Living In Relationship To God

The Second Article

A Mother's Love:

In December of 1984 there was a fire in Chicago, Illinois. The firefighters discovered the bodies of a mother and five children huddled in the kitchen of an apartment.

The firefighters surmised, "She could have escaped with two or three children, but couldn't decide who to pick. She chose to wait with all of them for the firefighters to arrive. All of them died of smoke inhalation."

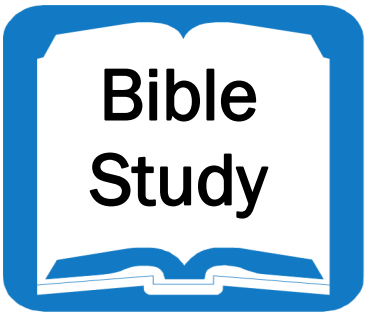
Why do you think the mother decided to wait?

What do you think of her action?

Being willing to die for those you love is an amazing thing, but this story ended in tragedy. Our story ends in joy! God loved us enough to send Jesus to suffer, die, and rise again that we might have eternal life in Him. How much God loved His children!

There was no help and no comfort for us, until this one and only eternal Son of God took pity on our misery and distress out of the unfathomable goodness of His heart, and came from heaven to help us.

From *Luther's Large Catechism*



What do the following passages say about God's redemption?

Day One:	Romans 3:24
Day Two:	Psalm 130:7
Day Three:	Romans 5:8
Day Four:	Colossians 1:13-14
Day Five:	Hebrews 9:12

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For Discussion:

John 18:33-37

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship begins with God giving to us. What did God give us according to these verses?

2.What is the result of that gift according to John 20:21?

3. Christian stewardship calls for a response. What response are we to have according to John 18:37?

4. When, like Jesus, have you been willing to stand your ground regardless of the consequences?

5. Jesus sends us as His witnesses. (see John 20:20-21)

STEWARDSHIP TRUTH

Living in relationship to God means that I realize what price God paid to make me His child, His disciple, and His steward.