

Crossroads Church

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Christians passionately dedicated to impacting our world with God's love, one person at a time.

Many of you know we have three little dogs. I've written about them before so I'll save you the proud parent routine. However, once again this morning, God used one of them to illustrate a wonderful truth.

Mia is a whiner. When Vicki and I are still for more than 5 minutes Mia is somewhere in the room whining. If she's inside, she wants outside. If she is outside, she wants inside. If Molly or Graci has a bone she wants she whines. If they are eating when Mia wants to eat she whines.

This morning Vicki and I were sitting on the couch reading our devotions when Mia began whining. Once she begins, no amount of telling her to stop works. The only effective action to stop her whining (other than giving her what she thinks she wants but really doesn't) is to pick her up and hold her.

I did precisely this this morning so we could finish our devotions and both get to where we needed to be. And in picking her up and gently holding her I "heard" a quiet loving voice say, "That's what I do when you whine, when you call on me, Doug."

God has a gentle way of getting truth from my head to my heart.

He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart;

he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:11)

I smiled and enjoyed the few moments in God's arms this morning, hearing His heart beat.

Mia's whining will forever be a reminder of God's loving arms. Daddy's lap always was a great place for me!

As I was petting Mia I caught a glimpse of a wrist band Vicki gave me. It has Jeremiah 33.3 on it: *Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things.* When I think about great and mighty things from God I most often think of action steps – powerful acts – the type super heroes are known for.

This morning, after imagining sitting on God's lap for a few minutes, I was reminded that there is little greater and mightier than the love, grace and mercy from a God who owes me nothing.

This morning a whining Mia became an unlikely messenger from God. And the message she delivered was, once again, spot on! God's ways are not my ways, nor are His thoughts my thoughts. And I am so thankful they are not!

*As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55.9*

Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday is *Palm Sunday* and once again we will be taking a look at a story that is at once very familiar and yet strange to our ears. Our Scripture Lesson is from Mark 11.1-11. I look forward to seeing you! **Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!**

Our Offering:

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA is a vibrant campus ministry that establishes and advances witnessing communities of students and faculty.

Good Friday Service

Dear friends at Crossroads Church: Your brothers and sisters at Geneva invite you to worship and observe the Lord's Supper with us at a Good Friday service, in the sanctuary at The Crossing (1127 University Ave.), Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. As you exit the service, you will have opportunity to contribute to an offering for *World Renew*. Everyone is invited to a light supper prior to the service, at 6 p.m. It will be served in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. You may park in The Crossing lot, or (free of charge except for metered spaces) in the zoology lot at the corner of Johnson and Charter; the entrance to the zoology lot is one block south of the entrance to The Crossing lot.

In Concert!

The Browns: This past Tuesday 11 of us went to *The Fireside* and enjoyed a wonderful meal and an even more enjoyable concert by the Brown family. Without going into the details, after the concert Vicki arranged for the family to come to Crossroads for a free concert.

So, on Saturday evening, April 7th, *The Browns* will be appearing in Crossroads Church!

Please see attached flyer below, and please help us get the word out by passing the word.

Feel free to print copies of the fliers and pass them out!

Also, if you need a post for your *Facebook* page check out Vicki's page or talk with her.

We look forward to another wonderful evening the *The Browns*! We'd love for you to join us in this!!