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Russell's Ritings....

A gifted artist owned a summer place in the mountains. Here each year he and his family spent two or three of the warm summer months. One year they employed a teen-age mountain girl to live in with them and help with household chores. One evening at sunset, the girl sat with the family on the front porch watching the sun go down. As the western sky was illuminated with fantastic shapes and colors, the artist spoke descriptively of what he saw.

All were silent, listening, watching. Suddenly the hired girl, deeply moved, broke into the silence, exclaiming, "Please, sir, may I please run home and show the sunset to my family?" Smiling, the artist replied, "Why, my dear, they can see the sunset from their front porch just as well as from ours." The girl replied, "Yes sir, maybe so, but they have never seen it before! And they never will unless I show them."

As Christians we are called to show the holy, the beautiful, the true, the just, the pure, the good to those who have never seen it before!

I hope to see you Sunday! The text is Mark 1:15 and the sermon is "Now Is The Time". And it will be different! We are blessed with a wonderful retired pastor in our congregation, Joyce Snapp. Joyce will join me for a dialogue sermon. I invite you to join us for this unique experience.

From the heart,

Russell