

Crossroads Church

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

Most of us tend to be risk adverse in life. We don't like to risk everything. If we have investments, chances are they are spread over a range of risks, with only a very small (if any) amount being high risk. And we certainly would not admit to reckless investing. We are risk adverse - in contrast to God who not only risks, He risks it all.

The story of the lost sheep and the lost son portray a God who willingly risks it all to reclaim that which is His. In the story of the lost sheep the shepherd leaves the 99 (the rest of his flock) vulnerable to attack, to spooking and to other shepherds stealing all to find the 1 lost sheep. In today's risk adverse attitude this is not only risky. It is absolutely reckless and irresponsible!

And the lost son story – the father has already made himself the fool in the community by giving the spoiled kid his inheritance. He is the laughing stock a second time when his kid leaves home with all his cash. There go the assets and whatever reputation the father had left. We would advise him to recognize the loss and get on with life. But he is not finished with reckless love. He lives waiting (and as we parents do, praying) for his son to return. And the kid does come back, not having made something of himself, but as a total failure. And Dad, what does he do? Basically, gives the kid the whole farm again.

Now what am I to take out of this? First, I must come to grips with the absolutely overwhelming reckless love of God that will not let me go. The love of God compels Him to do whatever is necessary to get me home – including giving His one and only begotten Son as ransom.

Second, this overwhelming reckless love of God compels me to risk loving those I do not consider worthy.

Two questions: Have you experienced this reckless love of God in your life? Who in your world is unworthy of your love?

Now go and do likewise.

Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in *Lent*. Our Bible reading is from Isaiah 50.4-9 – again we hear about One who speaks to our brokenness and empathizes with our struggles in life. I look forward to seeing you!

Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!

Offering for the Month of April: Dominican Republic Outreach

This month's offering is dedicated to providing financial assistance to the 15 children from El Almirante Community with whom Hands of Hope ministers. This assistance will help these children reach their dream of coming to the United States to perform in OshKosh, WI this August, in the International Pathfinders Camporee. The Deacons have set a goal of \$12,000 for this ministry, and we are excited to bring these kids to Madison, WI in August – an impactful way of making a positive difference for their futures!

Education for all Ages: Join us after the service for education classes.

This Week

Unashamed Youth

This Wednesday - April 17:

Game Night

For more detailed information and if you have any questions, please contact:

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KINGDOM KIDS

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Thursday Morning Coffee Break

*Every Thursday morning 9:00-10:45AM Studying a Coffee Break international bible study **The Joy of Sharing Jesus***

Mark Your Calendars

Geneva Campus Church invites you to join them on Friday, April 19th, at 6:30 PM for their Good Friday Service.

and

FRIESLAND COMMUNITY MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS

“JESUS, THE SOURCE OF MY SONG”

AT

CROSSROADS CHURCH

ON

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 AT 9:30 AM

Have a wonderful Weekend! Enjoy the gifts God has given you. Honor Him in all you do, and I look forward to seeing you Sunday!!

May Jesus' love be your strength.

Pastor Doug