

Message Outline

A Sermon Special for Janela Belle

Proverbs 31:30, Luke 8:40-56



Intro: A sermon aimed at Janela Belle but applicable for all...

A Special Name

- The naming of our children: both Biblical and personal...
- Janela: The first 3 letters of each of our mother's name (*Jan* and *Elaine*=Janela).
 - Remembering the faith in the family tree (cf. 2Tim.1:5-6).
- Belle: Named after *Bellevue*, and means "beautiful."
 - A life verse around lasting beauty (Prov.31:30).
 - A beautiful purpose (Rom.10:9, 14-15).
 - Beauty in eternity (Rev.21:1-5).
 - Beauty ultimately found in our Creator, not in our curve/cosmetics/clothes (Ps.27:4, 1Pet.3:3-4)!

A Special Story

- The pregnancy of Janela Belle...
- Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 and the fear of miscarriage...
- A fateful passage in the midst of fear: Lk.8.
v.40-41a—A potential name...
- v.41-42**—A father falling at the feet of Jesus on behalf of his daughter...
- v.42-48**—Another "daughter" who knew her need of Jesus!
 - Jesus power always present—the difference between "thronging" or "touching" Jesus (KJV v.42, 44-45).
- v.49-50**—The invitation to live in the tension...
 - Julie's birthstone ring...
- v.51-56**—Jesus is the game-changer!!!



Small Group

Reflection Questions



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Acts 9

**What do you observe about the early church in Acts?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**Is there a story behind your name (First, Middle, or Last name)?*

**What is the most unique name you have heard of?*

**If you could have chosen your name, what would we be calling you today?*

**Jewish parents often named or renamed their children to represent their intended mission in life. How many characters in the Bible can you think of whose names intentionally matched their mission?*

**Jesus gave Peter the nickname meaning "Rock." If Jesus were to give you a nickname, what might it be?*