

Delight

*Instead, desire his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.
Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom.
(Luke 12:31-32, CEB)*

My daughter gets excited about things from time to time, as you would expect any 5-year old to do. But, in the last few weeks, there's something that has brought her a sense of delight like few things have. You see, this Sunday afternoon, she and I will be attending the Daddy-Daughter dance held at the school. Hopefully, her delight won't diminish too much when she finds out that her dad isn't all that great of a dancer! But, for now, I'm enjoying the delight in her face every time she thinks ahead to attending this special dance. It's Hawaiian-themed, and so she delighted in opening up a new flowery dress that we got her. She almost convinced her mom to get me a pink Hawaiian shirt with lots of flowers on it, but fortunately I already had a blue one in the closet!

The Bible **reminds** us that our Father delights in us and that He delights in giving us a place in His kingdom. Jesus, himself, spoke the words from Luke's Gospel that are printed above. And if anyone should know the delight of the Father, it was Jesus, God's only Son. I have to believe that knowing how much the Father delighted in him, was a huge motivation for Jesus to do what he did for us. He came to us as a missionary, sent from heaven to earth, to show us the way, and to lay down his life in our place. As we continue through the series "24 Hours that Changed the World" and remember the torture and humiliation Jesus went through for us, it may be odd to think about a concept like delight. And yet, we remember that Jesus endured the cross for our sakes, ignoring the shame, for the joy set before him. (Hebrews 12:2).

This Sunday, April 2, we will hear about what it means to be sent out on a mission for a Father who delights in us and rejoices as we delight in doing his work to serve others. I hope you will be present to hear from my friend, Kathy Dickriede, as she shares about her missionary experiences in Liberia and how that aligns with all that Jesus went through in the final day of his life on earth.

Know that Our God Delights in You!

Pastor David

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