

Heavenly Greatness (Rethinking the Christian Wedding)

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The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
1 September, A.D. 2019
Pr 25.2-10; Heb 13.1-17; Lk 14.1-14

Introduction

Why is marriage such a *big deal* in the Scriptures?

Why is the Gospel reading today from Luke 14, another "Parable of the Wedding Feast," not just an analogy?

What's the point of the parable?

CCT: Christ shows His true greatness in _____ and service.

I. True Greatness

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11, ESV)

In the parable Jesus talks about how this might be lived out at a wedding. Why is this significant?

This “parable of the wedding feast” is about how to _____ oneself in the Kingdom of God.

In your own words, what is Jesus saying to the religious leaders He’s eating with?

To what are those gathered at the meal blind?

The example of humility and service.

Philippians 2:3–11 (ESV)

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

How does Christ’s life of service transform our:

a) Work?

What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating yummy food, and talking about things that are truly important?



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Each month we'll gather from 5:00–5:30 pm to hear the brewmaster tell us about a new beer, and then we'll sample it (or just hear about it if you're not a beer fan ☺)! At 5:30 our presenters, with beer in hand and jolly in mood, will take the mic and give a conversational talk on a serious theological subject. Presenters will talk and take questions until about 6:15, and then we'll eat and chat amongst ourselves, concluding at 7:00 pm.

Third Sundays 5:00–7:00 pm

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September 15

"Sayings I Wish Jesus Never Said"

Presenter: Dan Torkelson



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BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran School

TIME: 4:30–7:30 pm

COST: Free will offering

Funds will go towards the 2020 South Dakota trip

Please call Heather Scheuer at
262-563-8174
and let her know if you are coming.

Parents will need to supply snacks.

b) School?

c) Marriage?

R__e n t! You have the mind of Christ. Therefore,

Hebrews 13:2: Do not neglect . . .

Hebrews 13:16: ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do . . .

Jesus took the lowest possible place—death in our place—that _____ may be exalted.

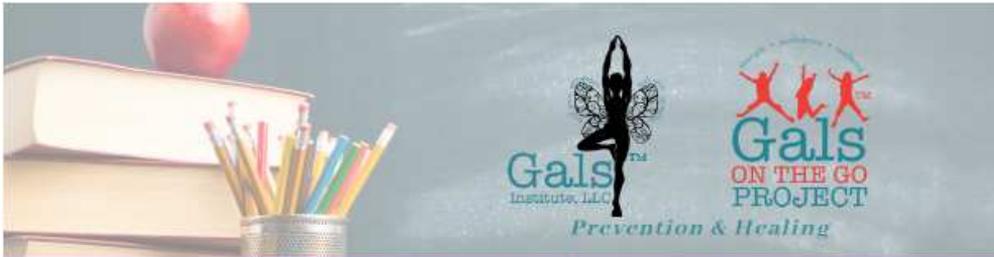
II. Rethinking the Christian Wedding

How might this heavenly understanding of greatness change your family dinner?

- Children
- Husbands
- Wives

How might this heavenly understanding of greatness change the Christian wedding?

Conclusion



Gals Institute & Gals On The Go Project

Bringing Resiliency Building Programs To St. Paul's

School is back in session. This means a new year, new experiences and a rapidly growing brain which can sometimes cause stress and anxiety in kids. Today's children are struggling with rising levels of anxiety due to the pressures of increased focus on academics and social media exposure in the fast paced world we live in. We are happy to partner with St. Paul's to assist in the emotional and social well-being of the school and church community.

Join us for a Parent Education Presentation:
The Hidden Signs and Symptoms of Anxiety in Children & Teens
What it looks like, and why it's often
mistaken for something else.

St. Paul's Lutheran School
Monday, September 9th @ 7 pm



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