

Children's sermon: March 15, 2009

"Scissors of Love"

Fred's has a friend ... her name is Jill.

Jill is sad a lot of the time. Her family is poor. They try taking care of her ... but they often fall short.

Kids at school make fun of her ----- the way she talks, the way she dresses.

Yes --- Jill is a quiet gentle glove. But when she hears words that hurt her ... well, it's like a sharp scissors that cuts really deep.

There is something deep inside each one of us ... it's called SELF-ESTEEM.

It's a gift from God ... it's who we are ... it helps us feel good about ourselves. But when people make fun of you ... when people hurt you ... when people ignore you ----- it cuts at your self-esteem ... just like a scissors cuts at this gentle glove named Jill.

When you hear too many hurtful words ... when even your family doesn't seem to understand ... when you feel alone ----- well, your SELF-ESTEEM runs dry ... and there isn't much left of who you are.

Jill is alone in her room. She is sad ... the tears begin to flow ... and she hears a voice.

A voice? A feeling? A spirit?

It's God voice ... it's God's spirit ...

God tells Jill ... and he tells you and me ----- *I have a scissors, too.*

IT IS CALLED A SCISSORS OF THE HEART.

Would you like to see it? ----- here it is ... IT IS HUGE.

This scissors doesn't hurt.

It cuts deep into your heart and soul. It helps you hear God's voice: a voice of love and hope.

"Jill ..." the huge scissors calls out ----- "I love you."

Look at Jill. She is no longer a cut-up glove ... she is a beeeeeootiful little egg.

I LOVE YOU SOME MORE ... says God ... and Jill grows into a big beeeeeootiful egg.

Jill hears the voice again ... she feels God's scissors cutting into her heart ... what is Jill now? ---- a beautiful bowling pin. I'll shake this bowling pin, and you can hear Jill's soul rattle and play music.

God says "I love you" again ... and Jill becomes a huge ... multi-colored ... All Saints youth-group bowling pin. She has friends ... her self-esteem is back ... she feels like she belongs!!

My friends ----- you need to be God's SCISSORS OF LOVE in the world.

You need to cut inside peoples' hearts and souls ... and let them know: they belong ... they are important ... and nobody can take this away. Your words need to be kind and gentle ... you need to work hard so people like Jill don't feel forsaken and alone.

And ... to remind you of your important calling ----- you get your own huge, big, beautiful SCISSORS OF LOVE.

Yes, my friends ... life can be good.