

Children's sermon: September 25, 2011

"Can't we just get along???"

Hey, thanks for the texts ... even tho' I don't know how to text back.

A few of you want me to talk about the Bears-Packers game this afternoon. Hey, I want my job tomorrow ...

I ain't gonna touch that topic. (Glad I didn't ... our beloved Bears got creamed by Green Bay.)

Others of you think I should "talk politics" more ... how about that???

So, today ... we have two buckets.

*THIS BUCKET is full of democrats.

*THE OTHER BUCKET is full of republicans.

How many of you are republicans? ... how many democrats???

So, this little republican truck has an idea ... and the democrat is quick to disagree.

This little democrat truck has an idea ... the republican truck makes fun of it.

This goes on all the time ----- THEY NEVER AGREE OR LISTEN TO EACH OTHER.

They kind-of sound like this balloon ----- all "hot air and noise."

(Look who's talkin' ----- we preachers have lots of hot air.)

Finally ... after all this bickering ... a big truck named FRED comes over. He listens to all the arguing between the two buckets ... and he begins singing this song ... please listen ...

Do you know the name of the song? ----- "PEACE TRAIN."

How about the artist? ----- CAT STEVENS.

My friends ... we gotta get on the "peace train."

Jesus rides the peace train ... God's spirit is in the peace train ... we need to listen to each other ...

we need to love and reach-out!@!!

THE WORLD NEEDS A PEACE TRAIN AND YOU AND I GOTTA BE ON IT!!

Look at the buckets.

Every truck is getting out republicans and democrats ...

They are lining up.

They are standing together.

The hot air has stopped.

They are talking to each other ... even listening.

I wonder if this will ever happen in the "real world"???

I do know this ... it'll never happen ... unless it begins inside you and me.

I have lots of trucks.

Please take one for your ride on the "peace train."