

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday June 14th, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 2:13-3:6

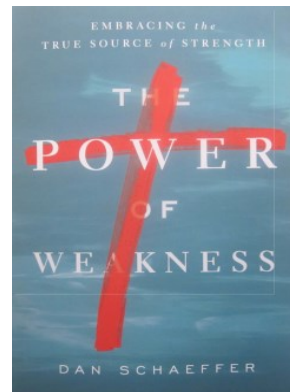
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

BAD NEWS FOR 'GOOD' PEOPLE

Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



The Power of Weakness: A book by Dan Schaeffer which encourages you to grasp the Biblical truth that God longs to use your limitations to display His greatness.

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.” - Titus 3:4-5a

Middle Elementary:

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”
- Acts 20:24

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

<u>Monday</u>	Denis, Esther
<u>Tuesday</u>	Denis, David
<u>Wednesday</u>	Din Fowler, Nikki Tianna
<u>Thursday</u>	Doiron, Brenda
<u>Friday</u>	Gagnon, Denise
<u>Saturday</u>	Gilbert, Roger & Natasha Abigail, Sabrina

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am
Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am
CAP Money Course – 6:30 pm

Community Festival/ Garage Sale: On Saturday July 11th Rosedale will be hosting a community festival and Garage Sale which will benefit the 'Veil of Tears' project through Gospel for Asia. If you have items to donate for the garage sale, bring them to church and we will store them upstairs. Many volunteers will be needed for this outreach event so please mark it on your calendar!

Elisha House Bottle Campaign: Baby bottle campaign wraps up next Sunday. Please return your bottles to Sue St. Amour!

Ladies' Fellowship Meeting: The next Ladies' Fellowship will be happening on June 27th at 10:30am. We will be hearing testimony from a Muslim lady who was converted to faith in Jesus Christ. Cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Gloria Latulippe.

Open Arms Collection: For the month of June we will be collecting Granola Bars for Open Arms Mission. Thank you for your generous support!

Bad News for 'Good' People - Mark 2:13–3:6

I. Fraternizing with Sinners (vv. 13-17)

- 1) Calling of Levi the Tax Collector (aka 'Matthew')
 - a. A lucrative, but morally shady job
 - b. Tax collectors were despised by their fellow Jews and considered to be traitors
 - c. Matthew followed Jesus at great personal cost
- 2) Dinner at Matthew's House
 - a. Matthew introduces Jesus to his friends
 - b. The fact that Jesus is associating with 'sinners' scandalizes the Religious Establishment
 - i. Worried about contamination
 - ii. Puffed up with self-righteous pride
 - c. Jesus rebukes the self-righteous Pharisees
 - i. A doctor can only help those who recognize their condition– bad news for 'good' people
 - ii. *"It is as senseless for Jesus to shun tax collectors and sinners as for a doctor to shun the sick."* - James Edwards

Application: We Christians must learn how to be 'in the world but not of it!' Jesus was not afraid to associate with 'sinners' and neither should we, providing that our motives are right. We do not associate with worldly people so that we might embrace/excuse their values, but in order that they might be exposed to the love & truth of Jesus Christ.

II. Disregarding Rabbinic Tradition (2:18-3:6)

- 1) A Dispute about Fasting (2:18-22)
 - a. The Torah only requires fasting before the Day of Atonement – Leviticus 23:26-28
 - b. Rabbinic Tradition required fasting twice/week – Monday and Thursday (cf. Lk 18:12)
 - c. Jesus' response to the Pharisees' 'legalism'

- i. Wedding Imagery
 1. Pharisees out of step with God's plan – mourning when it was time to rejoice!
 2. Bride/ Groom imagery is an Old Testament image of God and Israel – used in NT of Jesus and the Church
- ii. Cloth Patch/ Wineskin Imagery
Jesus didn't come to 'patch up' tattered up old Judaism. He came to bring something new – a New Covenant!

Application: Learn to discern the difference between Biblical commands and human traditions. Biblical Christianity is not a new 'patch' that we add to a moralistic religion – it is the life transforming good news of God's grace in Jesus Christ!

- 2) Disputes About the Sabbath (2:22 – 3:6)
 - a. Plucking Grain on the Sabbath
 - i. Doubtful whether this actually violated the Law, or just the traditions of Judaism
 - ii. Jesus gives a Biblical example to show that human need takes precedent over rigid law-keeping (1 Sam 21)
 - b. Healing on the Sabbath
 - i. Pharisees exploit a man to ensnare Jesus – moral and spiritual bankruptcy!
 - ii. Jesus takes the opportunity to extend mercy and to expose their wickedness

Application: The Pharisees missed the point of God's instruction completely! Do we sometimes miss the point too as Christians?? Is Biblical/ doctrinal orthodoxy a badge of pride that puffs us up, or is it a means to a greater end? Do we sometimes carelessly walk over people to further our own agenda without considering their desperate need for Jesus and their value to God?