



LAMP

Taking the light of Christ to the ends of the earth

"...whoever accepts anyone I send accepts Me; and whoever accepts Me accepts the One who sent Me." John 13:20 NIV

Keeping It Simple



My family and I serve as volunteer missionaries with LAMP. I love the time our family spends in Tadoule Lake, Manitoba. We live there within simple means. No connection with the outside world distracts us from our serving. Our purpose is simple. We share the love of Jesus and His Good News with the children. *Simple.*

As my family serves on a mission trip with LAMP, we grow in trusting God and His purpose. Before arriving in Tadoule Lake, challenges occur as we prepare and then again while we're in the community. Circumstances beyond our control give us the opportunity to live simply by faith and not by sight. Helping to connect people with Jesus, we also enjoy closer fellowship with God with fewer distractions. Afterward, relationships back home become more mission-focused—**we desire for all to know Christ.** This new-found trust and perspective impacts our everyday life.

One simple, yet key, fact governed Jesus' entire being: **the Father sent Him to be the Savior of the world.** Over and over, Jesus served and pointed people to the Father.

Jesus is our direct connection to the Father, and He desires for believers to draw others to Himself. Just as Jesus emphasized His relationship with the Father, LAMP focuses on long-term relationships between volunteers and the communities they serve in order to **bond them with Jesus for life.**

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LAMP Ladies' Devotion 2018

Let us mimic Jesus' priority in His ministry in our own lives by valuing our relationship with God with utmost importance.



We are chosen by God in Christ to live for Him and obey Him. Obedience—desiring to please God, exchanging our own priorities for His, and diligently seeking Him in all matters—draws us closer to the Father. Changing one's life-focus to Him creates a clearer perspective, and the old complexities we've created and adopted suddenly become rather simple. **No other relationship in this life bears such importance.**



Jesus redeemed you for a heavenly future that cannot ever be taken from you. That simple but profound truth can sustain a person through any situation. Abundant joy fills the believer who follows Jesus wholeheartedly, in ministry and everyday living. **It's that simple.**

A few examples of God's Word that illustrates a simple, trusting faith: Mary of Bethany (*John 12:1-8*); Martha of Bethany (*Luke 10:38-42*); Zacchaeus (*Luke 19:1-10*); unnamed followers (*Luke 9:57-62*); Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46-52*), and little children

(*Mark 10:13-16*). What did each person value? What stood in the way of the person who struggled to maintain a simple, whole-hearted love? How did having faith in Jesus draw them closer to the Father?

✝ Prayer

Father God, Your love for Jesus and for us is truly beautiful! Thank You for showing us how to follow you. Reveal what may be distracting us from enjoying fellowship with You. Give us grace to simplify our lives so that we and others may see You more clearly. In all things bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, who gave Himself for us, we pray. Amen.

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