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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Sodom & Gamorrah (Gen. 19:24)
2. A flaming sword (Gen. 3:24)
3. In a burning bush which was not consumed (Ex. 3:2)
4. Sinai (E. 19:18)
5. Elijah and Elisha (2 Kings 2:11)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Gary Tuttle
Announcements: Josh Emerson
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: Harper Flores
Scripture Reading: John Franks
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco
Contribution: Brad Smith
Helper: Jacob McAdams
Fruit of Vine: Billy Lovell
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Closing Prayer: Pete Galvan

Sunday Afternoons

Oct 8 4PM Prayer Meeting
Oct 15 4PM Devotionals
Oct 22 4PM Worship (Casey Thomas to preach)
Oct 29 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: John Franks
Speaker: Josh Emerson



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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The Example Of Christ: Endurance

“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus was tempted in the same way we are, in all things. He was tempted like me and like you. Yet Jesus did not sin. He was able to endure the temptation. Scripture tells us to look to Jesus as our example of endurance.

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1-3). Fixing our eyes on Jesus is about seeing His example. We are to consider and learn from how He endured the cross. It was because of the “joy set before him” that endured. The joy of the salvation of man. The joy of obeying and pleasing God. For this reason he despised the shame of man associated with the cross. He kept looking to the joy. What a great example for how we endure through persecution and trials. Keep looking at Jesus and the joy set before us.

“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously” (1 Peter 2:21-23). The endurance of the suffering set before Him is described in His obedience. He committed no sin, no deceit, no reviling in return, no threats. His endurance is summed up in what He did - He kept entrusting Himself to God who judges righteously. Again, a great example for us in how to endure and why - because God judges righteously.

Jesus teaches us *“the one who endures to the end, he will be saved”* (Matthew 24:13). This is echoed by Paul who wrote, *“If we endure, we will also reign with Him”* (2 Tim. 2:12). It is easy to quit, easy to give in to temptation, easy to remain silent so as to

avoid persecution. But when we do this we demonstrate we do not trust God as one who judges righteously. If we trust Him we will continue to obey Him in the hard moments - as Jesus did. The endurance is about this moment in time, trust in God is about eternity. We will not endure if we fail to trust. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding”* (Proverbs 3:5).

Paul wrote of himself saying *“when we are persecuted, we endure”* (1 Corinthians 4:12). Any student of the New Testament can see the persecutions against Paul - many of which were violently physical. Every time, Paul gets back up and gets back to work. He remained faithful, not defeated. We endure. It is the only way. *“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”* (James 1:2-4). Testing (trials, persecutions) is the only way endurance is produced. We will be tempted, but how will we respond? We should endure because it is the only way to remain righteous with God. Through endurance we will be “perfect” (meaning brought to a finished state) and “complete” (meaning sound, completely healthy). This stresses the importance of endurance in our life.

God helps us. *“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it”* (1 Corinthians 10:13). We can ALL endure temptation. God will not let the temptation go beyond our ability to endure. We might not think we can endure it, but again we must trust in God.

If we want to endure temptation and trials, we must remain strongly focused on heaven. *“Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised”* (Hebrews 10:35-36). If we want to receive the promise of heaven, we must endure. Look to the example of Jesus!

By Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Supernatural Fire

1. What two sinful cities were destroyed by fire and brimstone from heaven?
2. What did the cherubim use to guard the entrance to Eden?
3. How did God first appear to Moses?
4. What mountain did the Lord descend upon in fire?
5. What two men saw a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Walking Out

by D.J. Dickerson

I have heard and read a lot over the years of people “walking out.” There have been parents who have walked out on their children, children who have walked out on their parents, spouses walking out on the other, employees walking out on their employers, etc. I have heard it, I have read it and it seems to become more prevalent as time continues with “walking out” to be the chosen course to any given situation where issues arise. One thing I have found in common with a lot of the “walk outs” is that when there is a challenge that one faces, a difficulty, then many just choose to “walk out.” This is something that is even prevalent in the Lord’s church. It is not something that is new, rather we find numerous examples of those who did some “walking out.”

One that comes to mind rather quickly is that of Jonah, who is well known to us from our youth. Jonah was given a command to go to Nineveh and “cry against it” due to the wickedness that had come up before God (Jonah 1:1,2). Jonah however decided to “walk out” on God. According to Jonah 1:3, Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord. Although physically he was moving that way getting into a ship going to Tarshish, his heart had already “walked out” on God. Jonah didn’t like the command God gave him and he obviously didn’t want to do what God had commanded him to do. So, he “walked out.” We beat Jonah up a lot as we discuss his attitude towards God and the command that God gave him. However, Jonah’s attitude was ubiquitous even during the days of Jesus. In John 6:48-59, Jesus tells His disciples about the life they are to live, a life that is bound up in Him. The disciples grumble and say among themselves in verse 60, *“This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”* Jesus’ saying was not incomprehensible, rather it was difficult to tolerate. We further notice in the passage that Jesus does not say, “Did I say something too hard,” rather Jesus asked them *“Does this offend you?”* The fact is they didn’t want to accept what Jesus was saying. This group of our passage came together as they observed miracles Jesus performed and partook of what He gave them to eat. They were enjoying all of that. However, when Jesus told them about doing and living for Him rather than simply taking, or receiving, that wasn’t for them. That’s why when you read on to John 6:66 it says, *“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.”* My friends, they “walked out.”

Today, there are still many who are “walking out” on God, however, claim to be “faithful disciples.” As Jesus looks into our hearts today, does He find one who has “walked out” like those in John 6? Does Jesus see one who when a passage of scripture demands a change in our lives, yet turn a “blind eye” to it? Does Jesus see one, who when the word of God is proclaimed in our hearing and God’s word is instructing us, guiding us in the path that we should go, it “offends” us, we don’t do anything with it? If so, then such would classify us with those who although were *“His disciples,”* however made the decision to *“walk with Him no more”* (John 6:66).

Yes, people are well-known for “walking out” when difficulties arise, faced with truth, challenges that confront, etc. Instead of facing the challenges, growing in patience through the trials, striving to stay united together, people choose to “walk out.” Jonah’s “walk out” on God caught up to him rather quickly. If we “walk out” on God, it will catch up to us rather quickly as well. Not by being swallowed by a big fish, rather by being swallowed by the world and consumed. Let’s not “walk out” on God, rather let’s walk with God and each other to His praise, honor and glory (cf. Phil. 2:1-4; Micah 6:8).

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” – Micah 6:8