



wednesday, september 23, 2015-7:00 pm
the open door ~ contemporary worship

...in a religion born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying

opening song

welcome & announcements

song

joys & concerns video: "Psalm 124, If the Lord God had not been with us..."
[by TWOTP]

*¹ If the Lord hadn't been for us—
let Israel now repeat!—
² if the Lord hadn't been for us,
when those people attacked us
³ then they would have swallowed us up whole
with their rage burning against us!
⁴ Then the waters would have drowned us;
the torrent would have come over our necks;[a]
⁵ then the raging waters would have come over our necks!
⁶ Bless the Lord
because he didn't hand us over
like food for our enemies' teeth!
⁷ We escaped like a bird from the hunters' trap;
the trap was broken so we escaped!
⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. ~ [CEB]*

song

marc 9:38-50 [MSG]

*³⁸ John spoke up, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name
to expel demons and we stopped him
because he wasn't in our group."*

³⁹⁻⁴¹ Jesus wasn't pleased. "Don't stop him.

*No one can use my name to do something good and powerful,
and in the next breath cut me down.*

If he's not an enemy, he's an ally.

Why,

anyone by just giving you a cup of water in my name is on our side.
Count on it that God will notice.

42 "On the other hand, if you give one of these simple,
childlike believers a hard time,
bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust,
you'll soon wish you hadn't.
You'd be better off dropped in the middle of the lake
with a millstone around your neck.

43-48 "If your hand or your foot gets in God's way,
chop it off and throw it away.
You're better off maimed or lame and alive
than the proud owner of two hands and two feet,
godless in a furnace of eternal fire.
And if your eye distracts you from God,
pull it out and throw it away.
You're better off one-eyed and alive
than exercising your twenty-twenty vision
from inside the fire of hell.

49-50 "Everyone's going through a refining fire sooner or later,
but you'll be well-preserved,
protected from the eternal flames.
Be preservatives yourselves.
Preserve the peace."

children's message

"a pinch of salt"

pastor alex

reflecting on God's message

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presentation of the offerings

song

song

benediction & passing the peace

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