



THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE
SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

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THE FLOATING MILKY WAY WRAPPER

A Story of God's Amazing, Transforming Grace



Introducing The Floating Milky Way Wrapper

The initial signal, the first evidence, the key moment, the exposure, the sting, the laying down of the cards

The Glasses

Phroneō - Froh-nay-oh

A mental lens through which ones sees, reasons, and decides; a perspective, a point of reason, a way of thinking

Let this **phroneō** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus . . .

Philippians 2:5

What Do You See?

- When Joseph is sold to the Ishmaelite traders?
- When Pharaoh issues a decree to kill all Israelite babies?
- When Pharaoh refuses to let God's people go?
- When the Red Sea blocks the way of forward movement?
- When Lazarus lies dead, wrapped in grave clothes, in a tomb?
- When your Messiah is betrayed with a kiss?

The Two Kinds of Taking

1. taking what is someone else's
2. taking what is yours

The First Kind of Taking is of the Devil

It's called stealing.

The Second Kind of Taking is what makes the Kingdom of Heaven work

It's called faith

The Twos

Devil grabbing - God redeeming

Devil stealing - God rewarding

Devil crucifying - God resurrecting

That which the palmerworm has left has the locust eaten; and that which the locust has left has the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm has left has the caterpillar eaten . . . **I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten**, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust . . .

Joel 1:4, 2:25

The Mystery of Joseph

1. The Devil's Grab - Joseph thrown into a pit
2. The Divine Redemption - Joseph delivering his family in the time of drought

But as for you, you thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Genesis 50:20

The Mystery of the Cross

1. The Devil's Grab - The betrayal, the capture, the scourging, the spitting, the ripping, the mocking, the nailing
2. The Divine Redemption - The crushing, the judging, the saving, the conquering

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

A Personal Story of Floating Milky Way Wrappers

The Vision of The Incredibles



It All Started with a Miscarriage . . .

- The Devil's Grab
- The Divine Redemption

The Haitian Adoption

- The Devil's Grab
- The Divine Redemption

The Fight for our Children's Souls

- The Devil's Grab
- The Divine Redemption

The Great Candy Robbery

- The candy left on the dresser

- The candy swept into Eric’s undershirt drawer and subsequently buried beneath a pile of future dust rags.
- Two years pass by
- Then suddenly a curious little girl named Barper Bludy digs into Daddy’s undershirt drawer looking for the perfect pajamas. And, lo and behold, she discovers the candy.
- Barper Bludy whispers to Savy Rose Sludy that there is candy in yonder drawer.
- They both peer over the edge with wide-eyed wonder.
- Inspired by the candy, the two girls play “Candy Store.” And little Rilly-Pie Honey Bun Rudy joins in on the fun. And that is when the secret knowledge of the hidden stash is passed on.
- Little Rilly-Pie ponders these “candy” matters in her heart.
- Little Rilly-Pie Honey Bun Rudy conspires with Little Treesy-Boy Shnuggle Dude Tudy. Together they craft a master plan to pull off a Candy Robbery that would make John Dillinger proud

The Floating Milky Way Wrapper

The Story of Back Porch Living

Introducing the Characters

- Rilly-Pie Honey Bun Rudy - The Cute Little Girl
- Treesy-Boy Shnuggle Dude Tudy - The Cute Little Boy
- Lion Lyka Dog - The Evil Mountain Lion
- Grabbin-Grizz - The Horrible Grizzly Bear
- Fusspot Frank - The Cantankerous Coyote
- Coming Blizzard - The Terrible Winter Storm predicted to come
- The Unlocked Door
- The Warm House

The Dark Place

- The cold pavement
- The growling, threatening creatures
- The sense of vulnerability
- The fear of the coming Blizzard

If Only Lion Lyka Dog, Grabbin-Grizz, and Fusspot Frank didn't chew . . .

Without the chewing of Lion Lyka Dog, Grabbin-Grizz, and Fusspot Frank, would Little Rilly and Little Treese have awakened?

. . . the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

Craving the Warm House

The Devil's Take has now awakened the Little Ones to their need of the Home

But after faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Galatians 3:25

Entering By Faith

Finding the Door is Unlocked

Legally Kicking Lion Lyka Dog, Grabbin-Grizz, and Fusspot Frank out of the House

And sticking them where they belong

Put on those Heavenly Glasses

so that Floating Milky Way Wrappers can cause you to leap for joy and dance with expectation

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28