



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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BURNT BISCUITS

When I was a child, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides – a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things...and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults – and choosing to celebrate each other's differences – is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

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MOTHERS, THE LORD, AND BASEBALL

It is my good fortune in life to be blessed with a faithful Christian mother. My mother has blessed my life in more ways that I can count. Without her influence and godly example, I might not be a Christian or have a Christian family of my own. I will be forever grateful for the impact my mother has had on my life. If you have been blessed with a Christian mother, I am certain you share these same sentiments. There is no doubt that heaven will be populated with people whose lives have been shaped by the influence of godly mothers, and we should never take our mothers for granted.

Mother's Day is a great opportunity to pause and express gratitude for our mothers. I am certain that many people who will read this article will stop to thank God for their mothers, and rightfully so.

There is another day that is very special: the Lord's Day. John, an apostle of Christ, wrote, "*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day*" (**Revelation 1:10**). I am persuaded that the Lord's Day is the "*first day of the week*," the day that Christ arose from the grave and the day on which early Christians met for worship (**Luke 24:1; Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:1-2**). As in the days of the first century, Christians still assemble on Sunday to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth (**John 4:24**).

It was interesting to observe that on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 14th), there are not so many baseball tournaments held. This is interesting because normally, Sunday is a very busy day of baseball tournaments. When I was a child, the thought of having a baseball tournament at 10 am on Sunday would never have entered the minds of those who organize tournaments. However, that has obviously changed.

At the risk of sounding judgmental, I ask, what does it say about our priorities when we refuse to play baseball on Mother's Day or some other holiday, but readily play each Lord's Day? Did Jesus not warn, "*He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me?*" (**Matthew 10:37**). Did He not admonish: "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you?*" (**Matthew 6:33**).

I am not condemning all Sunday baseball; I am simply challenging us to think about our priorities. I truly believe it is high time that we do so. Don't you?

Mark Lindley