

**“KEEP THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE”**

**John 17:6-19**

**I. LOOK OUT**

- A. *“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one” (John 17:15 NIV).*
- B. Critical turning points.
  - 1. The difference between that which is history and that which is historic.
  - 2. Old English maps:
    - Here be demons,
    - Here be dragons,
    - Here be wilderness and wild beasts.
- C. Deliver them from evil.
  - 1. Pick up a paper.
    - The lies advertisers tell us.
    - Consumerism, narcissism and instant gratification.
  - 2. Selfishness, complacency, apathy and dependence.

**II. LET GO**

- A. *I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world ... protect them by the power of your name” (John 17:11 NIV).*
- B. Your first courageous act.
  - 1. Turning loose of dependence on your parents is critical.
  - 2. We remember a time when every need was met, every fear quieted, every pain soothed.
- C. Extended adolescence.
  - 1. More young people are entering college and taking longer to graduate.
  - 2. “A nest is good for a robin while it is an egg, but bad for a robin when it has wings. It is a good place to be hatched in, but a poor place to fly in.” (Henry Ward Beecher)

**III. HOLD ON**

- A. *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17 NIV).*
- B. Appreciating parents.
  - 1. There will come a time when you will be asked to take care of the ones who have taken care of you.
  - 2. Hold on to the good memories and the good advice.
- C. Your main job now is that of choosing:
  - A life work.
  - A life partner.
  - A lifestyle.
- D. Remember: You are the one who will be living in this house you are building, not your parents, and not your friends. What works in life? What will last?

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**Christian Sympathy** is extended to *Sherry Yates and DeAnn McDowell* in the death of their stepfather, *Bob Johnson*, who died on May 9 and to *Nancy Petty and family* in the death of her uncle, *Vince O'Brien*, who died on Tuesday, May 16.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

O God, save us from thoughts and feelings which only succeed in making life miserable and unhappy for ourselves and others.

Save us from foolish discontent, and help us at all times to do the best we can with the resources we have.

Save us from the envy which forgets to count its own blessings, because it's so busy remembering the blessings of others.

Save us from the jealousy which envies others every gift and every success.

Save us from vain regrets about things which cannot be changed; and give us the grace to accept the situation in which we find ourselves, and there to serve you with our whole heart.

Save us from bitterness which poisons life for ourselves and for others.

O God, cleanse us from all selfish desires and all our sin so that our lives may bring joy to others and contentment to ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## JOHN 17:6-19

“I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou has given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou has given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

## SERMON SCHEDULE

### In the Sanctuary:

May 28	<i>The Heart of the Matter</i>	John 15:8-17
June 4	<i>Communion and Communication</i>	Acts 2:1-21
June 11	<i>Deal or No Deal</i>	John 3:1-17

### On the Radio (1450 AM):

May 28	<i>Encounters</i>	Luke 10:25-37
June 4	<i>Spring Concert</i>	Chancel Choir
June 11	<i>Lux Aeterna</i>	Chancel Choir