For the love of Moses (Pray)

Tonight, I am going to talk to you about one on my favorite parts of the Bible, in fact from now on I am only, ever going to talk about my favorite parts of the Bible, a lesson I learned from my kids, ignore the parts you don't like and just pay attention to the parts you do like. When I tell them "they have to do chores to get an allowance", they never seem to do the chores, but still want the money.

I mean, it isn't like we can learn something from the whole bible, right? (wink)

So, todays favorite part comes from Exodus

[Exo 33:11 ESV]

 Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

Some of you may have heard me speaking on the next verse on a previous occasion, back when I we were going through the Beatitudes, there the point I was trying to make was about the meekness of Moses

[Numbers 12:3 ESV]

 Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

But tonight, I want to talk about the way God was toward him:

I mean Moses was cool, Charlton Heston was one of the great presidents of the NRA and a fine actor (I do realize that no one under thirty in this room, understands that reference}

So, Moses was an Awesome man, was he the equal of God? No way, now how, the very thought is laughable, God is Sovereign, God can CREATE, man cannot, man can only rearrange.

There is a lesson here (who knew, a lesson in the Bible) about equality

Every day we get bombarded by this group or that group, screaming for equality (and you better shut up while they scream)

My concern is how you and I treat people and even more importantly, how we think of them.

Have you ever seen a homeless (or someone you thought was homeless) and said to yourself "that poor person, there but for the grace of God go I)?

How do you talk to and treat the waitperson at a restaurant, the person that takes your order at Starbucks, or anyone you run into in the course of your day to day activities, have you ever been "short" or dismissive of them? What about "gee, hurry up and take my order", or more likely "Why is it taking so long to get my food", have you ever even thought any of these things?

[Mat 22:36-40 ESV]

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

38 This is the great and first commandment.

39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Love your neighbor as **y**ourself, not as a "poor person" or as a "service person" because, I am here to tell you, or should I say to relate what Jesus told us:

[Mat 25:37-40 ESV]

37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Jesus Lord, thought as the least of us to be his equal, do you think of everyone you encounter to be your equal or his?

I leave you with this:

[Numbers12:7-8 ESV]

7 Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.

8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

Verily I say to you (I have also decided to use the word verily at least once per day}

It isn't just how you might treat someone on the surface, but what is in your mind and heart, in your heart, do you really feel that everyone is equal, please don't try to fool God, at best you will ever only fool yourself, never him.

Animal Farm - all animals are equal, some animals are more equal then others

Pray