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Russell's Ritings....

LESSONS WORTH LEARNING

More than any other title Jesus was called "Rabbi", which simply means "Teacher". He came to teach us about God and about Godly living...about living that makes sense.

I came across a poem about learning. It's really thought provoking so I pass it on to you.

"I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on the needs of others, happiness will find you.

I've learned that sometimes life does not give you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to throw something back.

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst driver's follow me there, and so do the world's nicest people.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness it usually is the right decision.

I've learned that people need to be touched - a hug, a handshake, a pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn."

(anonymous)

We are blessed to live in a community blessed with artists, musicians, and authors. We have three acclaimed artists in our own church each presenting in different mediums - Roger Ambrosier, Pem Dunn, and Erlene Irwin. Years ago there was another artist in our church, C. J. Lakey. One of his paintings hangs in our church library where I have seen it several times a week over my five years as your pastor. That painting inspired the sermon for Sunday, "Anchors of the Soul". The text is Acts 27:29, "...fearing we might run on the rocks, they let out four anchors from the stern and prayed for morning to come..." I hope to see you here!

From the heart,

Russell