

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Title: Learning From Fathers

Series: Father's Day 2021

Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1 – 21 (in particular verse 15)

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to consider Bible characters in order to allow the Holy Spirit to mentor us through their examples.

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Introduction:

Review of June 13 devotional:

Vulnerability to Jesus Christ

1. Reality of Jesus Christ in the Believer, 1 Peter 1:22 - 25
2. Reality of Personal Revelation (Illumination), Ephesians 1:15 - 21
3. Response to Personal Revelation (Attitude), 2 Corinthians 12:1 - 10
4. Reaction to Jesus Christ (Action), Matthew 11:25 - 30

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~ 1 Corinthians 10:11, "*Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, to whom the end of the ages has come.*"

1. A Lesson Learned from Paul:

~ 1 Corinthians 4:15, "*For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.*"

~ A father has a proximity to us that guides do not! As a result we often see weaknesses in our fathers that we do not see in guides. Consequently, one of the major character qualities a godly father models is...

~ 1 Corinthians 4:2, "*Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.*" Faithful to Jesus Christ, to family, to calling, to oneself!

~ Great lesson to follow; 1 Corinthians 4:16, "*I urge you, then, be imitators of me.*"

Personal illustration:

My own father

My son

2. A Lesson Learned from Abraham:

Genesis 15:6, "*And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*"

~ Romans 4:3 – 6, 9, 19 – 25

~ Galatians 3:6 – 14

~ Hebrews 11:8, "*By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*"

~ James 2:23, "*and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" – and he was called a friend of God.*"

~ Great lesson to follow; Hebrews 11:6, "*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*"

3. A Lesson Learned from King David:

~ 1 Samuel 16:13, "*Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.*"

~ 2 Samuel 2:7, "*Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant, for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.*"

~ 2 Samuel 5:5, "*At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.*"

~ Great lesson to follow; Psalm 37:7, "*Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*"

4. A Lesson Learned from Barnabas:

~ Acts 4:32 – 37 (in particular verses 36 and 37), "*thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, (37) sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*"

~ Great lesson to follow; Acts 20:35, "*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*"

Conclusion:

Oh to be a person of faith, waiting patiently on the Lord, being generous in my actions that others would find a person that has some godly qualities worth imitating!

Happy Father's Day