

July 3, 2011

**“Some Things God Can’t Do
God Can’t Abandon You”**

We continue our sermon series this week by looking at and remembering God’s closeness and constant love.

**Preaching Points
for
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Theme: Rejection or abandonment by people is a fairly common experience. Friends leave us, families have feuds, loved ones die, relationships break down. Those feelings of abandonment often cut deep, cut hard and cut long. As if that isn’t bad enough, what about being abandoned by God? Have you ever felt that God has left you? What do we do when we feel abandoned by circumstances, others and even God?

“What a marvelous thing a promise is! When a person makes a promise, she reach out into an unpredictable future and makes one thing predictable: she will be there even when being there costs her more than she wants to pay. When a person makes a promise, he stretches himself out into circumstances that no one can control and controls at least one thing: he will be there no matter what the circumstances turn out to be. With one simple word of promise, a person creates an island of certainty in a sea of uncertainty. When a person makes a promise, she stakes a claim on her personal freedom and power. When you make a promise, you take a hand in creating your own future. *[Keeping Promises, Citation: Lewis Smedes, "The Power of Promises," A Chorus of Witnesses, edited by Long and Plantinga, (Eerdmans, 1994)]*

God has made a promise to never abandon you. God has made a promise to always love you just the way you are. God has made a promise to guide you and strengthen you to fulfill your life's call. And remember our previous message in this series tells us the GOD CAN'T LIE.

There are and will be many times when we feel abandoned. This is a part of what it means to live in a broken world. Being a Christian does not mean we will not feel lonely or we will never get hurt;

but being a spiritual person means we have a sure connection to the one,

- ✓ who lifts us when we are down,
- ✓ who guides us when we wonder which way to go,
- ✓ who answers us when we ask, supplies us when we seek and who opens the door when we knock. (Matthew 7:7)
- ✓ who loves us and calls us worthy just the way we are.

Sermon Series On "THINGS GOD CAN'T DO"

JULY 10 **God Can't Break a Promise** *1 Kings 2:3-5; Acts 2:38-40*
 JULY 17 **God Can't Always Protect You** *Romans 7:14-26*
 July 24 **God Can't Stop Answering Your Prayers** *Psalm 17*
 July 31 **God Can't Stop Loving You** *John 3*
 August 7 **God Can't Break the Law** *Nehemiah 8*

Psalm 46:1 says, "He is an ever-PRESENT help in times of trouble."

Matthew 28:20 says "Lo, I am with you always; even to the end of the age."

Galatians 2:20 says, "It is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me."

Our Purpose As A Church Family

The purpose of Lake Mills United Methodist Church is to build an inclusive community of welcoming people who express a warm and caring spirit of loving acceptance toward all people.