



SERMON NOTES

Week 3 July 31, 2022

“Encanto”

Romans 8:28; Ephesians 4:11-13; John 8:31-32



- I. **Finding Purpose in the Pain**
 - A. Alma Madrigal’s _____ magically repels the attackers and creates a Casita for her family.
 - B. God does not cause suffering and tragedy in our lives, but God can use it for His _____.
- II. **Everybody Needs to Be Somebody**
 - A. Mirabel has been left on the _____ while everyone else does their part for the family.
 - B. Nobody can be left out or the body of Christ is _____.
- III. **Let’s Talk About Bruno**
 - A. Because many of Bruno’s predictions were uncomfortable or difficult to hear, he was _____ from the family.
 - B. Jesus died and carried all of our shame and anger so that we can live _____ and not have to hide in the walls or closets of life.
- IV. **Dos Oruguitas**
 - A. Alma was so _____ of losing what she had that she couldn’t see what could be - the miracle right in front of her.
 - B. Even when life is difficult and painful, _____ life can be found on the other side.
- V. **All of You**
 - A. The Madrigals set out to rebuild the Casita with _____ in town joining in.
 - B. Our talents or abilities or whatever ways we contribute to a community isn’t the gift. _____ are the gift; we are the miracle.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Encanto tells the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house, in a vibrant town called an Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift from super strength to the power to heal... every child except one, Mirabel. But when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is in danger, Mirabel decides that she, the only ordinary Madrigal, might just be her exceptional family's last hope.

Monday: Isaiah 58:2-8, Isaiah 61:1-3, Hebrews 11:33-12:2

In the movie *Encanto*, Mirabel sings a song called "Waiting on a Miracle." Hebrews 11:39-40 said we may need to wait for eternity to receive all God's promises. That can be very hard. When have you had to wait longer than you wished for a divine promise to come true? Are there promises you are still waiting for? What helps you to keep trusting as you wait?

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:11-13

In the movie *Encanto*, Mirabel is left on the sidelines while everyone else does their part for the family. Because she doesn't have supernatural gifts, everyone feels like she cannot contribute. In the Church, nobody can be left out or the body of Christ is incomplete. Do you struggle with including people in the church who are different from you? How can you be more welcoming to people who may be new, young, or unique?

Wednesday: John 8:31-32

Because many of Bruno's predictions were uncomfortable or difficult to hear, he was banished from the family. Have you ever blamed others for your challenges, discomforts, and difficult situations? What can you do to recognize the truth of the situation and look at your own contributions to the struggles?

Thursday: John 14

Alma was so frightened of losing what she had that she couldn't see what could be - the miracle right in front of her. Do you struggle with a fear of change and miss out on God's blessings for you in the future?

Friday: Psalm 139

The Madrigals fail to see Mirabel as the gift she is to the family. Every person God has created is a unique and beautiful gift. We are called to honor those on the margins - just as Jesus blessed them in the sermon on the mount. And we are called to recognize ourselves as gifts, to be an active part of the Body of Christ in whatever capacity we are given. Every one of us matters to God—and to each other. Are you an active part of the Body of Christ? If not, take one small step this week to get involved.

MOVING FORWARD

The Madrigal family was missing out on the contributions of Mirabel because they didn't think she had any special gift to help them. In the church, nobody can be left out; otherwise the Body of Christ will be incomplete. Sometimes we miss the fact that our talents or abilities are not the gift. *We* are the gift; we are the miracle. When we recognize that everybody is somebody in the body of Christ the Church becomes complete.

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) candle, B) purpose. IIA) sideline, B) incomplete.
IIIA) banished, B) free. IVA) frightened, B) new. VA) everyone, B) We.*