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There's Always Something Left to Love

Tony Campolo

Some years ago, I saw Lorraine Hansberry's play, *Raisin in the Sun*, and heard a passage that still haunts me. In the play, an African-American family inherits \$10,000 from their father's life insurance policy. The mother of the household sees in this legacy the chance to escape the ghetto life of Harlem and move into a little house with flower boxes out in the countryside. The brilliant daughter of this family sees in the money the chance to live out her dream and go to medical school.

But the older brother has a plea that is difficult to ignore. He begs for the money so that he and his "friend" can go into business together. He tells the family that with the money he can make something of himself and make things good for the rest of them. He promises that if he can just have the money, he can give back to the family all the blessings that their hard lives have denied them.

Against her better judgment, the mother gives in to the pleas for her son. She has to admit that life's chances have never been good for him and that he deserves the chance that this money might give him. As you might suspect, the so called "friend" skips town with the money. The desolate son has to return home and break the news to the family that their hopes for the future have been stolen and their dreams for a better life are gone. His sister lashes into him with a barrage of ugly epithets. She calls him every despicable thing she can imagine. Her contempt for her brother has no limits.

When she takes a breath in the midst of her tirade, the mother interrupts her and says, "I thought

I taught you to love him."

Beneatha, the daughter, answers, "Love him? There's nothing left to love."

And the mother responds: "There's always something left to love. And if you ain't learned that, you ain't learned nothing. Have you cried for that boy today? I don't mean for yourself and the family

because we lost all that money. I mean for him: for what he's been through and what it done to him. Child, when do you think is the time to love somebody the most: when they done good and made things easy for everybody? Well then you ain't through learning, because that ain't the time at all. It's when he's at his lowest and can't believe in himself 'cause the world whipped him so.

When you starts measuring somebody, measure right, child, measure him right. Make sure you done taken into account what hills and valleys he done come through before he got to wherever he is."

That is grace! It is love that is given when it is not deserved. It is forgiveness given when it is not earned. It is a gift that flows like a refreshing stream to quench the fires of angry condemning words.

How much more loving and forgiving is the Father's love for us? And how much more is the grace of God for us?

From Stories for the Heart, edited by Alice Gray

"The best and most beautiful things in the world
cannot be seen nor touched....
but are felt in the heart."

Helen Keller



The Prez says.....

It's reported that St. Patrick used a three leaf clover to explain the mystery of the Trinity. The three parts of God are represented by the three leaves attached to one stem. St. Patrick knew that if we can't see it with our eyes, it's difficult for us to comprehend. Thus, the clover, an object lesson in an "un-seeable" principle of theology.

Could it be a lesson about how we need to listen to the Holy Spirit's message of love for all...even though we don't "hear" His voice through our ears.

Enjoy spring weather,

Jim Beatty, "The Prez"



JANE'S (Yummy!) HOBO BEANS

Brown 1/2 lb. ground meat
 1/2 lb. bacon
 1 cup chopped onions
 1 glove garlic, minced
Add: 1/2 cup ketchup
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1 teaspoon dried mustard
 2 teaspoons vinegar
 3 can's pork & beans, un-drained
 2 can's kidney beans, drained
 1 can lima beans, drained

Bake: Covered 350 degrees, for 45 minutes, OR use Slow Cooker on high 'till heated through, then 4 hours on low.

**PURE LOVE IS A WILLINGNESS
 TO GIVE WITHOUT A THOUGHT
 OF RECEIVING ANYTHING IN RETURN.**

Peace Pilgrim
www.wisdomquotes.com

THINGS I OWE MY PARENTS

For many of you, it's very probable YOU were the parents who said these things. Now it's time to laugh at yourself. Remember and enjoy!

MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME:

To appreciate a job well done.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

About religion.

"You better pray this will come out of the carpet!"

About time travel.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into next week."

About logic.

"Because I said so, that's why."

About more logic.

"If you fall out of the swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

About foresight.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

About irony.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

About the science of osmosis.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

About contortionism.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."

About stamina.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

About weather.

"This room of yours looks like a tornado hit it."

About hypocrisy.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

About the circle of life.

"I brought you into this life, and I can take you out."

About behavior modification.

"Stop acting like your father/ mother."

The Next

Trinity Seniors' Meeting

March 9th, 2020

Where: Trinity Fellowship Hall

Fellowship: 10:30 am

Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$6.00 / Person

Entertainment:

To Be Announced

Reservations Are Required:

Call Jim: 724-477-5640 or Mark: 412-477-1926

By Wednesday, March 4th