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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"The Not-So-Good Preacher"
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

PM: Brian Mitchell
"True Wisdom"
1 Corinthians 2:10-16

The Not-So-Good Preacher

A seminary professor tells the story of one of his first preaching ministries in the city of Los Angeles. Following one sermon, one which the preacher thought went quite well, he stood at the door greeting the people as they left and the remarks concerning his sermon were very complimentary. That is until one kindly older man said, "You preach too long." The professor wasn't particularly fazed by the remark, especially in light of the many positive comments.

Next came the comment, "You did not preach loud enough" and ironically it was from the same man. The professor thought it a bit strange that the same man had come through the line twice, but when the same man came through a third time and said "You used too many big words," he had to find out what was going on.

So the professor went to one of the elders who was standing by and asked him. Do you see that little old man standing over there? Who is he? Don't pay any attention to him the elder replied, all he does is go around and repeat everything he hears. The point was that sometimes people will say nice things to the preacher's face, but say something entirely different to anyone else who listens.

The fact is that preachers are often the punch line of quite a few jokes and you know what I mean. The preacher sure does get paid an awful lot for only working one day a week. When there is something that needs to be done and no one else has the time to do it lets get the preacher to do it, after all he does not have anything else to do during the week etc. etc. In fact I am sure that some of you would love to have had the opportunity to introduce this lesson today entitled the Not So Good Preacher.

However, there are times when a preacher can be very hurt and offended by the comments of those with whom he works. That being primarily, because the jokes are not always told in a humorous manner. The comments about a man's preaching are not always good natured or even helpful. And a lot of times when measuring the value of a preacher we have a tendency to do so based upon the wrong criteria—does he speak well, is he charismatic, is he forceful.

Now I am not saying that these elements are not beneficial for a preacher to possess and in fact they can greatly enhance the message the preacher delivers. In the end though, doesn't it make more sense to evaluate a preacher based upon the faithfulness of the message he preaches than the manner in which he preaches it?

Now let me be clear: I did not begin the sermon this way because I have been hurt or offended by this congregation. I began this way because the text we are going to deal with today touches upon the manner in which people were treating the preaching of the Apostle Paul. Their criticisms were based upon some of the same faulty presumptions about what good preaching is that people today are often guilty of.

In our text today Paul is found talking about his preaching style or according to some the lack thereof. In our text Paul tells why he was, in the eyes of some, a not so good preacher. The fact of the matter is that the Apostle Paul himself would have an extremely difficult time being hired as a minister in one of our churches today. So the purpose of this lesson is to teach us the importance of evaluating a preacher on the content of the message delivered rather than on the style in which it is delivered.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 90
Sunday AM: 136
Sunday PM: 84
Wednesday PM: 71
Contribution: \$5124
Budget: \$4831

Think on This...

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 Peter 1:3

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Deanna Finch: 01.29
Dale Gilliland: 01.29
Dan Silvers: 01.29
Susan Floyd: 01.30
Kayli Naramore: 02.01
Susan Fowlkes: 02.02
Michael Newman: 02.02
Margaret Dowdy: 02.03

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: Larry & Margaret Dowdy

Ushers: Randy Seabaugh/Ron Fehr

A/V: Nate Crowden

Nursery: Katelyn Dowdy

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Head Lord's Table: Kenny Simmons

Scripture: Sid Naramore

Prayers:

AM: Phil Swiney/Dale Gilliland

PM: Todd Newman/Jerry Singleton

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy

Devo: Mat Kee

Prayer: Gary Miller

Elder Chair: Gary Ridenour

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Doug Lester

Daily Bible Reading

January 29: Genesis 48-50

January 30: Exodus 1-3

January 31: Exodus 4-6

February 1: Exodus 7-9

February 2: Exodus 10-12

February 3: Exodus 13-15

February 4: Exodus 16-18

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Ron Anderson

Ginger Avery

Esther Beck

Mark Blaylock

Lee Brooks

Dalton Bryan

Reita Conley

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Jalonda Harris

Allen & Juanita Hedge

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Susan Seabaugh

Earle Silvers

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Robin Star

Don Tawney

Chris Weaver

Remember in Prayer

- **Newt Gilliland** has moved to Life Care Center and will continue his recovery there.
- **Glenda Francis**, from the Marble Hill congregation, has opted not to take chemo or radiation treatment for her pancreatic cancer. Please pray for her peace and comfort in the coming days and weeks. Hospice care is being provided.

Sympathy

We offer our love and sympathy to Nick Brown and his family as his mother and our Sister, **Thelma Brown** passed away last Saturday. There will be a memorial service at the church building on **Saturday, March 4** at 10:30am. Please keep the family in your prayers as they grieve.

News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Kidney Beans**
- New **Timothy Cans** are available to pick up on the entryway table. Funds from the Christian Family Services' Timothy Campaign are designated to go directly to the children they serve. CFS has set a goal for the 2023 campaign to raise \$40,000 (\$75 per can). You may also donate directly to CFS, online at stlcf.org, or by downloading the RoundUp app which allows you to automatically donate the changed from your debit/credit purchases to support the work. Your small change can make a big difference for CFS and the children they serve! Cans will be collected in June.

5th Sunday Singing

- **January 29: Marble Hill** is hosting a **5th Sunday Singing** beginning at **1:30pm**. Please plan to attend and encourage one another while praising God in song. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Women's Retreat

- **March 24-26: SPARK Women's Retreat** in Branson (hosted by the Sunset church of Christ from Springfield). Theme: *"Protected"* based in Psalm 91. Any ladies wishing to attend should see Jenny Newman or Lesley Kluesner with questions and to get signed up. We would like to register by the end of January.

Dorothy Loyd Scholarship Fund

A scholarship has been established at Freed-Hardeman University in Dorothy Loyd's name to assist students aspiring to become preachers. The scholarship is open to anyone, but preference will be given to students from the area congregations. Donations may be made to the fund at any time by contacting Freed-Hardeman directly.

Youth Corner

- **February 23-26: CYC** in Pigeon Forge.
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is *"Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground"*.

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