

Lessons from the Heart

Waiting - not so easy

By Pastor Sandy Hutchens

If we're going to learn anything from our life and find the wisdom of maturity, we've got to learn to want more than simply not wanting to repeat our youthful mistakes. In the past we couldn't imagine wanting anything more than living "large and in charge." So we had to surrender on faith, on faith that Jesus would give us something better than our old

way of life. But after we've been walking with Jesus for a while, we learn that a spiritually sober life can really be enjoyed. We learn how nice it is to get along well with our family, how nice it is to do our work well—whether at home or outside—how nice it is to try to help others. We have found that when we keep walking daily with Jesus, every thing goes well for us.

However, there is almost no

work in life as hard as waiting. And yet God wants us to wait for Him. Motion is easier than calm waiting, and yet we must wait until God shows us His will. So many people have marred their walk and hindered the growth of



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their spiritual lives by too much activity. If we wait patiently, preparing ourselves always, we will be some day at the place where we should be. And much toil and activity could not have accomplished the journey so soon. We need to be made ready for God's gifts. Some of those gifts can come only if we learn to wait. We can never be as useful or as happy as God intended unless we have received those gifts

that only come in waiting.

A Prayer

Lord Jesus may I discipline myself to wait upon you. But we both know that without the help of the Spirit I cannot suc-

ceed. So I ask you to send now your Holy Spirit so that as I wait I may trust.

Sandy Hutchens is pastor at Faith Lutheran Church near Deer Creek.

Deer Creek Pastor to be installed

Comet staff report

Dave Herron will be installed as pastor of the Deer Creek Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. Sunday at the church. The public is invited.

This will be the first installation service at the church in more than 30 years. It will be conducted by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.

Pastor Herron grew up in Iowa and attended a large Baptist Church. Sharon, his wife of almost 33 years, grew up in a small Mennonite Church, but when the church closed, she and her family



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joined a 2,000-member Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Ill. She was born in London, England, and immigrated to the U.S. when she was four.

They were married in Peoria, and a year after their first child, Jonathan, was born, they moved to Martin, S.D. Herron had a B.A. degree in history with a secondary teaching certificate, and taught English and government in Martin.

While teaching, he was asked to fill the pulpits of two Presbyterian churches (located 15 miles apart) three Sundays each month. Sharon

was the county librarian.

The church experience in Martin led the Herrons to Dubuque, Iowa, where Herron enrolled in Presbyterian seminary classes. On the first day of classes, their daughter, Andrea, was born.

From 1984-1987, Herron served as student pastor and later as installed pastor of a yoked parish in Rowley, Iowa. He was ordained in 1986 at the Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Martin, S.D.

From 1987-2000, Herron served as pastor of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in LeClaire, Iowa. From 2001-2005, he served as head of staff/pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Cuya-

hoga Falls, Ohio. This was followed by another church in Keokuk, Iowa.

The Herrons' children are both married and living in Ohio. They have one grandchild.

Pastor Herron enjoys bowling, exploring small towns' history and churches, raising tropical fish, and visiting. He said he is looking forward to improving his skills in golfing and fishing. His wife enjoys reading, and playing with their two dogs. She is a professional dog groomer.

"We are truly appreciative to God for bringing us to this area to further the work of Christ through our church. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m."

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Physicians need to respect parents' authority

QUESTION: Our family physician wants to examine my 13-year-old son without my being in the room. That's okay with me, but I expect him to tell me what my boy says and what his medical condition is. That's where we disagree. He says he must keep their conversation confidential. Am I right to expect to be informed and involved?

DR. DOBSON: Teenagers are typically sensitive and modest about their bodies — especially when their parents are around — so I can understand the need for privacy during a physical exam. The larger issue here, however, is the physician's accountability to you as the mother, and at this point, I agree entirely with the position you have taken. Other parents have expressed similar concerns to me.

I'm reminded of a mother who told me that she took her 14-year-old daughter to their pediatrician for a routine physical exam. The mother was aware that her daughter was beginning to develop physically and might be sensitive to her being in the examining room with her. She offered to remain in the waiting room, but the girl objected.

"I don't want to go in there by myself," she said. "Please come with me." After arguing with her daughter for a moment, the mother agreed to accompany her to the examining room.

When the exam was over the doctor turned to the mother and criticized her for intruding. He said in front of the girl, "You know, you really had no business being in the examining room. It is time I related directly to your daughter. You should not even be aware of the care that I give her or the medication I prescribe. Nor should you know the things that are said between us. My care of your daughter should now be a private matter between her and me."

The girl had been going through a period of rebellion, and the mother felt her authority was weakened by the doctor's comments. It was as though he were saying, "Your day of supervision of your daughter has now passed. She should now make her own decisions." Fortunately, that mother was unwilling to do as she was told, and promptly found a new doctor. Good for her!

I have discussed this conver-



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sation with several pediatricians, and they have each agreed with the doctor in this case. They emphasized the importance of a youngster having someone to talk with in private. Perhaps, but I object to the autonomy demanded by the physician. Fourteen-year-old boys and girls are not grown, and their parents are still the best people to care for them and oversee their development. It is appropriate for a physician to have some private moments with a young patient, but he or she should never forget to whom accountability is owed.

Furthermore, if greater authority is to be granted to the doctor, the parent had better find out just what he or she believes about contraceptives for minors, premarital sex, spiritual matters, and the like. Be careful whom you choose to

trust with the body and the soul of your child. The pace of living is so frantic today that we have become dangerously willing to accept surrogate parenting from a variety of professionals who meander through our lives. Educators, youth ministers, athletic coaches, music instructors, psychologists, counselors, and physicians are there to assist parents in raising their kids — but never to replace them.

QUESTION: I really believe in giving children the freedom to do wrong as long as there isn't any danger involved. For example, I let my kids curse and use swear words and don't see any harm in it. Do you agree?

DR. DOBSON: No. I would hope that parents wouldn't use that kind of language and certainly don't believe they should permit their kids to do so. It is disrespectful, crude and unnecessary to talk like that.

Pray for our nation to seek God

Be sober. Be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. I Peter 5:8 Pd. Adv.

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CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 4003 W 400S. Clymers. Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.	LIVING STONE CHURCH: 54 Main St., Rossville. Sunday Services: 8:50-9:20 Coffee and Fellowship, 9:30 worship. Children's church available
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CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN: 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.	OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.
CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: Jeff Brown and Ann Bingham, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.	PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. Justin Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN: Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Herron, pastor. Adult SS 9 a.m. SW: 10 a.m. with Children SS	PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST: John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 315 E. Main St., Delphi. Rev. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.	PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.
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EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Ernie D. Elder, Jr., Pastor. SW: 10 a.m., SS: 9 a.m.	ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: 16 Cason St., Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; SW 10:00 a.m.
FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST: SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.	ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.	ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. Bob McAulay, interim pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.
FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.	ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST: Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
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