

Through **Repentance**
Isaiah 55

COME *thirsty*
SERMON NOTES
Pastor Dan Nold

THE WEEKLY

2/11-12/2012

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A couple of summers ago I became friends with Betsy. Betsy was a Godsend. When I met her, I was taken back by her majestic beauty. Not only was she stunning, she lived out James 1:19: "Be slow to speak, quick to listen, and slow to become angry."

When I met Betsy, I really needed a friend who would listen undividedly—and she did. She didn't move the conversation along to her own agenda. She let me cry on her shoulder and hug her. She didn't judge or condemn me for the secrets I openly shared. God had provided a friend I didn't know I needed. Not only that, a friend I wouldn't have chosen. You see, Betsy was a horse. A Belgian work horse, she lived at a barn near our home.

Surprised by my affection for Betsy, I wanted to get involved. One day I met a woman, Karen, at the barn and asked if she needed help with Betsy. She was warm and friendly and welcomed the extra hands. Another surprise: I found out that we both attended Calvary Gray's Woods. Shortly after, Karen introduced me to Janice, who was training one of Karen's horses. She went to Calvary Gray's Woods, too.

I felt God's favor so tangibly. I was able to ride Betsy, wash her, walk her, feed her, and love on her. She was my new 1,400 pound friend. Not only that, I had two new lady friends as well. As time moved on, Betsy started showing signs of age. Sweet Betsy was a logging horse most of her life. Her body was tired.

One day it was time to say goodbye to Betsy. I brushed her muddied hair and then Janice, Karen, and I gathered around Betsy to thank the Lord for providing such a sweet friend. We thanked Him for her beauty and for merging our hearts together. Then we hugged Betsy for the last time. But my relationship with the ladies continues.

God draws together the Body of Christ in the most surprising of ways. I will treasure my time with Betsy, but will never forget how God merged our lives for His Glory.

~Colette Heinz, a Calvary Gray's Woods attendee leading us toward a life without walls between us and each other (C-WoW[®])



God-Stories are places where we see God at work around us. Do you have a God-Story to share? Send to: God-stories@calvarysc.org

New to Calvary?
Welcome!

Please pick up a Guest Guide in the lobby.

QUICK LINKS
www.calvarysc.org + shortcut listed below:

- Prayer Requests /prayer
- Worship Times & Locations /worship
- Request Info or a Brochure /info-request
- Serve at Calvary or in the Community /give
- Connect to a Life Group or Other Group /connect

upcoming events

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.CALVARYSC.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS

Fri-Mon	2/17-20	--	HSM (High School Ministry) Winter Weekend
Sat-Sun	2/18-19		Baptisms at Calvary Gatherings
Sun	2/19	1-3pm	Life Groups Connections Event
Fri	2/24	7-9pm	Training for State Patty's Day: CSI Event (Calvary 1250)
Sat	2/25	12-10pm	State Patty's Day: CSI Event
Sat	2/25	9am-10pm	ThirdPlace Blue Knob Ski Trip (thirdplacesc.org)
	3/2-6	--	College Student Spring Break Trip (dmray50@gmail.com)
	3/2-7	--	ThirdPlace & XStream Philly-Serve Spring Break Trip
	3/4-11	--	Dominican Republic Spring Break Trip

*List does not include recurring events. Check calvarysc.org/calendar for a complete listing.

**Calvary 1250 is our main building on University Drive.

A Closer Look

Beyond the Silence Launches Beyond the Silence is a movement that seeks to help survivors of sexual abuse find healing and hope through Jesus Christ, offering resources for anyone who wants help, and those who want to help survivors of abuse. How can you be involved? Submit a story. Become a trained listener. Spread the word on your social networks. Financially support Beyond the Silence. Q's?: Steve Lutz steve@calvarysc.org or 238.0822 (ext.18)

Feb. 18, 19 Baptisms at Calvary Gatherings. If you are interested in being baptized on Feb. 18 or 19 at a Calvary gathering or would like to learn more about baptism, please contact Mike Hulson at mike@calvarysc.org or 238.0822 (ext. 23)

Sun., Feb. 19 Life Groups Connections Event For those not yet attending a Calvary Life Group (or small group), come and meet leaders and get connected! 1-3PM at 1250 (University Dr) Registration Required at www.calvarysc.org/life-groups Childcare Available. Q?'s sherilyn@calvarysc.org

Sat. 2/25 State Patty's Day: CSI Event (Connect, Serve, Invite). Join us in taking the gospel to the streets of State College on State Patty's Day, Sat. Feb. 25. **Training Fri., Feb. 24, 7-9pm** at Calvary 1250 University Drive. Training will be given for initiating spiritual conversations. Different roles/opportunities will be available depending on your spiritual gifts. Sign-up for 3 hour blocks for Sat., Feb. 25 from 12 noon-10pm. Contact Cheryle@pocketfulofchange.org or 904-614-3585 for more info.

Budget Update

General Fund	Last Week	Year to Date
Budget Need	\$27,579	\$137,895
Giving	\$33,057	\$123,101
Missions Fund	Last Week	Year to Date
Budget Need	\$2,542	\$12,710
Giving	\$3,255	\$11,390

2011 Giving Statements are now available online. Go to calvarysc.org/giving-statement for instructions. Paper statements can be requested: 814.238.0822 ext. 15 or sara@calvarysc.org



PONDER/LISTEN: What God is saying to me...a promise, a conviction, a word of comfort, a truth about life or God or myself, a scripture or a quote, an idea that captures my heart...

MY NEXT STEP: How I will respond to God, what I am going to do as a result of what I have heard...

PRAY: As the "word of the Lord" has come to you, what words do you desire to speak back to Him?