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“Loving One Another”

While on vacation in Pigeon Forge a few weeks ago, Terry, Emma, and I visited the Titanic Exhibit. If you are visiting that area of Tennessee, I would highly recommend a visit to this attraction. Your Boarding Pass, given to you before entering, has the name of one of the passengers on board the Titanic. You are told to become that person as you go through the audio guided tour. At the end, you discover if you were one of the survivors or not. My Boarding Pass had the name Albert Rice, a 10 year old, on board. He was a 3rd Class passenger, thus was with his family in the lower decks of the ship. I, well Albert, did not survive. I was interested in Albert and his family as I saw that not only did Albert die, but his mom and 4 other siblings died also. So I looked up the story of Margaret Rice and her five children. The following is a glimpse of their story.

Margaret Rice and her five young children were on the Titanic when it sank. They all died. Only the body of Mrs Rice was recovered for burial. She was thirty nine years old and a widow as she stood on the Pier in Queenstown on Thursday 11th April 1912. With her were her five sons; Albert who was ten, George eight, Eric seven, Arthur four and Eugene who was two and a half years old. Of the 123 passengers that boarded in Ireland only 40 of them survived. They waited on Scotts Quay along with over one hundred other Irish immigrants to board the two small boats, PS Ireland and PS America that would take them out to the ship. Margaret Rice had paid the White Star Line for 3rd class tickets for herself and her five young sons. Margaret and her children were on their way to Spokane in Washington, America. They had been in Ireland for nearly two years and were now ready to board the Titanic for their trip home. Neither Margaret nor any of the other Irish passengers had any idea what was to happen to them only a few days later when the Titanic hit an iceberg at 11.40 pm on Sunday night 14th April.

The White Star Line had built the luxury liner with all the new and up to date safety regulations in place. But only a few hours later at 2.20 am on Monday morning 15th April 1912 the Titanic sank to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. Margaret and her five young sons would die that terrible night.

Margaret Norton was born in Athlone, Co Westmeath in Ireland on the 6th October 1872. When she was nineteen she met William Rice and they got married and had a son. They settled into life in Ireland until the sudden death of their baby left them heartbroken. The young child had choked on his pacifier. William and Margaret decided that they would move to Montreal in Canada. There William Rice got a job with the Grand Trunk Railway as a shipping clerk. By 1909 William and Margaret had four young sons when they decided to move to Spokane, Washington in America. Their last son Eugene was born in October of that year.

William was now working for the Great Northern Railway. But in 1910 William Rice was dead after an accident at work. He was buried at Fairmount Cemetery in Spokane. She received a substantial amount of compensation for the death of her husband from Great Northern Railway. She had her husband's body in Fairmount Cemetery re-buried on 15th April 1910 to a more expensive plot at the cemetery. As she stood there at her husband's new grave she could have no idea that this very same day two years later she and her five children would also all be dead.

The grieving Margaret was left alone with her sons in Washington so decided to move back to Athlone with her children for a while. Eventually at the beginning of 1912 Margaret decided it was time to go home to Spokane, Washington with the children. She was able to buy the 3rd class tickets for the Titanic in her hometown of Athlone. They cost her twenty nine pounds, two shillings and sixpence for the whole family.

There is an eyewitness account from another 3rd class passenger who did survive the sinking of the Titanic and who saw Margaret Rice on board ship that night. When the ship was sinking and there was mayhem and panic everywhere. Bertha Mulvihill saw Margaret and her children. According to Bertha, Margaret was sitting down in a corridor holding onto her youngest son on her lap, two and a half

year old Eugene. Her other four young sons were huddled around her. Margaret Rice and her sons, all who died on the 15th April 1912 as the Titanic split in two and sank to the bottom of the Atlantic ocean. (*Excepts from The Letter Pile*)

In 1912 each person accepted their station in life so the passengers found nothing odd about the division and segregation of people on board the Titanic. This was normal in the early 1900's as class distinction was very much observed all over the world. Third class passengers had bought the cheapest tickets available. There were 803 3rd Class passengers on board the Titanic. 709 of those 3rd Class passengers died. 2240 were on board, passengers and crew, and 706 survived. 97% of the 1st Class passengers survived. Of course there is no one that wanted any one of the passengers to perish, but due to the "class system" of the time, certain passengers were relegated to lower parts of the ship and thus made survival difficult. Having gone through the exhibit, having heard the stories, having read about the eyewitness, Bertha, as she paints the picture of Margaret and her 5 boys around her as the ship is sinking, I can't get that picture out of my mind. Could anything been done to save them? Probably not!

But that did make me fast forward to today. While there are countries that still use a Class System, America does not, or at least not by name. We have Upper Class, Middle Class, & Lower Class and variations of each of those financially, but we know to treat everyone with respect and love. Oh, well, as Christians, we are supposed to! Remember **Matthew 22:36 - 40: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."** (*Underline is mine*). Regardless of Class, color of skin, etc., God calls us to love. NO, not accept a lifestyle of sin, but still love. Love as Jesus loved. You might say, "Marty, you sure write a lot about this." Yes, I do. Because I see a lot of Christians that do not practice what Jesus teaches. I see Christians divide, Christians hate, Christians tear down and we should be better than that. We are called to be different from the world. You can be passionate about your faith, your beliefs, your standards without degrading someone else. I am a passionate person, but I too, have to watch that I do not cross the line.

We stood in the room at the Titanic Exhibit where all the names of the dead and survivors were listed. Two thousand, two Hundred, and forty names. It was moving. And to look for the name on your Boarding Pass to see if you survived or not was moving. Emma and I did not survive. Terry did, but... She was a 1st Class passenger, part of the 97% of the 1st Class that survived.

All of us, regardless of class, status, wealth, etc, is going to cross over one day from this life to eternal life. The question will only be, which of the two destinations will we find as our landing point? No one, because of Class, is excluded. It all has to do with our relationship with Jesus. **Revelation 7:9: "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands..."** (*underline mine*) You see, God has His plan that we, as Believers, are to live into. There is no "class system" in heaven. We all get to praise God together. Man, am I looking forward to that day. Something to think about!!!

Blessings my friends,
Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh
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HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, July 5

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer
@ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 6

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

The Computer Lab @ 9:00 a.m.
Women of HOPE @ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 9

Worship Team Practice @ 8:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship @ 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School @ 11:10 a.m.

Monday, July 10

NO Staff Meeting

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship - July 9

Church is Providing

ProPresenter - July 9

Emma Duffell

Soundboard - July 9

Ben Pierce

Live Streaming - July 9

Diane Williams

Communion July

Sandra Pierce

Greeter - July 9

Joan Rollinson

Nursery Volunteer - July 9

Volunteer Needed

Scripture Text and Sermon
This Sunday

Ruth 1:8 - 13
"Living Well in
a Broken World -
Letting Go With a Blessings"

Daily Devotions For This Coming Week

July	9	Isaiah 15
July	10	Isaiah 16
July	11	Isaiah 17
July	12	Isaiah 18
July	13	Isaiah 19
July	14	Isaiah 20
July	15	Isaiah 21



Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month"

for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry

Canned Meats

We have a collection bin in the foyer

HOPE Meal Ministry

Take a meal from the freezer if
needed for you or someone else.

The Computer Lab

July 8 @ 9:00 a.m.

TLC Devotion

Today, Wednesday, July 26
@ 11:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, July 8
@ 1:00 p.m.

Family Fun Fridays

For July

Friday - July 21 @ 6:30 PM

Team Bible Trivia

Invite friends and neighbors to join in.

For August

Friday - August 4 @ 6:30 PM

Friday - August 18 @ 6:30 PM

Prayer Requests:

Revill & Mary Lane Mallory,, Jamie Baldwin, Donna Williams, Diane Williams, Carol & Colin (Kathy Herriman's Sister & Brother-in-law), Loretta (Sandi Underwood's daughter), Joan Summers, Jordan & Cinnamon (son and daughter of Lynn Joyner's family members), Tommy and Billy Lanphere (Lynn Joyner's brothers), Gene & Becky Hale, Dave & Dot Geil, Carlyle and Cynthia Franklin (Sandra Pierce's dad and stepmom), Brian Adam's dad, our Military, our Missionaries, our Nation, and the world. If you have those you would like added to our prayer concerns, please email me those names.

Wednesday Night Ministries

Wednesday Night Devotion, & Prayer July 5

Devotion @ 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Time @ 7:30 p.m.

A Zoom Link will be available for those who cannot join us in person starting at 7:00 p.m. tonight

We would love for you
to join us.

Confirmation Class

Coming Dates

Sunday, July 23 @ 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 6 @ 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 20 @ 12:15 p.m.

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Quote of the Week

*"The beginning of repentance
is the confession of guilt."*

John Calvin