

Sermon
"How Does Your Garden Grow"
Luke 8: 4-15

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WELCOME

FORT MACLEOD ALLIANCE CHURCH

July 7, 2024



FOR VISITORS AND FIRST-TIMERS:

We are so glad that the Lord directed you here this morning!

- *Sunday School is available for ages 3 to grade 3.*
- *Washrooms are down the hall.*
- *Mother's Room is off of the foyer, next to the Sanctuary.*
- *Please ask one of the ushers if you need help with anything.*

MISSION STATEMENT

*Fort Macleod Alliance Church exists to equip Godly Disciples of Jesus Christ who:
Share Christ's Life, Show Christ's love and Shine Christ's light.*

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GIVING OPTIONS

E-transfers: fmacfinance@gmail.com
Direct withdrawal information is available through the church office.

DISCOVERYLAND

Discoveryland is recessed for the summer season. Thank you to all the leaders who put their time and energy into a great year!

VBS!

A 4 day VBS is being planned for August 12-15th. More details to follow. If you are interested in potentially helping out with this, please see Kit Grisnich for more details.

VBS/Plan to Protect Review

Volunteers for this year's VBS are meeting shortly after this morning's service in the large upstairs classroom.

Sound and Media are looking for volunteers for the summer months. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Kyle.

Note:

Pastor Kevin is participating in the denominational General Assembly (online) in Lethbridge with UDAC this coming week and will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday. He can be reached by cell or email. General Assembly starts Tuesday evening and finishes Friday morning.

Story on Peace

A Bible Illustration

There once lived a very wealthy man who was willing to pay a small fortune to the artist who could best illustrate the presence of peace. Several artists brought paintings of sunsets and quiet meadows, but the man did not accept any of these. One day as he was walking through looking at the most recent attempts, two paintings captured his attention.

One was a painting of a beautiful calm lake surrounded by lush green mountains. The water seemed as still as glass and wispy white clouds danced in the bright blue of the sky. Next to this painting was another with vast differences. It was also a picture of a lake surrounded by mountains, but the strong winds had whipped the lake into a tempest and the dark clouds hovered about the rugged mountain landscape ready to release a downpour of torrential rains.

The audience standing about watched with anticipation to see which one the man might choose to depict the story of peace. All were shocked when he did not choose the first, but instead chose the second. How could such a stormy scene tell a story of peace?

The rich man explained. The first painting was beautiful and peaceful, but it didn't tell the truth of where peace can be found. Anyone could feel peaceful upon a crystal-clear lake with white clouds drifting across the sky and barely a breeze blowing across the water.

Then he pointed out something in the second painting which everyone else had overlooked. If you peered closely into the mountains of the second, there was a waterfall, and tucked into a crevice of that mountain near the waterfall was a small nest on which a mother bird sat upon tiny blue eggs.

The man spoke. "This second painting is a picture of true, perfect peace because it is within the storms of life we find real peace tucked into the side of God, knowing His presence will guard and protect us even in the midst of this world's storms."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I don not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27