

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, “summertime, summertime, summertime” and we can feel close to comfortable in saying it is almost here! As a matter of fact, it was time to get **“READY”**; yes, it was time to **“GET READY”** for the fishing season. May has almost come to an end and June marks the time for getting serious, at least for me, about doing some walleye fishing.

Wow, “summertime, summertime, summertime” and getting **“READY”** for the fishing season. Now, another way of saying that a person needs to **“GET READY”** for this or that or the other thing, is to say they need to be **“PREPARED”**!!!

Wow, “summertime, summertime, summertime” and getting ready for the fishing season involves getting the canoe license updated because it had expired, getting the new fishing reel handles switched to left handed because that is the best way to fish, putting the new reels on the new rods because of equipment breakdowns which occurred at the end of last “summertime, summertime, summertime”, then there is putting the new line on the reels which ought to be done whether the reels are old or new, don’t forget to check the tackle box for depletion of gear such as sinkers and hooks, don’t forget to check on canoe paddles, lifejackets, fishing markers, depth finder/fish locator batteries, and with any luck the need for a stringer and flay knife, with ice cooler. Well, no wonder we can’t **“GET READY”** for the fishing season until almost the end of May even though the season begins in mid May.

Did we forget anything, anything at all? Well, what about a fishing license. Ah yes, “summertime, summertime, summertime”, **“GET READY”** and be **“PREPARED”**!!!

Wow, “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday” and we are reminded that **“SUNDAY”** is almost here!!!

Well, it takes some time and energy to **“GET READY”** to become **“PREPARED”** for the beginning of the upcoming fishing season what about “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday” and our upcoming **“SUNDAY”** morning **“WORSHIP SERVICE”**???

Wow, “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday”, **“SUNDAY”** is coming; **“SUNDAY”** is here, and it is time to quite our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we can be **“READY”**, so we can be **“PREPARED”** to focus on our gracious and loving **“GOD”** as we celebrate through **“WORSHIP”**!!!

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to **“PRAISE GOD”**; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience, have we paused to consider the reasons we have for **“PRAISING GOD”**???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to **“THANK GOD”**; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience, have we paused to consider the reasons we have for **“THANKING GOD”**???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to seek **“GOD’S”** **“FORGIVENESS”**, **“GUIDANCE”**, and **“HELP”**, through the wonder of **“PRAYER”**; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience, have we truly paused to consider what a blessing these precious opportunities for **“PRAYER”** are to us as children in the Family of God???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to **“COMMUNE”** with **“GOD”** wrapped in the wonder of God’s gracious **“LOVE”**; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience, have we paused to consider the **“JOY”** to be found in our **“COMMUNING”** with **“GOD”**???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to **“FELLOWSHIP”** with one another as brothers and sisters in the Family of God; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience have we paused to consider just what a precious gift this **“FELLOWSHIP”** time can be for us as God’s children???

Wow, “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday”, **“SUNDAY”** is coming; as God’s children let us invest the time and energy to **“GET READY”** and to be **“PREPARED”** to fully celebrate with joy filled hearts, minds, and spirits, the wonder of **“GOD’S”** gracious **“LOVE”** for us through worship!!!

Wow, **“SUNDAY”** and the opportunity to **“WORSHIP”** our gracious and loving **“GOD”** is something of a treasure chest overflowing with **“BLESSINGS”**!!!

Love in Christ,

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