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My Quiet Place

Getting to know
the Stroud family

(Katie is Bill and Barb Kaufman's
daughter)

Hello Clarence Center - Akron Mennonite Church. My name is Katie Stroud and my husband is Mike Stroud. We have been married for almost 3 years and live in Lockport, NY with our two dogs, Grizzly Bear and Hank. Last year, we had our beautiful son, Bentley, and he will be turning one in June! Mike works for the Lockport Police department as a police officer and I work at Lyndonville Central School as a special education teacher. In our free time we enjoy being outside, going to the zoo, and spending time with our friends and families.



I know a very quiet place Where I can see beyond compare, A place I've found where I can dream, I find peace and quiet there.

I see the beauty of the sky, And jewels in a stream that shine, There's roses high upon a hill Beside the place that I call mine.

And in my very quiet place I find my Saviour there;
I tell Him all my wants and cares As I come oft to
him in prayer.

And so with this-God's love for me, I'll keep it day
by day, For by His grace, Want to share with others
by the way.

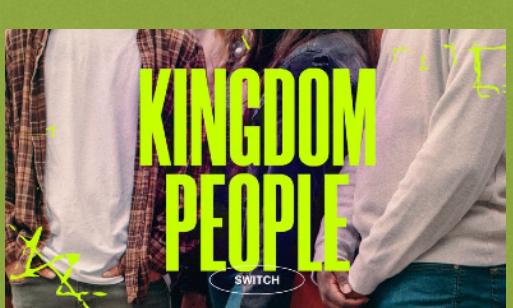
~ by Pearl Jennings (taken from Esther's book of Precious Moments)

The Roots of What Happened in Nazi Germany

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"Trembling, I realized that if I looked into my own heart I could find seeds of hatred there, too. Arrogant thoughts, feelings of irritation toward others, coldness, anger, envy, indifference - these are the roots of what happened in Nazi Germany. And they are there in every human being. As I recognized - more clearly than ever before - that I myself stood in desperate need of forgiveness, I was able to forgive, and finally I felt completely free." -- Hela Erlich, Holocaust survivor

Source: Johann Christoph Arnold - Why Forgive?, pp.36



Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

by: Rosamond E. Herklots

"Forgive our sins as we forgive" you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew, what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.

Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

May it be so, Lord Jesus.

If you crossed a Patriot with a curly-haired dog, what would you get?

Yankee Poodle.



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Kingdom People

You Have Heard it Said ...

In the Sermon on the Mount so far, Jesus has been describing *what* it looks like to be a Kingdom person. Now He is going to take us through some real-life situations and emotions and teach us *how* a Kingdom person responds to them.

First, Jesus tells us that Kingdom people respond to anger and conflict by pursuing reconciliation *with urgency*. It's not enough to refrain from attacking people physically or verbally when you're upset—that's a given. Instead, we are motivated by reconciliation *so much* that we are willing to go to *great lengths* for the chance to make things right.

Jesus says: ***"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."*** Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

For much of Jesus's audience, leaving their gift at the altar and returning to their own village would entail something like an 80-mile journey—80 miles on foot, no car, no guarantees! This is the Kingdom way. We go to great lengths to make things right.

~ Taken from Bible.com

REMINDERS:

CCAM Work Party, Saturday, May 15th , 9 a.m. - noon. There are plenty of tasks to go around, for all skill/experience levels. Many hands make light work.

Ann Meyers Graduation Party, Saturday, May 29th, noon - 3pm.

A bit of humor... Wedding White

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"