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Greetings,

I hope you find this devotional helpful in your daily journey. Let me know what you think.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

A Reflection

Greetings,

I grew up hearing an adage, “sticks and stone will break your bones but words will never hurt you.” As I got older I realized that it was a lie. Admittedly, the intent of teaching me this motto may have been to help me ignore what someone might say. However, I have met numerous adults whose memories are filled with hurts they still carry. Sticks and stones can in fact break one’s bones, but I suspect the physical wounds heal much sooner than the emotional ones. Why is this germane for us? Jesus states: “I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Matt. 12:36-37 (NRSV) WORDS MATTER! In addi-

tion, he tells us that if we call someone a “fool” we are in danger of hell itself. Why? Jesus seeks to bring healing to our relationship with God and those around us. If our words destroy that bond, we are working against the movement of God’s Spirit, as well as being a conduit of sickness into our world. So I invite you to consider, next time you are speaking to someone, to remember that they too are made in the image of God – even if they anger you. Pray for them, bless them, or at the very least try to keep any snide comments from leaving your lips. God will bless you for it.

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Mission Opportunity

Kenyan District Superintendent Joe Kamau presented our District Superintendent Rich Lang with a list of 20 churches that want to be in connection with congregations in the US. The offer is to simply pray for each other. If anything else emerges from that connection, all to the good.

We have been asked to link up with a specific congregation in Kenya and pray for them. We have been partnered with the Baruk UMC ---Pastor Kuria, in turn, they will pray for us. Over time the hope is that once the link is made, correspondence can occur and the prayers can become more focused and specific.

Upcoming Dates

PPRC meeting 1:00 p.m. - This Saturday

Gobble till You Wobble – This Saturday 5 p.m.

If you would like to help make the Thanksgiving community meal a success again this year please see Bella.

Monday: Bounty Food Bank - 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcomed.

Thursday: Preparation for Saturday

Friday: Bounty Food Bank: needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

Next Sunday: Choir Practice 10:00

Worship Service 11:00