



Pastor's Comments

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White Ribbons

A man was riding on a train next to an obviously troubled and anxious youth. Finally, the boy blurted out that he was a convict returning from prison. His crime had brought shame on his poor but proud family and they had never visited or written him during the years he was away. He had hoped this was only that they were too poor to travel the long distance and too uneducated to write. However, he could not be sure they had forgiven him. Wanting to make it easy for them, he had written and asked them to **put up a signal** when the train passed their little farm on the outskirts of the town. **If they had forgiven and wanted him to return home they were to tie a white ribbon** in the big apple tree near the tracks. If they did not want him back they were to do nothing and he would stay on the train, go west, and lose himself forever.

Nearing his home town, the youth's suspense and discomfort grew to the point where he could not look. The man offered to watch for him and they changed places. A few minutes later he put his hand on the young convict's shoulder and whispered in a broken voice, "It's all right. **The whole tree is white with ribbons!**"

Perhaps you, like this youth, are troubled with guilt because of your sin against a holy God. Perhaps you fear that God will reject you. Let me assure you that if you have truly repented of your sins, **God has His whole tree covered with white ribbons!** Jesus says to you what He said to the woman caught in adultery, "**Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more**" (John 8:11). "God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph 4:32). If I can be of help to you spiritually, please call, write, or attend any of our church services.

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