

Love Earnestly with God's Holy Love (God's Ways)

- Do you find it impossible to love the people around you?
- *It could be that you are still being ruled by the passions of your former ignorance.
(Pray for one another...throw off competing desires)*

Have You Tasted the the Lord is Good?

Our Christian Identity: 1 Peter

[#3] *Wouldn't It Be Great If...* – 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Sermon Outline – June 19, 2016

Children's Sermon: Rescued from Our Dreams?!

At the **Snuggly Duckling**, "Haven't any of you ever had a dream?!"
I've Got a Dream

(Lyrics from "Tangled", Music by Alan Menken; lyrics by Glenn Slater Performed by Mandy Moore and cast)

I'm malicious, mean and scary
My sneer could curdle dairy
And violence-wise my hands are not the cleanest
But despite my evil look and my temper and my hook
I've always yearned to be a concert pianist

Chorus:

He's got a dream

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See, I ain't as cruel and vicious as I seem

Though I do like breaking femurs, you can count me with the dreamers

Like everybody else, I've got a dream

Wouldn't it Be Great If...

Romans 12:2a

² *Do not be conformed* to this world, but *be transformed* by the renewal of your mind...

Wouldn't It Be Great If...

Notes:

Today's Biblical Bullet...

God's salvation is better than our wildest dreams.

¹³ Therefore... (Cf. 3-12)

Rejoice in Our Great Salvation!

- We have an unshakable inheritance...
- Even our trials have a purpose...
- God's love has been poured out into our souls...
- Prophets & Angels were/are preoccupied with our salvation!

The Spirit of Christ:

- The sufferings of Christ &...
- The subsequent glories...

Obedience living in a Faith & Hope Sandwich (13-21)

¹³ **Therefore**, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope fully** [to look forward with complete confidence] **on the grace** that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, **do not be conformed to the passions** of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Set Your **Hope**...

Be Holy in all Your **Conduct**...

...**Conduct** Yourselves with Fear

Knowing that You Were Ransomed...

...Your **Faith and Hope** are in God

¹⁷ And **if you call on him as Father** who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, **conduct yourselves** [day to day] **with fear** throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ **knowing that you were ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but **with the precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but **was made manifest in the last times** for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that **your faith and hope are (continuing action) in God**.

(with Fear... Really?)

2 Corinthians 7:10–12

¹⁰ For godly grief **produces a repentance** that leads to **salvation without regret**, whereas worldly grief produces death. ¹¹ For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, **what fear**, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! **At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter**. ¹² So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that **your earnestness for us might be revealed to you** in the sight of God.

Try Hard but Trust God (A Faith & Hope Sandwich)

God’s Word Produces an Abiding Love (22-25)

Love One Another **Earnestly**...

²² **Having purified your souls by** your obedience to the truth ~~for~~ [into] a sincere brotherly love, **love one another earnestly** from a pure heart, ²³ ~~since you have~~ [having] **been born again**, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **through** the living and **abiding** word of God; ²⁴ for “*All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,* ²⁵ **but the word of the Lord remains forever.**” And this word **is** the good news that was preached to you.

Cherish Life in Christ, **not** this Life...

(A Transformed Dream! Wouldn’t it be Great If...)

...God’s Thoughts & Ways Became Our Thoughts & Ways!

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶ “**Seek the Lord while he may be found**; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ **let the wicked forsake his way**, and the unrighteous man **his thoughts**; **let him return to the Lord**, that he may have **compassion on him**, and to our God, for he will **abundantly pardon**. ⁸ **For my thoughts** are not your thoughts, neither are your ways **my ways**, **declares the Lord**. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹ **So** put away all **malice** and all **deceit** and **hypocrisy** and **envy** and all **slander**. ² Like newborn infants, **long for the pure spiritual milk**, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed **you have tasted that the Lord is good**.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Our dreams are weak & temporary,
leading to hatred and destruction.

God’s great salvation is majestic, powerful, eternal and
produces a glorious love for God and one another.

Get God...Long for the Bible (God’s Life)

- Has Our Love for God Grown Cold?
- *It could be that we are clinging to our small, short-sited dreams in this life (Pray for one another...Love would grow)*