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Mathew 18:15-20 (NLT) Correcting Another Believer

¹⁵ "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

¹⁶ But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.

¹⁷ If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.

¹⁹ "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.

²⁰ For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 13:8-14

In order to have faith in ones own path, one does not need to prove that someone else's path is wrong.

~ Paulo Coelho, 'Warriors of the Light'.

Judge nothing, you
will be happy.
Forgive
everything, you
will be happier.
Love everything,
you will be
happiest.



The cockroach theory for self-development.

At a restaurant, a cockroach flew from somewhere & sat on a lady. She started screaming. With a panic-stricken face, she started jumping, with both her hands desperately trying to get rid of the cockroach. Her reaction was contagious, as everyone in her group also got panicky.

The lady finally managed to push the cockroach away but ...it landed on another lady in the group. Now it was her turn to continue the drama.

The waiter rushed forward to their rescue. The cockroach next fell upon the waiter. He stood firm, composed himself & observed the behaviour of the cockroach on his shirt. When he was confident, he grabbed it with his fingers & threw it out of the restaurant.

I started wondering, was the cockroach responsible for their histrionic behaviour? If so, then why was the waiter not disturbed? He handled it near to perfection, without any chaos.

It is not the cockroach, it's inability of those people to handle the disturbance caused by the cockroach, that disturbed the ladies.

I realised it's not the shouting of my father or my boss or my wife that disturbs me, it's my inability to handle their shouting.

It's not the traffic jams that disturb me, but my inability to handle the stress of the traffic jam. It's my reaction to the problem that creates chaos in my life.

Lessons learnt from the story:

I should not react in life. I should respond. The women reacted, the waiter responded.

The HAPPY person is not happy because Everything is RIGHT in their Life.

The person is HAPPY because their Attitude towards Everything in Life is Right!
STAY BLESSED




So?
What's your
Response
Going to be?

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Judy Lennon as she recovers from her week in hospital.
- We pray for the Synod meeting which commences on 14th September. 
- We thank God for the wonders of spring.
- We uphold everyone in the medical profession.
- We give thanks for Geoff Flynn. He commences ministry in Tamworth by representing us at Synod next week.
- We pray for our members who are overseas at the moment.

Meg's Musings



As I sat in the sun, I noticed a couple of cabbage moths - the first that I'd seen this season. For a child, they see a butterfly, something of wonder. The white colour makes it easy for their eyes to follow their flight. For the gardener, the cabbage moth is a danger to their vegie garden.... they try to minimise the damage caused by dusting the plants at risk. We all see things in our own way. In Jesus' story of the lost sheep, the shepherd saw the need to leave the 99 obedient sheep, and go and search for the lost one. Not everyone would see the situation in the same way. Some would want be intent on ensuring the safety of the 99. We have a God who values, and loves, each and every sheep - and presumably each and every cabbage moth.

Blessings from Meg

Happiness is a state of mind. It's just according to the way you look at things.

~ Talpe

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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."



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Psalm 149 (NLT)

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song.
Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.
- ² O Israel, rejoice in your Maker.
O people of Jerusalem, exult in your King.
- ³ Praise his name with dancing,
accompanied by tambourine and harp.
- ⁴ For the LORD delights in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their mouths,
and a sharp sword in their hands—
- ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- ⁸ to bind their kings with shackles
and their leaders with iron chains,
- ⁹ to execute the judgment written against them.
This is the glorious privilege of his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 149

J O Y F U L A E T M
L T H B Y R O L G Y
J P R A I S E K A U
R N N D R K D Q M V
V Q O F J P O M H K
N O I T A V L A S S
O K Z D A N C E D I
H U M B L E R G K N
L E R B M I R T M G
Z F Y F I T U A E B

BEAUTIFY	DANCE	GLORY
HARP	HUMBLE	JOYFUL
PRAISE	SALVATION	SING
TRIMBREL	ZION	

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