's always GREAT to get our leadership together! **Dinner is included.**

**Our Food Pantry Needs Restocking:** This week, please bring in cans of tuna, chicken, or any type of canned meat and place them in the big basket in the lobby. Thank you very much!

**Special Collection is Coming Up November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**College Care Packages:** This year we are sending our College Students gift cards. Please **sign-up to bring in gift cards** to the students you choose, and place them in an envelope labeled for that student by **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** and give them to Fay or Donna to mail.

***We will be at the table in the lobby after Worship for sign-ups for Gift Cards and to collect them. Please hand them in by Oct. 1***

**"New Visions" Homeless Meal:** will be Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Carl Smith

**Welcome & Scripture:** Bill Ceraso (Psalm 63:3-7)

**Opening Prayer:** Nelson Nuñez

**Lord's Supper:** Jack, Bret Goen, Darren McEntire, John Corbett

**Scripture Before Message:** Jess Nitla (1 Cor. 6:12-14)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Tony Ceraso Jr.

**Greeters:** Rick Boyle, John Corbett, Wini Boyle, Lillian Nuñez

**Nursery Hoa & Thaleena** Next Week: Norma & Jaela

**Purple: Cleaning Team** Sept. 27-30 **Becky** Coordinates

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher

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Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969

**Worship ..... 106**

**Bible Class ..... 83**

**Wednesday PM ..... 47**

**Hurricane Harvey. \$696**

**Contribution ..... \$2,250**

**Budget Goal.....\$4,260**

**15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 34**

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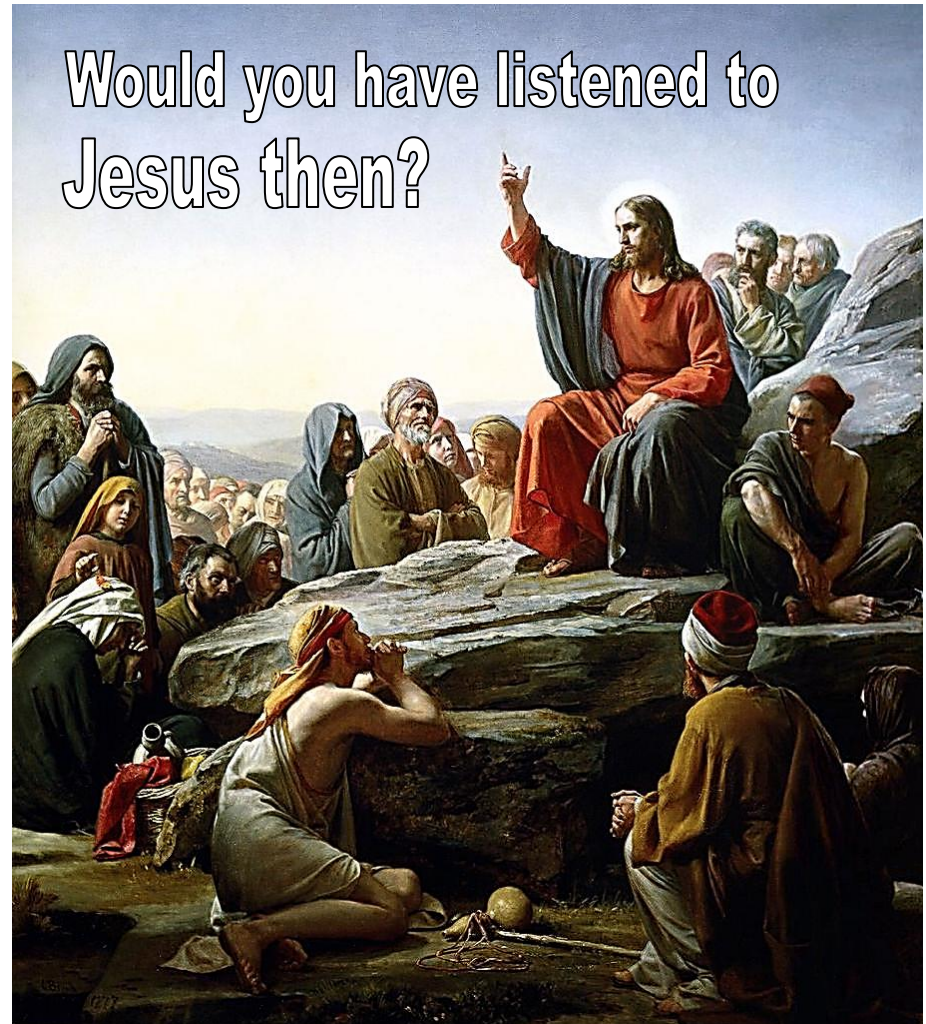
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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Would you have listened to  
Jesus then?

Are you listening  
to him now?