

Sunday, May 22 2022

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

Title: Time for New Vision

Series: The Journey of Faith ... 14

Text: Joshua 7:1 - 26

Introduction:

The Devotional from Sunday, May 15, was entitled, “Time for New Strategy” and the text was Joshua 6:1 – 11 and 16 - 27

1. Not Trained for This
2. Never Faced This Before
3. No Catapults or Ramps or Siege
4. New Strategy for Believers on the Journey

~ Hebrews 12:1 – 2, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

~ Isaiah 50:1 – 11, (10) “Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. (11) Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.”

Do not doubt in the darkness what you were clearly shown in the light!

1. Remembering Past Victories:

~ For Israel:

~ They called and God heard and responded: Exodus 3:7 – 10

~ They obeyed God at the Passover: Exodus 12:26 – 30

~ They obeyed God at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:26 – 31

~ They obeyed God at Jericho: Joshua 6:20 – 21

~ For the Christ Follower:

~ Christ’s completed work on the cross: John 19:30, “When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

~ The devil had NO idea:

1 Corinthians 2:7 – 8, “But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for your glory. (8) None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

~ Believers have been made ALIVE: Colossians 2:13 – 15, “And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, (14) by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (15) He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”

2. Remembering Past Failures:

~ For Israel:

~ Nadab and Abihu (worshipping their own way): Leviticus 10:1 – 3

~ The ten spies (lack of faith): Numbers 13 (verse 32)

~ Vain attempt (disobedience): Numbers 14 (verses 39 – 45)

~ Korah’s rebellion (pride): Numbers 16:1 – 40

~ The plague (resenting God’s judgment): Numbers 16:41 – 50

~ For the Christ Follower:

~ Ephesians 2:1 – 3, “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins (2) in which you once walked, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—(3) among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

~ Isaiah 64:6 – 7, “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (7) There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.”

3. Reaching for the Prize of the Goal:

~ Achan’s sin was:

~ Taking what God called unclean

~ Hiding his sin thinking it only affected him

~ His vision was not set on the promise of God

~ Paul’s example to Christ Followers:

Philippians 3:1

LOSS:

~ vs. 4 no confidence in the flesh

~ vs. 5 family pedigree

~ vs. 5 religious pedigree

~ vs. 8 count all things loss

GOAL:

~ vs. 10 know HIM and the power of His resurrection

~ vs. 12 “but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”

~ vs. 14 “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

EXAMPLE:

~ vs. 16 “Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”

~ vs. 17 “Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.”

Conclusion:

Read hymn #367, All for Jesus

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (song)