



Psalm 34 Luke 13:10-17

GOD IS GOOD

Finding yourself in a spot of bother.

DAVID

David relied on God to help him and be with him in difficult situations

When Jesus was on earth he showed how good and kind God is because He is God as a human being. It matters to do things that are right and good.

Perhaps the best way we can explore this is through today's story. Let's do another version of it:

NEWS

Drama presentation

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Jesus often went to the synagogue because He worshipped His Father and spoke to people there about God. We often read about how when Jesus taught people, He also looked at them and had compassion on them. He knew that people were lost without having anyone to guide them. He looked with compassion on those struggling with life – like the woman in the synagogue.

WOMAN

He saw how the woman needed to know just how good God is. She had a spirit inside her that caused her body to be completely bent over. She was struggling with life – in fact it may well have been most of her life

SLIDES

- she had been in pain
- she couldn't do any of the normal jobs of life
- she could not look at anyone in the eyes
- she was probably angry inside – certainly frustrated.

JESUS SAID

You remember what we read – Taste and see that the Lord is Good

The goodness and the power that Jesus had was far greater than the power that the spirit had over her and she was healed. How amazing. Jesus did many miracles like that and He still does miracles in people's lives.

MR ANGRY

You'd have thought that everyone would have been pleased about this. The leader of the synagogue was deeply upset. He did not see the goodness of God in what Jesus did – because it was against their law to heal on the Sabbath. He thought that it was supposed to be a day of rest and didn't understand that just because it was a rest day for people, it wasn't a rest day for God – He was still acting and working in people's lives.

GOD IS GOOD

God is good all the time, but we may not be looking out for His goodness – and even if we do see it we may refuse to acknowledge it. We may not see how He loves us. We may not see His kindness towards us. You may think to yourselves "how could I ever miss God's goodness and love? Surely I'd notice it?"

Today is Mothering Sunday – a time when we thank our mothers for the love and care they show us. I

know both as a son and a parent, that sometimes children can be less than appreciative of the good things we try as parents to do for our children. We can all relate to this because even if we aren't parents, we're someone's child. And parents know how much it hurts when we are unappreciated by our children. One of the most common things I've heard parents say is "...and after all the things I've done for him... and he treats me like this". We say it, but loving parents still go on loving them and caring for them even if it isn't returned. But what joy there is as a parent when that love is returned.

I hope that all with mothers here today have shown their appreciation for Mum. Hey, even Dad gets in on the act. We're going out for a Mother's Day meal and I shall be there – and 'll be paying the bill!

God is a wonderful parent – he loves and cares for us – all we have to do is open our eyes and look. Nothing saddens Him more than when we don't see His love and we don't understand His motives and like spoilt children we don't speak to him and blame him for every bad thing that happens to us even though it isn't His fault. He is sad when people just ignore Him.

VERSE

Is that you this morning? Maybe you've never said thank you to God for His love? God had shown His love for us in this – He became a human being and died for each of us on the cross so that we could be rescued from our sins and we could have an eternal relationship with Him as Father. Most loving parents would probably die for their children – that's exactly what God has done in Jesus – and He offers us a new relationship with Him this morning.

Maybe we've known God for some time, but we're finding lots of excuses not to follow Him as we should. We've already experienced His goodness and accepted Jesus into our lives, but for whatever reason we've never really taken that further with Him, or life just seems so busy that Jesus doesn't seem important. Look more carefully - even in those things where we don't think God is or even belongs – He's there and wanting to be part of our lives and for us to commit our ways to Him.

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