

WELCOME

to Brookings Wesleyan Church

MESSAGE

Connecting with God, Part 4 A MESSAGE TO THE DISENFRANCHISED

DISENFRANCHISED - DEPRIVED of a right

I. The PROBLEM

The older son casts a NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE in his father's action by his refusal to celebrate his younger brother's return. He thinks he has earned rights. He is disenfranchised. Luke 15:25-28

Warning: Service done for God with the motivation of getting something is WRONG!

- "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Good deeds must flow from a desire to PLEASE God NOT TO APPEASE God.

Question: Do you treat God like the older brother treated his father?

II. A WRONG PERSPECTIVE

The older son's perspective was that he SLAVED for his father and NEVER DISOBEYED him. Luke 15:29-30

- The older brother's sin was the PRIDE of his moral record.

Question: Has pride in your moral record cut you off from God the Father?

- "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6

III. The SAME POSITION

Each son wanted to get into a position where they could TELL THE FATHER WHAT TO DO. Luke 15:12-13, 28-29

Conclusion: The parable of the Lost Son takes a hard look at two wrong conditions. There is the SIN OF SELF-INDULGENCE (the younger son) and the SIN OF RELIGIOUS RELIANCE (the older son).

- "Sin is not just breaking the rules; it is also PUTTING YOURSELF IN PLACE OF GOD as Savior, Lord and Judge." Timothy Keller

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A MESSAGE TO THE DISENFRANCHISED

February 7, 2010

Guests to Brookings Wesleyan, we're so glad you're here!
 Today you can expect to hear uplifting music; feel free to join in singing or simply listen.
 We will take an offering, but as our guest, please don't feel obligated to give.
 You'll hear a message that is derived from biblical truth and tackles real-life issues we are facing today.
 As you leave, stop at the Welcome Center or Information Wall for resource and activity information;
 both are located in the main foyer. Free coffee is located in the upstairs foyer behind the balcony...

welcome!

WELCOME
 to Brookings Wesleyan Church



Brookings Wesleyan Church

exists to glorify God

by helping people

know Jesus Christ as

SAVIOR,

teaching them to

follow Him as

LORD

and equipping them

to serve Him as their

MASTER

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to keep the best **PARKING SPOTS** available for our guests, the elderly and families with small children, if you are able, please park your vehicle in a spot further away from the building. Thanks so much!

ORCHARD DRIVE PRESCHOOL has an opening on MWF in the morning 4-year-old class; there are also limited openings in the TR 3-year-old afternoon class. Please contact Gloria Egeberg (692-7217 or 627-5348) for enrollment information.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS: Orchard Drive Preschool is collecting Hy-Vee (grocery, gas and/or pharmacy) receipts and Campbell's soup labels to raise funds for the preschool. For every \$150,000 in receipts the preschool receives \$1,000. There is a basket outside the church office where you can drop off you receipts/labels. Thank you so much for your support of Orchard Drive Preschool!

Would you be willing to help out with the **DEVASTATION IN HAITI**? If so, here's how you can do it. . .Go to www.worldhope.org and click on the "Donate to Haiti Relief" link. World Hope International is a faith-based relief and development organization and is connected to the Wesleyan Church. If you would prefer to make your donation to BWC, put "World Hope-Haiti relief" on your check and we'll send a check off to them.

A **BWC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** is now available for you in two different forms; CD (\$1) or printed edition (\$5). If you would like purchase a directory, write "directory" in the message section of the friendship register. Please make sure you write your email address and phone number as we will contact you when they are finished.

We'll be serving at the **HARVEST TABLE** (a weekly meal served for people in the community at the Methodist Church) on Monday, February 22. We need people to cook and set up (2:00-5:00 p.m.) and people for serving and clean up (5:00-7:00 p.m.). If you can help out, please write "Harvest Table" in the message section of the friendship register, email pastorrick@brookingswesleyan.org or call the church office at 692-6671.

A2 COLLEGE MINISTRY

College students! You're invited to a **SUPER BOWL PARTY** tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. We'll be watching the game on the big screen. Please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. See you tonight!

SENIOR ADULT'S MINISTRY

BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP will meet TODAY at noon in the Activity Center. Our guest will be V.J. Smith, author of "The Richest Man in Town" and "Jackrabbit Tales". Please feel free to invite someone to join us!



A NEW FACE AT BWC...

Jason and Katie Miller are the proud parents of son, Luke Elliot. Luke was born in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, February 2. He weighed 5 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations Jason and Katie!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids in grade K-4 KidZone are involved in a new series called **BECOMING FAITHFUL BEES**. They meet during the 9:00 hour in the KidZone Activity Center. You will want to be sure to join the KidZone leaders and students as they discover everything God wants them to BEE. Join us during the months of February and March for this exciting series.

STUDENT IMPACT

This week at Collide we are in a new series called **HOARDERS: LEARNING TO LET GO**. We'll be talking about "ANGER". Hope to see you there!

FLAG FOOTBALL on **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY (TODAY)!** We will play outside from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Invite a friend to play or bring your dad! Hope to see you there! If you just want to come and watch, do it!

On Saturday, February 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. we are going to meet at Larson Park to go **SLEDDING**. You need to fill out a permission slip, which can be picked up at the church. We'll have hot cocoa and a lot of fun sledding together. Dress warm and bring a sled! See you there!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BWC's Connecting Women Ministries invites all women to a **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** at the Cottonwood Bistro (corner of 6th Street and 17th Avenue) on Saturday, February 13 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Invite a friend!

Ladies, all of us enjoy time alone, away from the bustle of life. On Saturday, February 20, you are invited to our **PRAYER ADVENTURE** between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the BWC Activity Center. Coffee and muffins will be served in the Activity Center lobby from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please come spend time alone with God and enjoy fellowship with other women of BWC. If you have questions, please contact Connie Hobbie or Nancy Stewart at the church.

WOMEN OF FAITH: Imagine what it would be like if the God who created us was willing and able to provide exactly what we need. Why would He do that? Because He loves us! Join us for two days filled with laughter, music, and stories that make you chuckle even as you wipe away a knowing tear. Don't miss it! Women of Faith will be in Omaha on Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14. The cost of the conference is \$89 which includes 2 box lunches; cost of the bus and hotel is \$70. Please let us know if you would like to attend by Monday, March 1.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Tony Dungy's - **DARE TO BE UNCOMMON:** In this men's Bible study, you'll explore Scripture, engage in discussion, encounter character-building insights and uncover what it means to live a life of true significance. Join us at 9:15 in Room 14, starting TODAY.

NEW ADULT CLASSES

MARRIAGE BUILT TO LAST: We all want a healthy, loving marriage, but there are so many real issues that can stand in the way. In this 6 session DVD based series, we'll hear 24 couples share real-life stories about their honest questions and struggles as they seek to build a marriage that will last a lifetime. Whether you're newly married, remarried, or wanting to improve your relationship, you'll hear Biblical and practical teaching to give you tools to live intentionally and love Biblically. There are 3 opportunities to join this class: the first group, targeted at young couples, is on Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room, another group (open to everyone) is on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 18, and *the final class (open to everyone) begins TODAY at 10:30 a.m. in Room D.*

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM: KidZone (nursery-6th grade), Adult Discipleship Classes as follows:

Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication (Room A)

Esther: It's Tough Being A Woman (Room B)

Everyone's Normal Till You Get to Know Them (Room C)

Revelation (Room D)

Men's Study (Room 14)

Through the Bible in a Year (Library/Room 17)

Marriage Built to Last (Room 18)

9:00 AM: illuminate (7th-12th grade) in the Loft

10:30 AM: KidZone (nursery-age 4), and Adult

Discipleship Classes as follows:

Men's Bible Study (Room A)

Desiring God (Room B)

Women's Bible Study (Room C)

Marriage Built to Last (Room D) *begins TODAY

5:00 PM: Celebration Choir (Worship Center)

8:00 PM: Oasis - College/Young Adults (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM: KidZone - Nursery-Grade 6 (Children's Ministry Area)

6:30 PM: Collide - Grades 7-12 (Activity Center)

6:30 PM & 7:00 PM: Various Adult Small Groups - Visit the Welcome Center for more information

7:15 PM: Post College/Career Fellowship (Erick & Joni Weber's home)

For more information regarding Midweek Discipleship Groups - Please visit the Welcome Center.