Good News from Chardon

Chardon Church of Christ

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If Jesus Couldn't, Could I?

Schedule of Services: Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Dale Opening Song: 257-**Amazing Grace Opening Prayer:** Ray Hymn: 501—Give Me the Bible Scripture Reading: Gary John 7:1-6 Hymn: 225—Soldiers of Christ, Arise Lord's Supper: 322-The Old Rugged Cross Myron & Ryan **Hymn**: 459—The **Gloryland Way** Sermon: Mark Invitation Hymn: 607—All Things Are Ready **Closing Hymn:** 274-A—Jesus Loves Me **Closing Prayer:** Larry



Expectations have much to do with our contentment. One who places unrealistic expectations upon himself is generally discouraged, and feels as though he is a failure. I'm convinced that if a person had proper expectations, he would not be so soon moved to discouragement, depression, and despair. An obvious step to "reeling in" our expectations is to understand the fact that "if Jesus couldn't do something, we need to stop believing we can. Consider: Jesus couldn't make His own family believe that He was the Son of God

Jesus couldn't make His own family believe that He was the Son of God (John 7:1-6), so why then do we beat ourselves up for sometimes failing to do the same?

Jesus couldn't avoid sadness and sorrow (Isaiah 53:5), so why do we sometimes act as though we expect life to be a bed of roses? Jesus couldn't go without rest (Mark 6:31), so why do we feel guilty if we

aren't on the go 24/7?

Jesus couldn't avoid making enemies (John 15:18), so why are we so surprised when people hate us for our faith?

Jesus couldn't cause all men to repent (Matthew 23:37), so let's be content with our best efforts. We can't obey for others.

Jesus couldn't even forgive all men of their sins, though He was willing (John 8:24; Luke 17:3), so why do we think we can forgive those who will not repent?

Maybe the first step to contentment is in shedding the guilt that comes from the unrealistic expectations we place upon ourselves. After all, if Jesus couldn't do it, why do we think we can?

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PRAYER LIST

*Susan's husband, Danny, is in the hospital.

*Pat's surgery is scheduled for August 18

*Asher is at home and doing

better. Ruth is attending physical therapy.

*Dale, his friend Jimmy, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.

*Juanita, her sons, Dale and Ron and her daughter, Debbie. *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

- *Our congregation

CALENDAR

Aug. 5—Bible Study 10 am Tom Aug. 5—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Mark Aug. 5—Business Meeting Aug. 8—Bible Study 7 pm, Tom Aug. 9—a. Ray & Rebecca Aug. 10—Friday Sing Lake Milton Aug. 12—Bible Study 10 am Tom Aug. 12—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Mark Aug. 12—Potluck Aug. 14—a. Robert & Sara Aug. 15—Bible Study 7 pm, Tom Aug. 17—Friday Sing NW Canton Hidden Phrase: Aug. 22—Bible Study 10am Tom

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Jesus Goes to the Festival of Tabernacles

Scripture Reference: John 7:1-6

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The Lord gives us our talents, but we have to develop them ourselves.

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening — 7:00 pm

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