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(ON BEING THE HANDS
AND FEET OF GOD)



Maybe there is a
place where you
are saying,
"I don't wanna"?
God says,
"Do it anyway."

God asks all of us to follow. And that is hard, with daily challenges to the discipline of being a God-follower. Being about God's will first, instead of our own. Praying and reading scripture as a regular conversation with God, in order to know God better. Every day finding the ways that we can work for peace and justice in the place we live. It's tiring to follow. These things are not harrowing, they can just get exhausting over time because, we want to do our own thing, our own way. And, it isn't like this is new.

So many of the "great people of faith" from the Bible were reluctant, to say the least.

- ◆ Moses begged God to pick someone else. (Exodus 4:10-14)
- ◆ Gideon continued to test God's direction. (Judges 6:13, 17, 36, 39)
- ◆ Jonah famously ran away. (Jonah 1:3)
- ◆ Jeremiah argued that he was too young. (Jeremiah 1:6)
- ◆ Paul needed real convincing, so he got a blinding vision. (Acts 9:3)
- ◆ And all of the disciples seemed eager to follow at first, but eventually ran away and needed convincing. (Matt. 28:16-20, Mark 16:12-14, Luke 24:25-27, John 20:19-21)

So, is it any wonder that we would be reluctant? God's people have been reluctant from the beginning. And the leaders God chooses have been reluctant. When God calls, commissions or sends them, they say, "I don't want to!" I hear God's direction in so many cases in the Bible, and our own modern lives being, "Do it anyway." It doesn't sound very biblical, but God says, "Do it anyway."

- ◆ I know you think you can't speak well enough to share my word, "Do it anyway."
- ◆ I know you think you are too young, "Do it anyway."
- ◆ I know you think you are too old, "Do it anyway."
- ◆ I know you feel inadequate for the work I ask of you, "Do it anyway."
- ◆ I know you are tired, or busy, or think other things are important, "Do it anyway."

This last week I have been fighting a cold. I don't get sick very often. When I do, like many other people, I struggle between taking care of myself and getting on with the work that needs doing. The first few days I medicate and carry on. God is probably telling me I should lay low and get better, but I don't want to because there is work to do. God says, "Do it anyway."

Then, ironically, as I start getting a bit better I finally start laying low and taking care of myself. But usually that comes along with me saying stuff like, "I don't wanna write my newsletter article. I'm sick." God says, "Do it anyway."

Maybe there is a place in your life where you know God is speaking to you?
Maybe there's a place on your walk of faith where God wants you to work but you don't?
Maybe there is a place where you are saying "I don't wanna"?

God says, "Do it anyway."

Peaceinallplaces, <>< Pastor Jeff

Ernst Schwidder Liturgical Art

Portland Area Tour—Saturday October 19, 2013

In the sanctuary at Christ the King there are some unique carvings of the gifted and talented sculpture carver, Ernst Schwidder. The Ernst Schwidder Project is dedicated to investigate, record, interpret, preserve and promote the liturgical art of Ernst Schwidder (1931-1998) as it enhances the worship and educational life of the church. The Schwidder Project is sponsoring a tour as part of their ongoing work to enlarge awareness of his exceptional artistic gifts. Some the places in our area where his work is displayed is at Concordia University, Legacy Emanuel Hospital Chapel and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, to name a few. Anyone is invited to join this free tour which will begin at Concordia University at 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 19 and conclude at approximately 5 pm in Lake Oswego. Christ the King will be one of the places the tour will take you. Everyone will need to arrange their own transportation. In order to prepare materials for the tour, you will need to contact the tour leader, Joel Nickel at 503-949-6641 or nickel2432@comcast.net. For more information about Schwidder visit the website:

thecresset.org/2013/Trinity/Nickel_TI3.html



Library News

Check out **The Book Thief** and read it before the movie comes out in the theaters on November 15th. This #1 New York Times bestseller is about a young girl named Liesel who is taken in as a foster child in a small town outside Munich during World War II. It's amazing to watch this young girl remain strong and grow in the face of tragedy, This historical fiction showcases the ability of books to feed the soul. Although classified as a Young Adult book, I know people of all ages who put this on their list of all time top ten favorite books. So, do yourself a favor and check out **The Book Thief**. Take your time to read it slowly and savor the beauty and magic of every word of this top quality literature. You'll find it to be:

A Masterpiece

Brilliant

Unforgettable

The Book Thief will be on the shelf next to the check-out counter in the library.

For you fans of Janette Oke, you will be pleased that we now have the complete *Seasons of the Heart Series* and also the *Canadian West Series*. Oke is known for her inspirational fiction.

If you like American Frontier Romance books, then you'll enjoy the four books by June Masters Bacher. Books by Oke and Bacher are located in the **Religious Fiction** section.

All of the above books were donated to our library. Thanks!

St Anthony Severe Weather Shelter

The mission of the St Anthony Severe Weather Shelter is to provide an overnight shelter during severe weather (32° and below) to adults without homes. Food and a safe place to sleep is provided by St Anthony's from November 1 through March 31. Volunteer opportunities are varied and available for as little as two hours a month and many volunteers are needed. There will be a Volunteer Training on Sat., Oct. 20. Volunteer forms are available on the kiosk or you can call Carol Herron at 503-620-4117 or visit the St Anthony website at <http://j.mp/StAnthony> to see more details.

Thank You's

I want to thank all the members of the CTK family who supported and prayed for me during my recent illness. I am on the mend now, and hopefully will be totally recovered by year end. I look forward to expressing my thanks personally to each of you as we worship together.

Tom Murphy

Dear CTK

Thank you very much for the continuous support of myself and my educational endeavors as I begin my Sophomore year at University of Oregon. It's hard to believe that only last year I was beginning to think about the start of my time at the UofO, but since that time I have learned a lot and grown spiritually and mentally. It is nice to know that I have such a caring community at CTK and it is a place I can call home and feel very comfortable in.

Thanks again for the support.

Ivan Kallevig

CTK Congregation,

Thank you so very much CTK church for helping fund my trip to Lutherwood, it means so much to me! I look forward to it each summer, thank you for making it another!

Love, Rachel Doss

Changes

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Phone number Correction:
Betty Crofoot 971-338-3969

BABY NEWS!

Lee & Anne Durbetaki welcomed a baby girl, Felicity Jane, on August 1, 2013, 7 lb 13 oz. Congratulations to them and grandparents John & Jeanne Durbetaki and Uncle Mark.

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Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

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The mission of Christ the King
 Lutheran Church is to:

WELCOME

All people with God's
 unconditional love

CELEBRATE

Jesus Christ and
 each other

GROW

In faith through the Holy Spirit

SERVE

Human and community needs



MORTGAGE BALANCE
 As of September 13, 2013
 \$82,142.79

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