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Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Love Really Does Cover a Multitude of Sins

As Teri was reading in 1 Peter 4, she came across this verse: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." She stopped reading and pondered that simple statement.

"How would that work?" she wondered. "We aren't supposed to cover up sins, are we?" Perplexed, she prayed for wisdom.

Several days later she went to pick up her daughter at a nursery. The man ahead of the line was very loud and rude to the woman behind the counter.
She felt sorry for the woman. Then she was surprised when the woman behind the counter was cranky to the next man who was now at the head of the line.

"After the woman shoved the man's child at him, I began to feel sorry for myself and my daughter. I was next, and her angry face told me that I wasn't going to get any better treatment than the fellow ahead of me received.

"I had only seconds before facing this angry care giver, so I prayed a frantic, desperate 'I need help NOW, Lord.'

"Help came--but only in my mind. In a flash, I no longer saw the woman's anger, but that she was tired. Tired of trying to get through the day. Tired of running in place. I saw that the Lord loved her and wanted to gather her in His marvelous arms and comfort her.

"I still wasn't quite sure what to do, but before she could say anything, I took a deep breath, stepped to the counter, and quietly said, 'My, you have had a tough day today haven't you?'

"Not exactly earth-shaking or particularly eloquent words, but they seemed to have an impact. I watched as her angry face relaxed and her body seemed to shrink. She leaned on the counter and rested her chin on her hand and wearily said, 'You have no idea.'

"For the next minute or two, she vented and I sympathized. Finally, I patted her on the hand, and said, 'God bless you. I'll pray for you.'

" 'Thank you. I need it,' she said and went to get my daughter.

"While I was waiting, the verse that had perplexed me in 1 Peter came to mind. I could feel myself grinning. God had answered my prayer for wisdom about that verse by giving me an object lesson.

"Holding my daughter's hand, I turned to walk away. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw the lady behind the counter smile and I heard her say sweetly to the next person,'May I see your I.D.? Please sign your name on the line marked, and I will get your children for you.'

" 'Yes, it's true,' I thought, 'God's love poured into us and flowing out of us, has a way of covering, even putting a halt to a multitude of sins.' "

—Aletha Hinthorn. Used by permission

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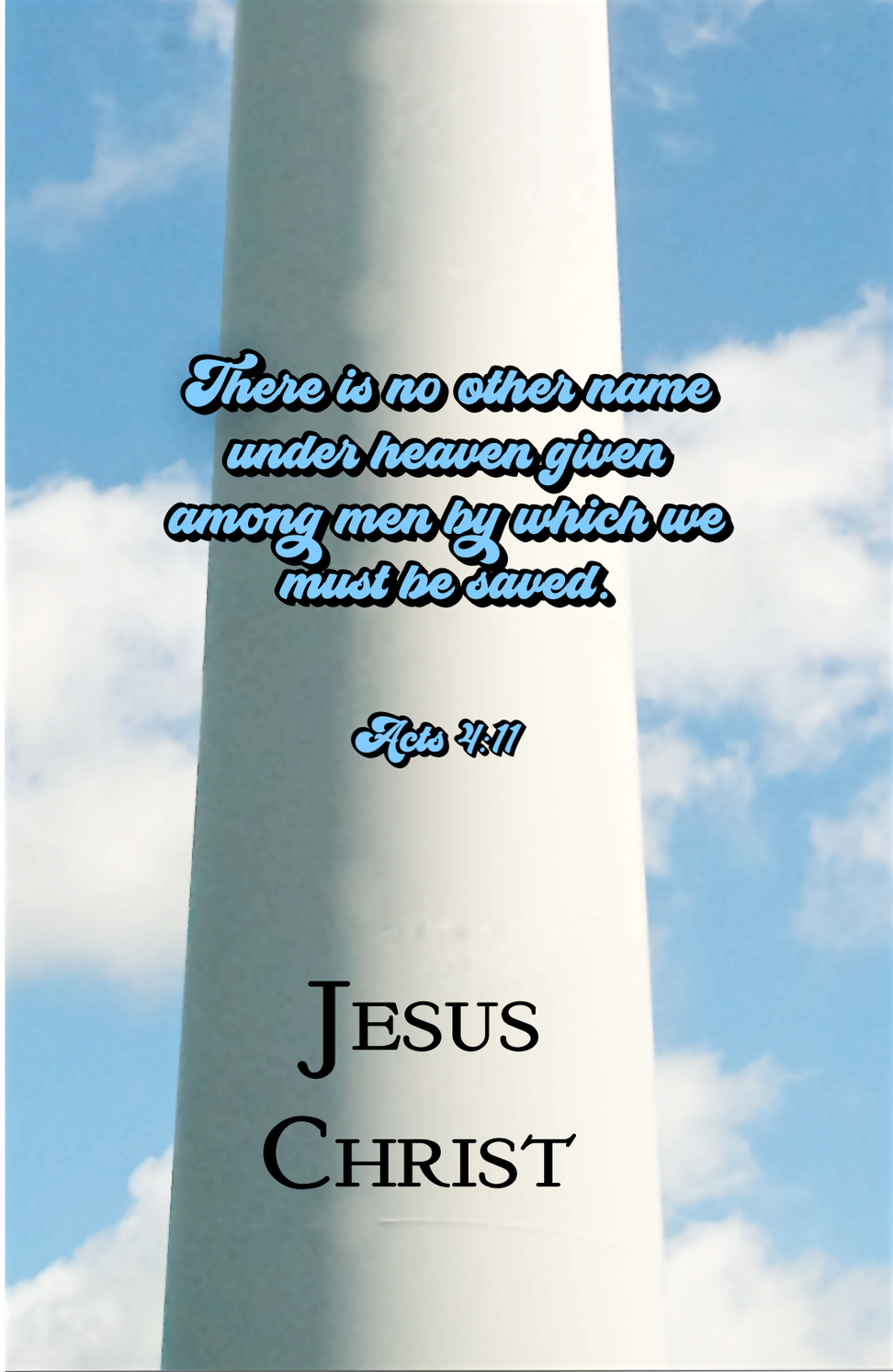

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Welcome, as we worship the risen Lord. May we be "of one heart and soul" in love for one another and in praise of Christ.

Call To Worship - *from I John 3:1; 4:7*

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us, *(repeat)*

That we should be called the sons of God. *(repeat)*

So let us love one another, for love is of God. *(repeat)*

Then we may be called the sons of God. *(repeat)*

Announcements

- We will have the Pastoral vote at the close of Sunday School this morning.
- **April 17-19 -** Annual IHC in Dayton, OH
- **April 20-21** - Central Zone Night of Prayer. Our assignment is 2:00 - 4:00 a.m.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to all men that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ that they avoid those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.—BCP

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Requests

- **This week** we are praying specifically for our sister church at Tunkhannock, PA. The pastor is Joel Byer.
- **An** urgent request for prayer for a big decision in their ministry direction has come from the Millses in Brazil.
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - **S**pecial requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., the Miller family, Keith A., and the Moak family.
  - **Christians** in danger all over the world.
  - **T**he village of **Middleburgh,** that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - **Missionaries**: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Flings, the Himelicks, the Mayles, the Millses, R. Moulton, J. Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - **O**ur **young people** – schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - **B**ible Colleges - GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - **S**afety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - **O**ur President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
  - Marie Rooney, William Miller, Terri E., Steven Hulbert, Major Lamont, Tom Bowman, Sophie Mills, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Paulette Fay, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- **From** Early Woodland:
  - Philip, Joyce, Jim
- *Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.*

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*
OT	Joshua 11:1-12:24	Joshua 13:1-14:15	Joshua 15:1-63	Joshua 16:1-18:28
NT	Luke 17:11-37	Luke 18:1-17	Luke 18:18-43	Luke 19:1-27
PSA	Psalm 84:1-12	Psalm 85:1-13	Psalm 86:1-17	Psalm 87:1-7
PROV	Proverbs 13:5-6	Proverbs 13:7-8	Proverbs 13:9-10	Proverbs 13:11

Thursday	*Friday*	*Saturday*	*Sunday*
Joshua 19:1-20:9	Joshua 21:1-22:20	Joshua 22:21-23:16	Joshua 24:1-33
Luke 19:28-48	Luke 20:1-16	Luke 20:27-47	Luke 21:1-28
Psalm 88:1-18	Psalm 89:1-13	Psalm 89:14-37	Psalm 89:38-52
Proverbs 13:12-14	Proverbs 13:15-16	Proverbs 13:17-19	Proverbs 13:20-23

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Other announcements & prayer requests