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The Well!

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VACATION WAS GREAT!

As most of you know, the Ohmart family was out of town last week. We joined the thousands of tourists who ballooned the population of Branson, Mo. this summer. Our seven day holiday was a real blessing.

One of the highlights in our trip was the evening we attended a play called *The Shepherd Of The Hills*. If you haven't read the book yet, you really need to. The author - Harold Bell Wright - wrote the story approximately a hundred years ago as a tribute to the Ozark hill country and the people who lived there. He was impressed by the simplicity and kindness he found there. His story is designed to call people to a life that is more real than the ambition-driven existence our culture promotes.

According to most, it was the popularity of Wright's book that first drew people to visit the area around Branson. As I looked at what Branson has become in these past few decades, I was struck by the irony that a book about the values of simplicity and humility had triggered so much commercialism.

Or maybe it was just the helpless feeling of a man who had spent too much money on his vacation!

Hope you are having a great week. I look forward to worshipping together with you this coming Sunday.

This Sunday @ LifeSpring

BETTER TOGETHER When We Practice Kindness

According to an old country music song, "you've got to try a little kindness." This Sunday, we'll answer two important questions related to that phrase...WHY? and HOW?

Service Roster for August 7

- TOWING - Steve Genova
- SET UP TEAM - Sam Smith, Leo Phillips
- SOUND TECH - Sam Smith
- COMPUTER TECH - Natina Ohmart
- COMMUNION MEDITATION - Charles Wheeler
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM - Jennifer Genova, Ron Perkins and *tbd*

Thought for Today

Here and there among men, there are those who pause in the hurried rush to listen to the call of a life that is more real. How often have we seen them...jostled and ridiculed by their fellows, pushed aside and forgotten, as incompetent or unworthy...by the mad mob, who, having eyes, see not, ears and hear not, and refuse to understand.

We build temples and churches, but will not worship in them; we hire spiritual advisers, but refuse to heed them; we buy bibles, but will not read them; believing in God, we do not fear Him; acknowledging Christ, we neither follow nor obey Him. Only when we can no longer strive in the battle for earthly honors or material wealth, do we turn to the unseen but more enduring things of life...

Harold Bell Wright, *The Shepherd of the Hills*