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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"What it Takes to be a Great Leader"
Joshua 24:29-31

PM: Brian Mitchell
"A Discourse on Brotherly Love"
1 John 4:7-21

What It Takes to Be a Great Leader

The Bible is first and foremost about GOD!!! It is a book about what God Has done in the past, about what God is doing in the present and a book about what God is going to do in the future. But even beyond that—it is a book about what God has done in the past, is doing in the present, and will do in the future in the lives of people. It is also about how people responded to what God has done, is doing, and will do. It is a very practical book, because it deals with how God dealt with people, and how people dealt with God.

Therefore it is beneficial for our lives because we can see how God deals with people and thus expect that He will deal with us in similar ways. We get to also see how people responded to God and His Word—so that we can emulate the deeds and dispositions of men and women which pleased God, and we can avoid those which did not.

With this in mind today I want to deliver a character lesson based upon the life of one of the great men in the OT. So that we can "through the patience and comfort of Scriptures have hope" (Rom.15:4), and so that we may learn from those "examples which were written for our admonition, upon whom then end of the ages have come" 1 Cor.10:11. The focal point of this lesson on Bible characters will be, what lessons can we learn from their lives.

Today we will take a look at Joshua and learn what it takes to be a great leader. It is impressive to note the influence that Joshua, the leader of God's people into the Promised Land, had on the People of Israel, during his life and even after he had passed on (Josh.24:15, 29-31). While some of this influence was no doubt due to the fact that God was with Joshua and had done many great works during Joshua's time of leadership. Works like the parting of the Jordan, the collapse of the walls of Jericho, and the standing still of the sun and moon.

However, although God was with Joshua, a lot of the credit for the influence he had among God's people must go to him. For all along God's support of Joshua was based upon Joshua's obedience to the Word of God (Joshua 1:6-9). Joshua was an example of great leadership and shows us an example of what it takes to be a great leader. Every generation of the church is in need of good leadership, especially in times of trouble and distress, and believe me the Church is involved in a time of trouble and distress. A lot of the problem can be traced to the lack of leadership within the church today.

Wendell Winkler said that "the lack of leadership in our churches was the crisis of our generation.". If more churches had solid, faithful, biblically knowledgeable leaders, there would be far less troubles in the church today. Because if we had more leaders in the church today, the moment someone starting causing dissent among the brethren, with their actions or words, the elders of the church would deal with it before it was ever allowed to become a problem.

The problem is that in some churches you have leaders who are no more knowledgeable in the Bible than those they are supposed to be leading, and thus they are "easily tossed to a fro by every new doctrine that come down the road." Thus, the need of men to be great leaders AND to prepare new men to take their place.

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: 88
Sunday AM: 165
Sunday PM: 60
Wednesday PM: 81
Contribution: \$3805
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:11-12

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Kevin Bolen: 04.24
Eric Craft: 04.28
Destiny Meyer: 04.29

Anniversaries

David & Ruth McDowell: 04.25
Nick & Mary Brown: 04.26
Phil & Jennifer Singleton: 04.27

Serving This Week

Announcements: Randy Seabaugh

SUNDAY

Greeters: Charlie & Lesley Kluesner

Ushers: Trenton Bryan/Cody Naramore

A/V: Scott Spraggs

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Head Lord's Table: Shawn Myers

Scripture: Sid Naramore

Prayers

AM: Steve Simmons/Kenny Simmons

PM: Dylan Seabaugh/Scott Watson

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Brian Mitchell

Devo: Phil Singleton

Prayer: John McLain

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Nick Brown

Worship Director: Ron Fehr

Daily Bible Reading

April 24: 1 Chronicles 7-9

April 25: 1 Chronicles 10-12

April 26: 1 Chronicles 13-15

April 27: 1 Chronicles 16-18

April 28: 1 Chronicles 19-21

April 29: 1 Chronicles 22-25

April 30: 1 Chronicles 26-29

Continuing Prayer Needs

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

Thelma Brown

Frances Byers

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Sandi Essner

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Newt & Kay Gilliland

Wayne Graham

Allen Hedge

Tim Hosey

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

David McDowell

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Lena Schweain

Susan Seabaugh

Steve Simmons

Sarah Singleton

Ethan Spraggs

Mike Turnbow

Lucky Vander

Chris Weaver

Betty Welshans

Branson Trip

The trip scheduled for **June 24-26** to Branson, Missouri is now open to anyone who would like to attend. There are spaces still available for 6-8 more people. Todd Newman has agreed to drive the bus for this trip. Anyone interested must RSVP by this **Sunday, April 24** in order to secure a discounted rate for lodging and shows. See Larry Dowdy for more details, cost, and specific plans. Itineraries are available in the office.

Remember in Prayer

- **Troy Bryan** may be facing back surgery to address some issues he has been having with numbness.
- **Terri Bryan** is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery on July 29.
- **David McDowell** is doing well and continuing his recovery and therapy at home. It was great to see him and Ruth back with us for worship last Sunday.
- **Tony Boyd** is continuing to have breathing issues and went for more testing on Monday. He will see a pulmonologist soon to evaluate further.
- Kathy Green's niece, **Jolynna Glisan** was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will begin chemo treatments on Monday.

Thank You...

"Dear Jackson church family,

I would like to express my pleasure at receiving multiple birthday cards this year with uplifting messages here at Jackson Villas. I want to express my joy at all the messages sent and how kind they all were—you are certainly wonderful people!

I have also thoroughly enjoyed the visits with those who have come to Jackson Villas since I've been here. In addition, the visits to my house to help clean it out—and the accompanying hugs—were delightful!

The Lord has blessed you and you continue to bless others. May the good Lord keep you active in your Christian lives.

Love,

Betty Jones"

Sympathy

- We extend our sympathy to Tim Lincoln and his family as his wife, **Carol Lincoln** passed away on Saturday after a short battle with cancer. Tim and Carol worship with the Westside church of Christ, and Tim worked for many years with John Stinnett. Visitation was set for Thursday from 4-8pm and funeral Friday at 10am at Liley Funeral Home in Marble Hill.
- We are also saddened to learn of the recent passing of **Doyle Wood**. He and his wife, Reba, worshiped with us in Jackson for several years before retiring and moving away.

News & Notes

- Please sign up if you are interested in the concealed carry class scheduled for **May 7**. The cost is \$80 and you may see Shawn Myers or Troy Bryan for more information.
- There will be a wedding shower to honor Dallas Naramore's fiancé, **Sarah Adams** on **Sunday, May 15 at 2pm** in the fellowship room. Dallas and Sarah will be married on July 9 and they are registered at Target and Crate & Barrel.
- Make plans to join us as we celebrate our high school graduates at a potluck lunch on **Sunday, May 22** following morning services. The following seniors will be honored: **Taylor Fehr** (Jackson), **Destiny Meyer** (Advantage), **Christopher Newman** (Jackson), **Jasmine Pfeiffer** (Jackson), **Emma Spraggs** (Jackson), **Landyn Walls** (Homeschool), **Lili Watson** (Jackson). Gift bags are available on the table outside the office to drop cards or small gifts to be given at the potluck.