

Subject: Managing God

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September 25, 2013

A Powerful Temptation . . . Trying To Manage God

*. . . the poor man died and was carried by the
angels to be with Abraham.*

Luke 16:22

Lazarus

This story is so full of the ways of God that we could take a very, very long time to uncover most of its message. However, I want to put some effort into one of the themes in this parable: Do you say how your relationship with God will go or does God? Even though

Lazarus had a very difficult and painful life of poverty he never gave up on receiving from God how to view other people. He never curses the rich man for ignoring him and letting him go hungry. A God you can manage will never come through for you. A God you lean on no matter what will make all things right.

God's Mission

One thing happening in this story is how the rich man misses the mission God is giving him. It is right on his doorstep. He had the means and opportunity to help Lazarus get fed, restore his health, and live to his full potential. The rich man was not allowing God to come anywhere near to defining his life's purpose or direction.

Instead, the rich man was managing God by keeping God at a distance and having his own banquet everyday. That is a challenge for us. Do we tell God what we have time, energy and resources to handle, or do we look for God's power and direction to fulfill the purpose for which we were created?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, September 29, 2013

Worship at 10:00am

Saturday, September 28 9am work day at St. Francis

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Worship at 10:00am

After coffee hour book study resumes with the first chapter of Missional

Communities by Reggie McNeal

Saturday, October 5 10:00am Blessing of the animals at St. Francis

Sunday October 13 4:00pm Celebration of a New Ministry (no 10:00am service that day).

The Rt Rev Susan Goff
Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia
and the people of
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Manakin-Sabot, Virginia
invite your prayers and presence at

The celebration of a new ministry
they share with
The Rev Dr. John F. Maher, Jr.
Vicar of
All Saints' Episcopal Church

Sunday the 13th of October 2013 4pm

1484 Hockett Rd.
Manakin Sabot, VA 23103

Reception to follow

Clergy: unvested and seated with the people

Please email rsvp by October 9, 2011 to
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Centerville Circle of Prayer:

For the Acme Stove and Fireplace Center that their business would prosper and the the value of customers homes would increase.

Metro Richmond at Prayer:

For schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

Finally, I commend your use of this prayer concerning the attack on All Saints' , Peshawar, Pakistan written by our bishop, Shannon Johnston:

Most merciful God, you created all of humankind to know you, to love you and to love one another; hear our cry as we pray to you for our brothers and sisters in the Church in Pakistan, remembering especially the Diocese of Peshawar. Embrace all who are suffering in grief, pain or fear, and bring to them the healing balm of your grace,

that they may be comforted and strengthened in this time of great trial. Bless Bishop Humphrey in his leadership and pastoral care, and grant that by the presence of your Holy Spirit, the clergy may minister with power and all people may bear the burdens of this time with steadfast faith and hope. Receive the dead into your eternal company of heaven, and sustain the injured through their wounds until, through your gracious will, they know the fullness of healing in body, mind and spirit. May we, your Church in the Diocese of Virginia, have the grace to walk, work and pray with your faithful people who carry the cross in witness to Jesus Christ our Lord; through Him, who died and rose again so that we all may be one, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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