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Russell's Ritings....

Many years ago a Boston pastor was walking back to his church after lunch. He passed a young boy carrying some birds in a cage.

“Where did you get the birds?” the pastor asked. “I trapped them in a field,” came the reply. The pastor asked, “What are you going to do with them?” The lad said, “Oh, I’m going to play with them awhile and then feed them to old cat back home. They’re just field birds and don’t sing very well.

The preacher then asked if he could buy the birds and the cage for two dollars. The boy agreed to the sale but told the preacher he was making a bad bargain.

The preacher took the cage behind his church and released the two birds. They flew away singing because of their newfound freedom. The following Sunday he had the empty cage on the pulpit as he told the story. He concluded by saying, “When I released the birds they went away into the blue singing, and it seemed they were singing ‘redeemed, redeemed’.

The resurrection of the dead assured the disciples they had been redeemed, but only after Pentecost and the birth of the church did the disciples have the power to sing it! Just as the Holy Spirit gave power to the early church, He gives power to us today to move the church forward.

Continuing in the series “What We Need”, this Sunday the text is from Matthew 16: 18, and the sermon is “What We Need: Church”. I hope to see you here!

“and the folks are friendly”

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