

Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Who Says We Can't Change? By Max Lucado

Here's some good news. You aren't stuck with today's personality. You aren't condemned to "grumpydom." You are tweak-able! So what if you were born a bigot? You don't have to die one.

Where did we get the idea we can't change? Where do statements come from such as, "*It's just my nature to worry,*" or . . . "*I'll always be pessimistic. I'm just that way.*" Or, "*I have a bad temper. I can't help the way I react?*" Who says? Would we say, "*it's just my nature to have a broken leg. I can't do anything about it.*" Of course not. If our body malfunctions, we seek help. Shouldn't we do the same with our hearts? Can't we seek aid for our sour attitudes? Of course we can. Jesus can change our hearts! He wants us to have a heart like His!



Responsive Reading: Psalm 99:1-3. 5. 9

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| NORTH: | The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! |
| SOUTH: | <i>He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!</i> |
| NORTH: | The LORD is great in Zion; |
| SOUTH: | <i>He is exalted over all the peoples.</i> |
| NORTH: | Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! |
| SOUTH: | <i>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!</i> |
| ALL: | Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy. |

Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3, 5-8, 16-18

Through our knowledge of He who has called us, we have been given everything we need for a godly life.

So, for this reason, make every effort to add goodness to your faith; and to that goodness, add knowledge. Then add self-control to that knowledge. To self-control, add perseverance. Add godliness to perseverance. Through godliness, add mutual affection and, through that mutual affection, add love. By adding these things, your faith and knowledge in the Lord Jesus Christ will be kept from being ineffective and unproductive.

Remember, we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.*" We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We left that mountain to put what we believed we had seen into action.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "*Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.*"

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "*This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!*" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. . .

Gospel . . . (cont'd)

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Upcoming Events

Newsletter... The current newsletter is available in the entryway of the church, via email, or by download from the church website!



Women's Bible Study
next meeting, Wednesday, April 15th !!



Meets every third Saturday! Next one is March 21st at 8:30am!



The new Daily Bread booklets are now available on the entryway table!



Every Wednesday of Lent, we will gather at **6pm** for *soup and sandwiches*, followed by the Prayer and Learning Services at **7pm**. The topic this year will be on the development of and approach to the Bible. All are welcome to come to any or all the weeks for both supper and service or just one or the other. This all starts Ash Wednesday, 26 February with a service in which we will NOT be burning anything with which to make ashes.

Upcoming Events ... (Cont'd)

ADULT Confirmation Class



There are some adults in the congregation that have never been confirmed, and both Pr. Rob and the council have decided to offer an Adult Confirmation Class to any in the congregation that would (1) like to become confirmed or (2) like to have more information on Lutheranism, the Bible, and faith in general. If any of these options appeals to you, please see Pr. Rob!

GRIN-ABLE(S)...

Q. How much money does a pirate pay for corn?

A. A buccaneer.

- I'm a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite re-markable.
- Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords.
- Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!
- The machine at the coin factory just suddenly stopped working, with no explanation. It doesn't make any cents!
- I was going to make myself a belt made out of watches, but then I realized it would be a waist of time.
- I'm only friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.
- Atoms are untrustworthy little critters. They make up everything!



Calendar...

- ✓ **Soup n Sandwich – February 26th @ 6pm**
- ✓ **Ash Wednesday Service – February 26th @ 7pm**
- ✓ **Next council meeting – March 10th @ 6:30pm**