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“Nws Xaiv Peb”

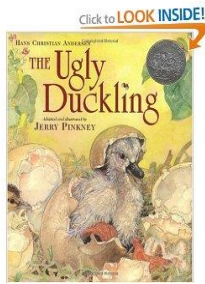
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Thov txoj koobhmoov txojkev hlub thiab txojkev haumxeeb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntwam Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Efexaus 1:4 “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. - *Uantej tsis tau tsim ntuj tsim teb, nws xaiv peb los ua tibneeg dawbhawv thiab tsis muaj kev txhaum rau ntwam nws.*” Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus.

Cov kwvtij phoojywg ntwam Tswv Yexus lub npe....

Illustration “Ugly” (Show picture of ugly duckling)



Hans Christian Andersen’s tale of “The Ugly Duckling” illustrates txog txojkev uas qhia txog ntwam koj txojkev xav. Txawm tus os yug nrog tib lub ze qes los tus os no zoo txawv duas li lwmtus. Nws loj thiab phem heev vim nws tsis muaj tej nyuag plaub daj zoo li lwmtus os. Tsis muaj leejtwg paub haistias, ua li cas tus ugly duckling ntawd thiaj zoo li ntawd. Leejniam los tsis totaub, tus rabbit los tsis totaub, tus turkey los tsis totaub Thiab tus ugly duck no tus kheej kiag los tsis totaub haistias ua li cas nws thiaj li

txawv duas li lwmtus. Yog nej ua tibzoo xav nej yuav paub haistias, tus ugly duckling no yuav xav li cas txog nws tus kheej. (Show picture of ugly duckling)



Nws yuav nug haistias, “Yog tim li cas rau kuv? Kuv tsis zoo li lwmtus. Kuv ua tsis tau dabtsis li!” Lub ntsiab lus txog txojkev xav li no yuav ua rau yus muaj depression - nyuajsiab, feelings of worthlessness – tsis muaj nqi, a sense of failure – ua tsis tau ibyam dabtsi, and feelings of rejection – thiab pheej xav haistias lwmtus tsis txaussiab losyog nyiam nws. Tiamsis qhov tseeb yog dabtsis? Qhovtseeb tiag tus ugly duckling no tsis yog duck tiamsis yog ib tus Swan. (Show picture of beautiful swan)



Dhau lub caij ntuj no tus ugly duckling hloov los ua ib tus beautiful swan. Qhovtseeb tiag nws yeej yog ib tus swan tiamsis vim nws tus kheej tsuas xav haistias, nws tsuas yog tus os uas phem thiab tsis zoo li. Tus ugly duck

no ntseeg rau txojkev dag haistias nws yog tus ugly duck ces nws txawm cia li ntseeg haistias nws yog ib tus ugly duck lawm. No zoo ib yam li peb txojkev ntseeg uas yuav coj peb tus cwjpw zoo li cas. Yog peb ntseeg rau txojkev dag ces peb tseem nyob rau txojkev txhaum uas yog lub txim tseem khi peb cia. Yog peb ntseeg qhovtseeb – Vajtswv qhia qhov tseeb rau peb tias, peb twb dim ntawd txojkev txhaum los ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lawm vim Vajtswv xaiv peb lawm.

- I. Nyob rau peb qhov Epistle Lesson, tus Thwjtum Paulus sau nws tsabntawv mus txhawb cov ntseeg nyob rau Efexaus (tamsim no lub tebchaw ntawd peb hu ua Turkey) Paulus hais kom cov ntseeg yuavtsum xav txog lawv tus kheej rau qhov zoo. Vim cov tibneeg nyob rau Efexaus lawv pe dab pe mlom, ua kev plees kev yig, ntseeg khoom ntiajteb duas lwmyam. Paulus xav kom cov ntseeg xav txog haistias lawv yog Yexus Khetos cov tibneeg – lawv yog tus tibneeg tshiab. Lawv tsis coj lub neej li lub qub lawm. Vim Yexus Khetos twb xub xaiv txhuatus tibneeg thaum nws tsim lub ntiajteb no lawm.(Show Ephesians 1:5-6)



Vajtswv hlub peb kawg nkaus qhov uas Nws xaiv peb. Ntawm Efexaus 1:5 sau haistias, “he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. – *Nws xub xaiv peb los ua nws cov menyuum los ntawm Yexus Khetos lawv li nws txojkev zoo thiab txojlus cogtseg.*” Koj thiab kuv muaj nujnqi heev rau Vajtswv. Yog koj nug haistias, “Koj muaj nqi npaum li cas? Koj raug nqi npaum li cas? Koj puas yuav teb tau lolus

no? Feem ntau peb tsis paub teb lolus nug no. Tiamsis rau ntawm peb niam peb txiv, peb tus pojniam peb tus txiv peb muaj nqi heev rau lawv vim tsis muaj ib yam dabtsis yuav los pauv tau losyog hloov tau peb rau ntawm lawv li. Tiamsis rau ntawm lwmllej lwmtus, koj thiab kuv yuav tsis muaj ib qhov “Value – Nqi” rau lawv vim peb tsis yog lawv tug. Tiamsis rau ntawm Vajtswv, Nws xaiv peb txawm peb yog tibneeg txhaum thiab twb tsis ntxim tau nws txojkev hlub li. Tiamsis ntawm Vajtswv ob lub qhovmuag peb twb raug cawm los ntawm Nws tus Tub Tswv Yexus Khetos lawm, nws thiaj li xaiv peb tias peb yog Nws li.

Feem ntau peb yeej tsis tau nov lolus haistias peb muaj nqi heev rau lwmtus. Vim peb nyob rau lub ntiajteb uas muaj kev txhaum. Peb ua neej rau ntawm sab nqaijtawv kom peb muaj kev phooj kev ywg lwmtus thiaj li nyiam peb thiab ua zoo rau peb. Vim peb tibneeg totaub li no, tus ntseeg los nws pheej xav haistias, nws yuavtsum ua haujlwm zoo rau Vajtswv nws thiaj li ua haum Vajtswv lub siab nyiam. (Show picture of [Movies Clip: HD - Saving Private Ryan - Death of Captain John H. Miller and Final Speech](#))

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(Show picture of Saving Private Ryan)



The movie "Saving Private Ryan" ends with Captain Miller (Tom Hanks' character) sitting near a bridge after an attack by German forces. Thaum nws txojciav yuav tus nws muab Ryan (Matt Damon) rub los rau ntawm nws. Txawm nws twb ua pa tsis taug lawm los nws ntshi - whispers, "Earn this, earn this. – *Ua kom tau li no, ua kom tau li no.*" Thaum Private Ryan nyob ntawm lub tojntxa uas zais Captain Miller, Ryan tig rov los saib nws lub neej thaum

nws twb laus laus lawm nws hais rau nws tus pojniam haistias, "Tell me I'm a good man. – Qhia rau kuv saib kuv yog ib tus tibneeg zoo." Coob leej ntau ntus ntseeg haistias Yexus Khetos tuag rau lawv, tiamsis lawv tseem xav haistias, "Earn this – *ua kom tau li no.*" Lawv siv lawv lub neej los ntseeg ntau xamqham church vim xavmqham ntseeg ntawd qhia rau lawv haistias lawv twb tau qhov zoo lawm vim lawv coj li xamqham Church ntawd tej kevcai tswjhw. Tiamsis tus uas totaub txojkev ntseeg tseeb, tsis yog los ntawm tes haujlwm uas nws ua tau zoo tiamsis yog los ntawm Vajtswv txoj koobhmoov pub peb ua tau. Peb yeej tsis ntshim tau qhov zoo tiamsis vim Yexus Khetos xaiv peb "to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. - *Los qhuas nws tej koobhmoov vim nws pub dawbpaug rau tus uas nws hlub.*" (Efexaus 5:6)

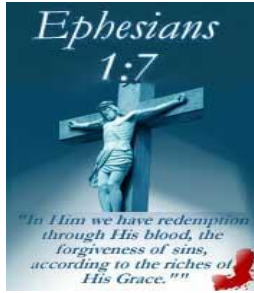
- II. Yexus Khetos hlub peb thiab foom koobhmoov rau peb kom peb tau qhov zoo. Thaum peb tig saib ibncig, peb yuav hnov tej xovxwm tsis zoo ua rau peb nyuajsiab ti nkaus peb tej pobtxha hauv peb lub neej. Tej laib tua tibneeg tsis muaj kev tu siab li. Cov txivneeg cov pojniam muab lawv lub cev mus ua txivntiav thiab niamntiav. Tej menyuum tseem nyob hauv leejniam lub plab los tseem raug muab abort uas yog muab rho tua tuag tsis pub yug los muaj sia. Yog li ntawd, tibneeg txojcia yeej tsis muaj nuj nqi li puas yog? (Show person walk in darkness)



Txojcia tsis tseemceeb rau ibtxhia tibneeg vim txojkev txhaum muab tibneeg lub neej ua tsis muaj nqi. Tibneeg tsua xav haistias ua neej tsis muaj nqi vim lub ntiajteb no txojkev txhaum los ua rau tibneeg digmuag lawm. Peb tsis yog pom lwmtus xwb, tiamsis peb rov pom rau ntawm peb tus kheej. Thaum peb ua txhaum, peb xav haistias lub neej tsis muaj nqi lawm. Txojkev txhaum muab peb ua yam uas ua tsis zoo thiab tsis tseemceeb. Thaum peb pom peb

qhov kev txhaum lawm, peb tsua xav mus ua tejjam tsis zoo rau peb lub neej. Yog li ntawd, thaum Paulus nyuajsab rau tej kev txhaum no Paulus thiaj li quaj thiab haistias, "What a wretch man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? – *Kuv yog tus tibneeg phem! Leejtwg thiaj li yuav cawm tau kuv ntawm txojkev tuag.*" (Loos 7:24)

Txojkev txhaum muab peb txo qis kawg nkaus. (Show Ephesians 1:7)



Tiamsis Vajtswv txojkev hlub muab peb saib siab duas lwm yam huv tibi, vim nws xaiv peb los ua nws cov menyuam lawm. Nws hlub peb kawg nkaus nws thiaj li txib nws tibleeg Tub los cawm peb vim lub ntiajteb no cawm tsis tau peb. Los ntawm Yexus, peb tau txojkev cawmdim. Paulus thiaj li haistias, “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. – *Peb tau kev*

cawmdim los ntawm nws cov ntshav uas yog txojkev zamtxim rau txojkev txhaum los ntawm Vajtswv tej koobhmoov. ” (Efexaus 1:7) Vim Vajtswv tej koobhmoov nws pub dawbpaug rau koj, koj yuavtsum pub txojkev no rau lwmtus. Vajtswv tsis yog xaiv cov ntseeg Vajtswv xwb, tiamsis nws xaiv tagrho lub ntiajteb Nws thiaj li txib nws tus Tub los tuag saum tus ntoo khaublig theej ntiajteb txojkev txhaum uas yog lub txim.

- III. Thaum twg peb saib tej lub tsev uas zoo zoo nkauj peb haistias, “Lub tsev no raug nqi npaum li cas?” Thaum twg peb yuav tsheb peb nug haistias, “Lub tsheb no raug nqi npaum li cas?” Txhuayam peb ua hauv peb lub neej, peb muab ntau nqi saib nws raug nqi li cas. Nyob rau ntawm Yexus Khetos, nws tsis muab peb ntau nqi haistias peb yuav kim npaum li cas. Nws twb tsis tau haistias, “Koj yuavtsum yog tus ncaajncees kuv maam li xaiv koj. Nws twb tsis tau haistias, Kuv tsua yog los cawm cov uas yog tibneeg zoo xwb.” (Show picture of Jesus hanging on the cross)



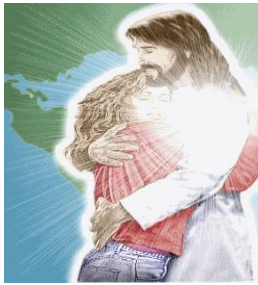
Yexus txo hlo nws lub hwjchim los tuag saum tus ntoo khaublig los theej koj thiab kuv thiab lub ntiajteb no txojkev txhaum. Dr. Martin Luther thiaj li haistias, “Christ redeem us, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. – *Yexus Khetos cawm peb tsis yog xua nyiaj thiab kub yuav peb tiamsis yog xua nws cov ntshav uas yog los ntawm txojkev tsismtxom thiab tuag.*”

Vajtswv hlub peb kawg nkaus vim peb muaj nqi tshaj li tej nyiaj tej kub hauv lub ntiajteb no. Puas muaj ib yam dabtsis uas yuav ua rau nej muab tau nej txojcia los pauv tau? Yog nej tsis muaj no ces nej yuav totaub haistias, Vajtswv no hlub nej npaum li cas. Koj yuav xaiv tsis tau Vajtswv tiamsis Yexus haistias, “You did not choose me, but I **chose** you..... – *Nej tsis yog xaiv kuv tiamsis yog kuv xaiv koj.*” (John 15:16) (Show little girl hugging her dad)



Jeannette George qhia txog ib zaj keebkwm hais txog muaj ib leejniam coj nws tus menyuam caij tsheb dav hlau. Thaum tus menyuam no quaj nrov nrov hu “dada, dada.” Leejniam txajmuag rov cov passenger tiamsis lawv

sawvdaws ibncig ntawd hais lus luag ntxwbntxhis tias tsis ua li cas. Leejniam mam li muab cracker thiab juice rau tus menyuam noj thiab haus. Thaum tus menyuam tau noj lawm ces nws mam li ntsiag. Tiamsis lub airplane muaj turbulence ua rau tus menyuam no xeevsiab thiab ntuav cov cracker thiab juice ntawd los sawvdaws nyob ibncig cheebtsam ntawd tag. Thaum lub airplane tsaw, cov tibneeg nyob ze ntawd thiab tus menyuam no tsw ntuav tag. Tomqab lawv tawm hauv lub airplane los tus menyuam no pom dheev nws txiv, leejtxiv dhia los puag nkaus tus menyuam no thiab nwj nws tsis tseg thiab haistias, "My little girl, my little girl thiab nwj nws tsis tseg." [Jeannette Clift George, "Belonging and Becoming," Preaching Today, Tape No. 93.] (Show picture of God hugging us)



Peb zoo sisthooj li tus menyuam no. Txawm peb yuav muaj kev txhaum peb yuav tswphem, yuav qias, yuav dub thiab tsis zoo los Vajtswv txojlus qhia rau peb haistias, Nws yeej tsis tso peb tseg. Peb yog txhuayam zoo rau ntawm Vajtswv. Peb thiaj li paub meej haistias, Yexus los cawm peb vim nws xaiv peb lawm. Paulus thiaj li haistias, "In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in

conformity with the purpose of his will, - *Ntawm nws peb raug xaiv raws li Vajtswv lub homphiaj uas nws twb npajtseg raws li nws dejsiab lawm.*" (Ephesians 1:11) Xyoo tshiab no, peb tsis txob txhawj tsis txhob ntshai, vim Vajtswv yeej nrognraim peb mus ibtxhis thiab ibtxhis, vim Nws xaiv peb ua nws tug. Asmees.

Thov kom Vajtswv txujlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiab lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuam peb sawvdaws hais. Asmees.