

## A Man's Dream

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all of his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into his weary mind: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man.

The weary man decided to make it a matter of prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. "Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a mm. Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock."

What God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him. By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God who moves the mountains.

## True Love

I think true love is never blind,  
But rather brings an added light,  
An inner vision, quick to find  
The beauties hid from common sight  
No soul can ever clearly see  
Another's highest, noblest part,  
Save through the sweet philosophy  
And loving wisdom of the heart.  
(Phoebe Cary)



## LINDEN LODGE WORSHIP SERVICE

February 14, 2010

9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

# Linden Lodge Worship Service

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### ***Thought for the Week:***

D. L. Moody said on one occasion: "The blood of Christ alone makes us safe. The Word of God alone makes us sure. Obedience to God makes us happy."

***Key Verse:*** "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."  
Genesis 6:8

### ***Opening and Prayer:***

#### ***Songs:***

Rise up O Men of God! 547  
Standing on the Promises 230

#### ***Scripture Reading:***

Genesis 6:8-13; 18-7:1  
Hebrews 11:7

***Message :*** Nic Wiens  
God shows love to Noah

#### ***Closing Hymn:***

Trust and Obey 423

***Benediction:*** Hardy Friesen

***Postlude:*** Jean Thiessen

### ***Trust and Obey (the Song and the Story)***

John H. Sammis (1846-1919), gave up his life as a businessman and part-time YMCA worker to study for the ministry. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1880 and then served at several pastorates. In his later years Sammis taught at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919) was music director for several well-known churches and schools, including the Moody Bible Institute. He published several music books and wrote the music for many well-loved hymns, including *At Calvary* and *Only A Sinner Saved By Grace*.

In 1887, just following an evangelistic meeting held by Dwight L. Moody, a young man stood to share his story in an after-service testimony meeting. As he was speaking, it became clear to many that he knew little about the Bible or acceptable Christian doctrine. His closing lines, however, spoke volumes to seasoned and new believers alike: *I'm not quite sure. But I'm going to trust, and I'm going to obey.*

Daniel Towner was so struck by the power of those simple words that he quickly jotted them down, then delivered them to John Sammis, who developed the lyrics to *Trust and Obey*. Towner composed the music and the song quickly became a favorite. It remains popular with hymn singers today.

### ***Humour:*** A Mommy Moment (not a senior's moment)

Four-year-old Mitch loved candy almost as much as his mom, Ann, did. He and Daddy had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. A few days later Mitch was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it.

As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, Ann said to him, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?"

"Oh, yes," he said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."

### **Happy Birthday**

A belated happy birthday greeting, Martha Keim.  
Through the years God continues to be with you and we thank Him for that.