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If everything we do is done in the name of the Lord Jesus, and if all of life is sacred, then everything we do is an act of worship. That was the point I was attempting to make in last Sunday's message. I hope you got it, and I hope it has given eternal significance to everything you are doing in the workplace, school, home, and everywhere this week. And last week.

As should always be the case, the sermon spoke to me as much as I hope it spoke to you. And even though I wasn't at work last week, what I was doing should have been as much an act of worship as what you were doing here. And as you know, last week I was at Disney World with the family. I guess that means spending four days on the road, and four days walking 10 miles a day in an amusement park, was an act of worship.

Obviously, spending time with the family can have eternal significance, and it's easy to see how that can be an acknowledgement of Christ's lordship and an act of worship. Running from FastPass to FastPass to avoid waiting an hour or more for a two minute ride, does, however, take a little more effort to see as worship.

Giving the whole Disney experience more thought, I did come to the realization that many things at Disney are attempts to recreate what God has created around the world, and to give people the opportunity to get a feel for some of the wonder to be found outside the park. I'd still rather ride a motorcycle up Mt. Evans than ride through Mt. Everest on a roller coaster, but I do have to admit it was a lot of fun. Soarin' through beautiful parts of the natural world is always exhilarating, but I must also admit the ride on the back of a banshee in Pandora was even better. The Swiss Family Robinson Treehouse has been a favorite of mine since Marilyn and I climbed it in Disneyland in the 70s, but as I was climbing down this time I spotted a real kapok tree. A concrete tree is impressive, but I was even more impressed by the fact that they planted a tree next to it that grows fiber for lifejackets. And a flock of macaws flying right over my head is something I've never experienced anywhere else.

So yes, I did enjoy what I trust will be my last trip to Disney. And I can even see it as an act of worship. Not that I worship Disney, but I do worship the God who can be seen even there. God Bless, Rick



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ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

(The following is from an interview Jesse's wife Ati had with a Jerwang evangelist and his wife.)

Ati: How and why did you become a Christian?

Mu Koq Ching: I love my wife Sho Sheu Hua very much. So when I proposed to her, she told me that she was going to marry a Christian man who doesn't drink or smoke. Because I love her so much I decided to quit smoking and drinking. She was happy that I quit smoking and drinking. Then she asked me to attend Church services. I went to Church with her. Listening to sermons preached and observing Christians and their lives, I was convinced that there is God whom I also should trust. So I accepted Christ. After I accepted Christ and turned my life over to Him, my outlook and purpose for life changed. Before I became a Christian there is no meaning and purpose to life.

Ati: How was your life different after you accepted Christ?

Mu. Koq Ching: Before I became a Christian, drinking, smoking, chasing after fun and worldly satisfactions were the goals of my life. I couldn't find meaning to life in those things. Satisfactions I found in them come and go. I did not know there is meaning to life. I did not even know life is real! After accepting Christ I was encouraged to think about God, to learn of Him and trust Him. This changed my perspective for life. My thinking changed from temporary things to eternal things. My habit also changed from worldly aspirations to heavenly things. Before I accepted Jesus, I knew nothing about value of human life. Spent all my time in partying, socializing, drinking, eating so on.

Ati to Mu Koq Ching's wife: How did you come to know Christ?

Sho Sheu Hua: My parents were among very few Christians. And I grew up under Christian parents who attended church and prayed to God all the time. They took me to church where very few people gathered together on Sundays. They sang praises to God and listened to some one who gave short speech about Christ. This is how I was introduced to Christianity and accepted Christ when I was fourteen.

Ati: You told yourself you will marry to a Christian man only but you end up marrying a non-Christian. How did you feel?

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STATISTICS

	3/4	
Worship		107
Offering		\$5,086.69
	3/11	
Worship		112
Offering		\$4,443.00

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-3/18/18

Greeters	Duane Carrell
Visitors' Stand	Chuck & Jan McLaughlin
Communion Meditation	Otto Huber
	Jack Stucki
Ushers	Kent Ballard
	Jeff Edmiston
	Bob Williamson
	Gary Gredzieleski
	Chris Luzio
	Brad Stirmell
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Nikki & Anna Hunley
Infants.....	Marilyn Wenneborg
	Janice McLaughlin
	Grace Hunley
Sunday School	
Toddlers.....	Julie Divjak
Infants.....	Janet Polley
	Jeni Sperry



Let Us Pray For...

- Machelle Edmiston and family at the unexpected death of a cousin.
- Lucas Williamson with lesion on liver.
- Allie Higgins recovering from viral infection that made her very weak.



Only two more weeks of adult VOLLEYBALL at the LSCA gym at 8:00.

ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

(Continued from front)

Sho Sheu Hua: Although my goal was to marry a Christian man, I happened to marry a non-Christian which made me very sad. And I was very afraid and worried about it. I was so unhappy thinking that I violated God's will by marrying a non-Christian man and didn't dare to take communion for three months. I prayed for my husband's salvation for a long time. And in 2007, my husband decided to accept Christ. This was the happiest day for me!

Ati to Mu Koq Ching: I understand that you attended Bible college. Why did you do that?

Mu Koq Ching: I attended Bible college with your help. Without your help it would have been absolutely impossible to attend Bible school. Thank you. I attended Bible school, because I wanted to know the Bible as much as possible because I want to communicate God's Word to non-Christians and teach new converts.

Ati: Now you are ministering in Shang Shang village. I see that many people attend church where you preach. I also see that you have quite a few young people in the congregation. Is there anything you wanted to do but couldn't do so far?

Mu Koq Ching: After my Bible training I serve as minister in our village. Some Christians backslid because majority of the people in the area are non-Christians and they misled Christians. I try my best to persuade people who left the faith to come back to Christ.

Ati: Do you have anything to add?

Mu Koq Ching: My parents and my brothers committed suicide. This is because they did not know God. So I want to teach Bible to everybody so that they will know God and trust Him. If I haven't accepted Christ and acquainted with the Bible I may have killed myself as well. So my earnest desire to make everybody to accept Christ so that they may have eternal life.



LSCA has already received quite a few registrations for the summer camping season. If your child would like to attend and hasn't registered yet, I would do so quickly to avoid the possibility of weeks getting too full. If you have misplaced the code to get 1/2 off the tuition, please let me know.

Also, to keep the costs down as low as possible for the campers, LSCA is requesting that the member churches each provide a necessary item used throughout the summer. This year, we have been asked to collect 20 #10 (big cans) cans of diced tomatoes. They serve a lot of spaghetti throughout the summer so let's help them out! I'll be collecting the cans in my office so if you want to give in this manner, just place it on my messy desk and I should be able to find it.



Junior & High School Students

A large group of our High School students are unable to attend WinterJam this year, so this trip is now open for any Junior High student interested in going. The WinterJam concert we will be attending is on Thursday, March 29th in Peoria. We will leave as soon as possible after school on the 29th and will return around midnight. Remember, you don't have school on the 30th!

They did raise the price to \$15 per person this year, so bring enough money for admission to the concert and food along the way. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board so be sure to sign up this Sunday if you'll be going!



CCC ANNUAL BE-YOU-TY PAGEANT

The annual Beauty Pageant for Jr. High Girls is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd! This event always proves to be a great combination of fun and fellowship. The focus will be on YOU and how YOU are wonderfully made in God's image without mistakes.

Of course, the study will take place among evening gowns, make up, hair spray and the talent show! Please plan to arrive here at CCC at 6:30pm on Monday to begin your pageant evening. Parents can pick you up at the Huber house at noon on Tuesday the 3rd.

Last year some guys went fishing while the girls were being girls so I'm up for that again this year! Please see me if your interested!



In preparation for the upcoming camp season, LSCA will be having a work day on Saturday, March 24th to work on a few projects before the kids arrive in June. Work days always begin at 8:30 with coffee and cinnamon rolls. After working through the morning, a lunch is provided at noon for all who stick around. If you have a couple hours free that morning, I am sure they would appreciate your help!