

Daily Devotional, June 2, 2021, Getting Back to Normal

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. Luke 10:21 (NIV)

When we look at the sending out of the seventy-two disciples, we see that Jesus gathers them back after their time of sharing the good news, offering healing, blessings, and peace wherever they went. When they gather back together again, Jesus hears their report, and the first thing he does is offer praise to God.

You know, there's lots of things we talk or think about, or have even shared on social media about in terms of what we are going to do when we all get back together again. It's rather funny the kinds of things that some take for granted, things that just seemed natural for us to do, but now we miss them.

Some have missed sitting at a restaurant, others have missed sporting events, some have missed being able to travel to see loved ones who live far away. Believe it or not, some people actually miss getting up and going to work. I sure miss seeing all of you on a Sunday morning. Lots of things have been missed, but now we are starting to see them come back. As society has gotten back into a new routine of normal, and as places have begun to open as they follow the phased reopening of our communities, I notice that many are going out and getting back to the things they enjoy. Others, however, are being more hesitant. And I'm glad there are those who are working the intermediate, helping those who are hesitant to get out. We are ready to get back to a much more normal pattern of live worship and are anxious for members to start returning to normal as we have been ever so careful with our worship space.

This past Memorial Day weekend. I was glad to see people out, especially those who attended our outdoor Memorial Day weekend Service. People were following guidelines and being safe, I do want to see things get better. Doing so, also means caring for one another. Sometimes this care for others is hidden from the wise and old, but I pray that as children of God we continue to have it revealed to us, that even though some things may seem a hassle, or a bother, we continue for all. Then, maybe we can even envision a joy-filled, Jesus type kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Prayer: Jesus, we are different people, with different backgrounds, different races, different classes, different education levels, different viewpoints, even different theologies; but we are gathered together in one name. One beautiful and matchless name: Jesus! Jesus, come into our midst as we pray today. In your most holy name, Amen.