



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Helloooo friends! Today, I have a story to share with you. Every Saturday, Kyle and Kelly had chores to do. One Saturday, their dad asked Kyle to mow the lawn right after breakfast. Kyle hated mowing the lawn. He said, "No, I don't want to do that. It makes me sneeze." Later that morning, though, he felt bad about his disobedience so Kyle went outside and started up the mower and got the job done before lunch. When he came back from work that day, Dad thanked Kyle for mowing the lawn after all.

The next Saturday, their dad told Kelly to mow the lawn. Kelly said, "Sure, Dad. I'll mow it as soon as I put my breakfast dishes away." But Kelly had a lot of other things she wanted to do that day so she never did get around to mowing the lawn. It was late when their dad got back from work and saw the un-mowed lawn. Do you think their dad was disappointed to see that the grass hadn't been cut?

Which of the twins actually did what their father asked? Yes, Kyle was obedient.

The following Saturday was Dad's day off. Kyle and Kelly knew that Dad planned to take them to the beach for the morning. However, because the grass had grown up so tall, he mowed the lawn instead. Afterwards, he joined the twins and their mom for a glass of lemonade. He told them this story from the Bible.

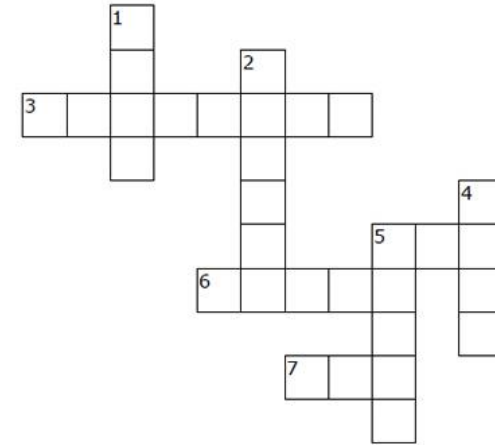
One day when some people were questioning him Jesus said, "A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go work today in my vineyard.' He answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind, and went. He came to the second, and said the same thing. He answered, 'I go, sir,' but he didn't go. Which of the two did the will of his father?"

Does Jesus' story of the two sons sound a lot like the twins? Yes, it does. Kyle refused to mow the lawn, but changed his mind and did it. Kelly agreed to mow the lawn, but just blew it off. Dad went on to explain that it was important to be willing and obedient when either of their parents asked them to do a certain task.

Both twins spoke up. Kyle said he was sorry for complaining about mowing the lawn, and Kelly said she was sorry for not mowing. When their mom asked the twins if they could help her make sandwiches for lunch, they both jumped right up and headed for the kitchen. No more disobedience for them! *adapted from Dell Smith @ Sermon Writer*

Loving God, sometimes we are asked to do things that we don't want to do, like helping out with chores. Help us to do all things to bring glory to your name, giving thanks that we have the ability to do them. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A place where grapes are grown
5. The number following one
6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
7. An adult male

DOWN

1. A person's male children
2. A male parent
4. To perform a job or task
5. To have an opinion or idea about something

WORK
TWO

VINEYARD
MAN

TRUTH
SONS

THINK
FATHER

Activity: How are you a helper at home? This week, think of ways that you can help lighten the load for your grown-ups.

Discussion Question: Our word is our bond. When we say we are going to do something, we should do it. Can you think of a time you've been let down by someone not doing what they said they were going to do?

Family Table Prayer for September:

Loving God you grant the seasons
Colors change and leaves fall
Bless us with all that we need
So that we can share with one and all.
Amen.

September Memory Verse: Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. Galatians 6:9

