

HIStory

God Protecting Us from Ourselves

(Reflections from the sermon on January 10, 2016)

"But the Lord came down..." **Genesis 11:5 NLT**

It's the break we all press for.

When we reach that age of independence (at least when we "think" we've reached that age) we no longer want the supervision or control of our parents. We push away in selfish pride seeking to get out and get on with OUR lives.

As parents we know that this is natural necessary but we are often confronted with the attitude of resentment and anger when our children begin to demand their independence. And, this "push" comes when it is often too early and our dependent children are naive and immature; not really able to tackle the big challenges that await them. Consequences are more times than not the default teacher instead of preparation.

So it was since the beginning of our "sin-age". The story of mankind is a story of struggle for independence, wanting to be our own boss, make our own way and to get something out of life for US!

Signs of Pride – Genesis 11:1-4

1. What are the indicators in this passage that the people were full of pride?
2. Is there a problem with people being united? Where does the problem lie?
3. What does it matter if the building materials were manmade or stone?

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Rescued by the Father – Genesis 11:5-7

1. "But the Lord came down..." There it is! God came onto the scene and into the narrative of our story. Why the need for God to come and see? What story or stories does this remind you of in other places in scripture?
2. What was God protecting them from when He confused them with different languages and scattered them across the face of the earth?
3. Who's plan, man or God's, will always win? Why?
4. How does God use different languages to unite His plan in scripture?
5. How is God doing the same today?