

Lions Roar 8-12-20

Musings with Mrs. Stout

Thank you Mrs. Gillham for covering our Musings column while I was at Annie Camp last week. I think we can all relate to your message: feelings of anger, bitterness and disappointment are always crouching at the door of our hearts looking for an opportunity to pounce. "But God is greater than our heart." (1 John 3:20)

My grandkids call me Annie. Way back when there were only two grandkids, I heard a Focus on the Family radio program about Grandparents hosting summer camps for their grandchildren. They portrayed it as an opportunity to pour God's love into grandchildren, have fun, and give the children's parents a much-needed break. So, nine years ago we had our first Annie Camp. It was on the farm and nothing special - just play time and bible story time; a verse to memorize and a craft to make. Well, nine years later Annie Camp has become a time honored tradition. As more and more grandchildren have joined the clan, we have instituted two sessions: a Senior Camp and a Junior Camp. This year all the families came together to memorialize my dad at his summer place on Blue Lake in Eastern Washington. We had senior campers, junior campers, mascots (3 babies) and counselors (the parents). My brothers joined us and taught all the campers how to fish. The four junior campers caught 21 while the five senior campers had to settle for catching 17 fish. Here's a picture of all of this year's awesome Annie Campers standing on a stairway my dad built almost 40 years ago. My oh my such blessing! We serve such a great, all knowing and almighty God!



Annie Camp is fleeting – too short for the kids and too long for the adults. But some things remain. 1 Corinthians 13:13 states: “There are three things that will endure – faith, hope and love.” While so much around us is in a constant state of change, let’s focus on these three qualities that endure.

Faith Our faith is built on the solid rock of the gospel – the Good News that Jesus has paid the price for our sins. Because Jesus took our place on the cross, our sins are forgiven and we are set free from sin’s bondage. Therefore we trust God loves us more than we know. We teach these truths to our children and pray that their faith in Jesus Christ grows and develops.

Hope Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. Do those words bring a melody to mind? It’s a great truth – we have hope! We can count on God to reign and see us through the storms of life. We can wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Remember, “On Christ the solid rock we stand. All other ground is sinking sand.”

Love This one is the greatest isn’t it? Think of the things we love: grandkids, family, pizza..... The list is long and varied. Even the world joins in on embracing this quality. Our world loves to love and be loved. God is love. Oh that our world will come to see God’s special and specific love for each of them who have been created in His very image! Will you pray with me that the veil covering our unsaved loved ones, friends and neighbors’ eyes will vanish; that the scales will fall from their eyes and they will see clearly the love of Christ compelling them to faith, hope and love?

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