

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Revealing God - II

Last Week:

- **Confident** in God & in His behalf
- Because **He has revealed Himself**
(John 1:18 & 20:21)
- **Jesus** is our role model & motivation

Literary Rule – **Show**, don't tell

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We can't confidently represent someone **we don't know**

- Most people who don't know God got their beliefs from others who don't either
- We need to know who God **demonstrated Himself to be**

Last Week:

- Someone we trust – we're relationally safe with

Have you ever been betrayed by someone?

(Only someone we entrust ourselves to can do that)

How do we respond?

How does God & **Why**?

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John 3:17, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God responds to our betrayal by giving Himself for our restoration to relational security with Him – **Before we even do it!**

He committed Himself to it **ahead of time**.

So, **how shall we represent Him?**

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The first part of Jesus' first ever public teaching about who God is:

- **Matthew 5-7** (the Sermon on the Mount)

He reveals **8 ways of living** God promises to bless!

Matthew 5:9 reveals -

"Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God."

KMP – God blesses those who demonstrate who Jesus revealed God to be.

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"Peacemakers" is an aggressive, militant, action-oriented word!

- It is **not** peace keepers
- It is **not** passive

It is high risk activity, taken to **restore broken relationship**

Jesus went all the way to **The Cross** to do it **for us!**

In His behalf we can **value nothing more highly**.

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He has commissioned us to embrace the commitment **before it's needed**

- *Forgiveness and restoration are of no value until violation has happened*

He calls us to declare:

- *In Christ's name I am unwilling to be separated from you*
- *I cannot stop someone from leaving me*
- *But I **Will Not** forsake them!*

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If we've wronged them – seek their forgiveness

If they've wronged us – never withhold it

Genesis 50:15-19 (the last scene of the first book of The Bible)

This is nothing new. It has always been God's way.

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*God has **revealed** and **demonstrated** Himself to us*

*He honors us to **represent who He really is**. Too many don't know.*