



Family preparation for congregational worship on January 07, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 11:17-24(ESV): But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. 19 Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." 20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. 22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. 23 And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Discuss:

1. To what did Paul liken the Gentiles (v.17)?
2. Why do we need to be careful not to boast that God has reached out to us (v.18)?
3. What is promised to Jews who do not persist in unbelief? (v.13)?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that His righteousness has been imputed to you if you are His child. Praise the Lord He reigns with strength and majesty. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for the development of an eternal perspective. Pray for greater personal discipline. Pray for Camp Fairwood as they minister to campers and those that come for retreats. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (December) *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 (esv)*

Music: As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always and feed on His Word.
Make friends with God's children, Help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord, and looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul-each tho't and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

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