

⁴⁶“Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

Luke 2:46-47 NKJV



YOUTH REVIVAL

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BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Service of
Worship & Communion

Sunday, 6 May, 2018

Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm
Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm
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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Joshua's Little Car

Joshua was eight years old and had been in Cub Scouts only a short time. During one of their meetings he was handed a sheet of paper, a block of wood, four tires and told to go home and give everything to his 'Dad'.

That was not easy for Joshua. Dad was not receptive to doing things with his son. But Joshua tried. Dad read the paper and scoffed at the idea of making a little racing car with his young son. The block of wood remained untouched as the weeks passed.

Finally, Mom stepped in to see if she could help. Having no carpentry skills, she decided it would be best if she simply read the directions and let Joshua do the work. And he did.

Within days his block of wood was turning into a little car. A bit lopsided, but looking great (at least through the eyes of his mother). Joshua had not seen any of the other kids' cars and was feeling pretty proud of his 'Blue Lightning', the pride that comes from knowing you did something on your own.

Then the big night came. With his little blue racing car in hand, and pride in his heart, Joshua and his Mom headed to the big race. Once there their joy turned to dismay. Joshua's car was obviously the only car made entirely on his own. All the other cars were father-son partnerships, with cool paint jobs and sleek body styles made for speed.

A few of the boys giggled as they looked at Joshua's lopsided, wobbly, unattractive vehicle. To add to the embarrassment, Joshua was the only boy without a man at his side. Some from single parent homes at least had an uncle or grandfather. Joshua had "Mom."

The race to find the fastest car began. One by one the cars raced down the finely sanded ramp. It was an elimination one; you kept racing as long as you were the winner. Finally, it was just between Joshua and the sleekest, fastest-looking car there.

As that race was about to begin, the wide-eyed, shy eight-year-old asked if they could wait for a minute, because he wanted to pray. Then Joshua went to his knees, clutching his funny looking block of wood between his hands. With a wrinkled brow he spoke to his Father for a very long minute and a half. Then he got up, smiled and announced, "Okay, I am ready."

As the crowd cheered, a boy named Tommy stood with his father as their car sped to the tape. Joshua watched his block of wood wobble down the ramp with surprisingly great speed and rush over the finish line a fraction of a second ahead of Tommy's car. Joshua couldn't believe it! He leaped into the air with a loud "Thank You, Lord," and the crowd roared in approval. The Scout Master came up to Joshua with microphone in hand and asked the obvious question, "So you prayed to win, huh?"

"Oh no, sir," the boy replied. "It wouldn't be fair to ask God to help you beat someone else. I just asked Him to help me so I wouldn't cry when I lost." Joshua didn't ask God to help him win the race, he didn't ask God to fix the results. He just asked God to give him strength in the outcome.

Perhaps we spend too much of our time asking God to rig the race, to make us number one, or too much time asking God to remove us from the struggle, when we should be seeking God's strength to get through the struggle. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Joshua's simple prayer spoke volumes to those present that night. He never doubted that God would indeed answer his request. He didn't pray to win and thus hurt someone else; he only prayed that God supply the grace to help him lose with dignity. Joshua, by stopping the race to speak to his Father, also showed the crowd that though his 'Dad' wasn't there, his Heavenly Father most definitely was. Yes, Joshua walked away a true winner that night.



Order of Service

Ministry of Music - Choir

Invocation

Hymn 176 - Christ arose

Hymn 190 - Rejoice the Lord is King

Hymn 192 - One Day

1st Scripture - John 21:15-25

Hymn 184 - Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Prayer

Offering

Ministry of Music - Choir

Hymn 366 - I Belong to the King

Sermon - Rev. Ronald Trotman

Hymn 233 - More Love to Thee

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Scripture Reading

Ministry of Music - Nathan Ottley

Notices

Benediction - Choir



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- The children of our Nation.
- All those who parent, teach, care for and influence our youth.
- Youth who are studying, taking exams or entering the workforce.
- The Church to impact and transform their lives.
- ISIVCF, CEF, VBS and Camp 'REVIVAL'
- Our new converts in Christ.
- The healing of the sick and shut-in.
- Those grieving and mourning loss.
- Safe and event free elections.
- The Hothersal community
- The peace of Jerusalem.

Join us next Sunday at 6pm for an engaging Bible Study



Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11 NIV

May Birthdays



4th - Joy Jackson

5th - Joel Ellis

8th - Julia Licorish

9th - Julianne Johnson

10th - Angela Ward

13th - Pamela Kellman

14th - Cheron Sobers

15th - Shane Vaughn

- Sean Vaughn

16th - Rachel Williams

17th - Nicholas Hoyte

19th - Harold Codrington

23rd - Jennifer Thompson

28th - Heather Payne

30th - Ronald Trotman

Anniversaries



17th - Ronald & Cynthia Trotman