

At Home Service 17th October 2021 - Prepared by Sandra Dodd

Welcome to this week's home service... our theme is **WORDS**

1. **HYMN:** To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
 - *Refrain:*
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.
2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Let us Pray; Heavenly Father we offer our praise and thanksgiving for being able to see and hear you in the wonders around us – the wind in the trees, the glorious colours of autumn, sights and sounds that words alone cannot do justice to. Thank you loving Father for each other. For being able to talk and listen and share words of encouragement and faith. We are sorry when words we say or think impact negatively on others and hurt them. Please forgive us, Lord Jesus, and help us to use words wisely and understand the impact they may have. In Jesus Name, who blessed us all with kind words Amen.

HYMN; You are the King of Glory
You are the Prince of Peace
You are the Lord of heaven and earth
You're the Son of righteousness
Angels bow down before You
Worship and adore for
You have the words of eternal life
You are Jesus Christ the Lord

Chorus

Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
Glory in the highest heaven
for Jesus the Messiah reigns

READING: Mark 10 verse 13 -16.

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

SONG by Ronan Keating

It's amazing how you.
Can speak right to my heart.
Without saying a word
you can light up the dark.

Try as I may, I could never explain
what I hear when you don't say a thing.

The smile on your face
lets me know that you need me.
There's a truth in your eyes
saying you'll never leave me.
The touch of your hand says you'll catch me wherever I fall.
You say it best when you say nothing at all.

All day long I can hear
People talking out loud,
But when you hold me near (you hold me near)
You drown out the crowd (the crowd, the crowd).

Try as they may, they can never define
what's been said between your heart and mine.

The smile on your face
lets me know that you need me.
There's a truth in your eyes
saying you'll never leave me.
The touch of your hand says you'll catch me wherever I fall.
You say it best (you say it best) when you say nothing at all.

TALK: I wonder if you watch Blankety Blank? The game show where contestants have to match with celebrities words that fill the missing ones in a sentence or saying.

EXAMPLE blank something shoe... could be horse shoe or court shoe etc...

It got me thinking, when my mind went blank for options even though there are 1000's of words used daily, which word is mentioned most frequently in the Bible? Having looked it up it is the word Lord. (upper case Lord refers to God; lower case lord refers to someone's superior). Lord / lord occurs 7759 times. Followed closely by God with 3977 appearances.

Looking further I found to my amazement that FEAR NOT is in the Bible 365 times. That is a reminder every day of each year not to fear. Of course it's hard not to worry and be concerned and fearful, but the battle belongs to the Lord. 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me'.

Give God the praise and total control over everything. If God is in control all will be well. 1 Thess 5 v 18 'give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' Above all is LOVE – mentioned 541 times. God's love surpasses fear, sadness, doubt etc. God loves each one of us... John 3 v 16 'for God so loved the world, he gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life'.

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Our Lord God is high over all; and through his Love we should not fear today or tomorrow. Whatever difficulties we may be faced with, we are assured that God loves us and is with us through the Holy Spirit. We are told to develop a spirit of thankfulness even in the midst of fear, trouble and heartache.

We do need to remember that we may not always receive what we want from the Lord; His will be done not ours. But I do know that God never asks more of us than we have strength to deal with.

The song written by Ronan Keating above, was Ronan expressing in words what holding his very young baby meant. No words, but expressions of pure love and joy and feeling of safety and how everything around fades in to oblivion as his heart melted with pure love. God calls us His children, no words needed, and being in one another's presence has the same expression of love and security, joy and peace.

May we all know God's love in our lives today and Fear not because he is with us every step we take, today, tomorrow and always. **Amen**

HYMN

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow? [Refrain]

3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore? [Refrain]

LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING; Pauls blessing to the Church in Corinth

"The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you" **AMEN**
(*2 Corinthians 13:14, (The Message)*)