

SERMON NOTES

4th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7, Year B * June 20, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 * Psalm 133 * 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 *

Mark 4:35-41

Life is Better Together

God said, "It is not good for a person to be alone." Genesis 2:18

✦ God created us to be T_____.

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

✦ U_____, NOT Uniformity

2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

✦ Unity L_____ relationships.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

✦ Unity M_____ our relationships and helps them G_____.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

✦ Life is measured in Relationships, NOT ...

We have spoken to you freely and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange – I speak as to my children – open wide your hearts also. 2 Corinthians 6:11-13

Next Week's Lessons

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 * Psalm 130 * 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 *

Mark 5:21-43

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. In the beginning, God said, "It is not good for a person to be alone." Tell about a time you felt alone... and how you dealt with your loneliness.
2. Who is – or was – a good friend to you – either now or in the past? What makes/made that person such a good friend?
3. Friends choose unity with each other, but not always uniformity. In what ways are/were you and your friend unified? How do/did you differ from each other?
4. Friends refresh and bless each other. How do/did you and your friend do that with each other?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for your friend.
 - ✦ For grace to refresh and bless your friends.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.