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The Rich Family In Church By Eddie Ogan

I'll never forget Easter 1946. I was 14, my little sister Ocy was 12, and my older sister Darlene was 16. We lived at home with our mother, and the four of us knew what it was to do without many things. My dad had died five years before, leaving mom with seven school kids to raise and no money.

By 1946 my older sisters were married and my brothers had left home. A month before Easter the pastor of our church announced that a special Easter offering would be taken to help a poor family. He asked everyone to save and give sacrificially.

When we got home, we talked about what we could do. We decided to buy 50 pounds of potatoes and live on them for a month. This would allow us to save \$20 of our grocery money for the offering. When we thought that if we kept our electric lights turned out as much as possible and didn't listen to the radio, we'd save money on that month's electric bill. Darlene got as many house and yard cleaning jobs as possible, and both of us baby sat for everyone we could. For 15 cents we could buy enough cotton loops to make three pot holders to sell for \$1.

We made \$20 on pot holders. That month was one of the best of our lives.

Every day we counted the money to see how much we had saved. At night we'd sit in the dark and talk about how the poor family was going to enjoy having the money the church would give them. We had about 80 people in the church, so figured that whatever amount of money we had to give, the offering would surely be 20 times that much. After all, every Sunday the pastor had reminded everyone to save for the sacrificial offering.

The day before Easter, Ocy and I walked to the grocery store and got the manager to give us three crisp \$20 bills and one \$10 bill for all our change.

We ran all the way home to show Mom and Darlene. We had never had so much money before.

That night we were so excited we could hardly sleep. We didn't care that we wouldn't have new clothes for Easter; we had \$70 for the sacrificial offering.

We could hardly wait to get to church! On Sunday morning, rain was pouring. We didn't own an umbrella, and the church was over a mile from our home, but it didn't seem to matter how wet we got. Darlene had cardboard in her shoes to fill the holes. The cardboard came apart, and her feet got wet.

But we sat in church proudly. I heard some teenagers talking about the Smith girls having on their old dresses. I looked at them in their new clothes, and I felt rich.

When the sacrificial offering was taken, we were sitting on the second row from the front. Mom put in the \$10 bill, and each of us kids put in a \$20.

As we walked home after church, we sang all the way. At lunch Mom had a surprise for us. She had bought a dozen eggs, and we had boiled eggs with our fried potatoes! Late that afternoon the minister drove up in his car. Mom went to the door, talked with him for a moment, and then came back with an envelope in her hand. We asked what it was, but she didn't say a word. She opened the envelope and out fell a bunch of money. There were three crisp \$20 bills, one \$10 and seventeen \$1 bills.

Mom put the money back in the envelope. We didn't talk, just sat and stared at the floor. We had gone from feeling like millionaires to feeling like poor white trash. We kids had such a happy life that we felt sorry for anyone who didn't have our Mom and Dad for parents and a house full of brothers and sisters and other kids visiting constantly. We thought it was fun to share silverware and see whether we got the spoon or the fork that night.

We had two knives that we passed around to whoever needed them. I knew we didn't have a lot of things that others people had, but I'd never thought we were poor.

That Easter day I found out we were. The minister had brought us the money for the poor family, so we must be poor. I didn't like being poor. I looked at my dress and worn-out shoes and felt so ashamed I didn't even want to go back to church. Everyone there probably already knew we were poor!

I thought about school. I was in the ninth grad and at the top of my class of over 100 students. I wondered if the kids at school knew that we were poor. I decided that I could quit school since I had finished the eighth grade. That was all the law required at that time. We sat in silence for a long time. Then It got dark, and we went t o bed. All that week, we girls went to school and came home, and no one talked much. Finally on Saturday, Mom asked us what we wanted to do with the money. What did poor people do with money? We didn't know. We'd never known we were poor. We didn't want to church on Sunday, but Mom said we had to. Although it was a sunny day, we didn't talk on the way.

Mom started to sing, but no one joined in and she only sang one verse. At church we had a missionary speaker. He talked about how churches in Africa made building out of sun dried bricks, but they needed money to by roofs. He said \$100 would put a roof on a church. The minister said, "Can't we all sacrifice to help these poor people? We looked at each other and smiled for the first time in a week.

Mom reached into her purse and pulled out the envelope. She passed it to Darlene. Darlene gave it to me, and I handed it to Ocy. Ocy put it in the offering.

When the offering was counted, the minister announced that it was a little over \$100. The missionary was excited. He hadn't expected such a large offering from a small church. He said, "You must have some rich people in this church."

Suddenly it struck us! We had given \$87 of that "little over \$100.

We were the rich family in the church! Hadn't the missionary said so? From that day on I've never been poor again. I've always remembered how rich I am because I have Jesus!

Welcome to



Pastor Sergio &
Patricia Tristan
Yitzak & Sergio

*Enter His gates with Thanksgiving
and His courts with Praise...*
-Psalm 100:4

Campfire

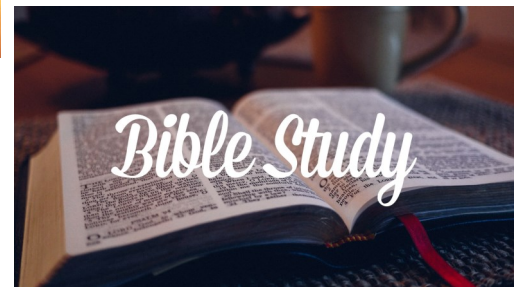


July 15, 2020 7:00 p.m. Chandler Park
Shelter #1

July 29, 2020 7:00 p.m. Chandler Park
Shelter #1

August 5, 2020 7:00 p.m. Chandler Park
Shelter #1

August 19, 2020 7:00 p.m. Chandler Park
Shelter #1



BIBLE STUDY

Join us on FaceBook Live at 1:11 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Beth Gallagher is teaching on having Victory in Jesus even during this time of being "Safer at Home". People are joining us from all over Wisconsin and many other states. Search for Victory in Jesus Bible Study on FaceBook and join us for a great 20—30 minutes of Bible Study.

RUMMAGE SALE

ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The Memorial Day Weekend Rummage Sale has been postponed until
Labor Day Weekend.

If you can keep your items that would be great, but if there is a need
for storage please contact Doug Hare at 608-429-3221 or 608-617-
9240 and other arrangements can possibly be made. We also want
you to know that you do not need to price your items. Those working
the sale will take care of that for you.

Thanks for your understanding in this matter.





July Birthday's

1. Chloe DeFord (Y/A)
4. Sam Hosig
5. Jackie Kirk
Todd Hepler
6. Tiffany Pargman
Kirston Purtell
Payton Purtell
- 8 Eileen Milton
Jacob Ott
9. Rev. Kerry Wilson
14. Bonne Seeberg
18. Corky Vrbsky
19. Marie Rahn
20. Finn Swenson (Y/A)
22. Ken Levzow
27. Bob Glasgow
31. Petra Hayes



12. Bob & Jennifer Stolinas
22. David & Laura Bell
31. Rich & Kim Peterson

LOVE LIKE JESUS:

Since our 2020 VBS was cancelled this year due to COVID-19, families might have some fun this summer with this “ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE”. Youth and Parents help/encourage younger children.

ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR KIDS CHALLENGE

FOR MORE INFO ON ENCOURAGING KINDNESS, GO TO

<https://coffeeandcarpool.com/100-acts-of-kindness-for-kids-challenge/>

Be Kinder to Your Siblings:

1. Help your sibling with a chore.
2. Offer to get your sibling a drink.
3. Ask your sibling to pick the show.
4. Offer to share a bite of your snack.
5. Take turns with your favorite toy.
6. Give a hug to someone in your family.
7. Offer to get your sibling something they need.
8. Encourage your sibling when they do something hard.
9. Read or “read” to a sibling
10. Play a game fairly.
11. Give a compliment to someone in your family.
12. Hold the door for someone in your family.
13. Invite your sibling to play with you.
14. Draw your sibling a picture.
15. Offer to share a bite of your dessert.
16. Let your sibling choose the game you play.
17. Help your sibling do something they can’t do yet.
18. Give encouragement and cheer them on.
19. Let your sibling choose the music you listen to.
20. Help with something without being asked to.
21. Thank the person who made you a meal.
22. Help make school lunches.
23. Carry in the groceries.
24. Remember to say “Bless You” when someone sneezes.
25. Clear more than just your plate from the dinner table.

Be Kind to Neighbors

26. Walk a pet for a neighbor.
27. Bring in your neighbor’s trash cans or shovel their driveway.
28. Pick up your neighbor’s newspaper when they’re out of town.
29. Wave and say “hi” to your neighbors.
30. Go visit a neighbor who lives alone.
31. On Halloween, participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project.
32. Bring flowers to cheer up a neighbor.
33. Make or buy food for a sick neighbor.

34. Pick up trash on your street.
35. Hide kindness rocks in your neighborhood.
42. Join in a town clean-up day.
43. Smile at someone who is not smiling.
44. Help clean up a mess that's not yours.
45. Bring cold water to a gardener.

Be Kind to "Safe Strangers"

46. Stay to the right when passing someone.
47. Clean up after yourself in a restaurant.
48. Give up your seat for someone who needs it.
49. Turn in a lost item that you found.
50. Pick up and return what someone dropped.
51. Hold the door open for the person behind you.
52. Say "thank you" when someone does something kind for you.
53. Make room so someone else can sit too.
54. Hold the elevator door open for someone.
55. Let someone else go first through a door.

Be Kind to Friends and Teammates and Coaches

56. Cheer up a friend who is sad.
57. Console a teammate who loses or gets out or misses the shot.
58. Take turns with a friend.
59. Offer to teach a friend something they don't know how to do.
60. Let a friend go first.
61. Ask a friend what they want to play.
62. Stand up for a friend if they need it.
63. Help a friend who needs it.
64. Cheer on a teammate when they do well.
65. Make a card for a sick friend.
66. Write a thank you note for a coach or leader.
67. Offer a friend playing on the other team "good luck" or "good job" "or "nice try."
68. Sit with a friend at the nut-free table if you have a safe lunch.
69. Thank your coach after each practice and game.
70. Encourage a friend when they try something hard.

Be Kind and Volunteer

71. Decorate crafts for a nursing home or retirement home.
72. Donate books to a Little Free Library or your library.
73. Draw a card or write a thank you note to a soldier.
74. Send an ecard to kids in a hospital.
75. Donate food to a food drive.
76. Make a blanket and take it to a local animal shelter.
77. Have a bake sale or lemonade stand and donate the money.
78. Donate warm clothes you've outgrown.
79. Collect pop tabs and donate them to a Ronald McDonald House.
80. Give a meal or snack to someone who is hungry.
82. Collect toys and donate them.
83. Purchase and donate "Gift of Caring" cookies from Girl Scouts.
84. Donate supplies to your classroom or school.
85. Make a meal for a fire station.

Pardeeville United Methodist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Victory in Jesus Bible Study at 1:11 p.m. on FaceBook Live Monday—Friday						
5 Power Up ! 8:30 (In the prayer room) Prayer Over Our Pastor 8:55 am Worship Service 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	6	7 Prayer Shawl 9:00—11:00 a.m.	8 Trustee Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the Church Ad Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 Piece Maker's 6:00—8:00 p.m.	10	11
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Pastor Kerry & Sue

Matthew 25:21

*A pastor devoted to
giving so much,
God only knows
all the souls
that you touch.*

*Committed to serve
when you answered
God's call,
you prove it by being
a servant to all.*

**Thank you for your love and
service to our congregation.
May God richly bless you in
your retirement.**

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