

Scriptures Used In Today's Sermon

Philippians 2:19-30

- 19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.
20 For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.
21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.
22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child *serv*ing his father.
23 Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things *go* with me;
24 and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.
25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need;
26 Because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.
27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.
28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned *about you*.
29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;
30 Because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

Matthew 21:28-32

- 28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, Son, go work today in the vineyard."
29 And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went.
30 The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I *will*, sir'; but he did not go.
31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They *said, "The first." Jesus *said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.
32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him: and you, seeing *this*, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

Matthew 23:4-7

- 4 They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much as a* finger.
5 But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels *of their garments*.
6 They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues,
7 and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men.

Philippians 2:12-13

- 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;
13 For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Luke 17:7-10

- 7 "Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'?"
8 But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and *properly* clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'?"
9 He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?
10 So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ' We are unworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.

Reference: 2 Timothy 4:16-17



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WELCOME

We would like to take this time to welcome each of you here for worship to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here and have come our way. If you are visiting we invite you back anytime you are available and would ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Again Welcome!

Looking for a church home? Would like to set up a personal or group bible study. Have a need or know of someone who does? Please take the time to meet with us we would love to know how we may serve you.

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We are one week away from Mike Mazzalongo and his presentation on Saturday and Sunday of Worship in Spirit and in Truth. If you plan on attending Saturday please sign up so we can prepare for how many will be attending for Saturday's meal. Thank you very much.

When we obey the gospel and are baptized into Christ we become a new creature and a servant to our Lord. How many today though want to serve without serving. Serving as we will find is not limited to "Church work" or program. They can be but we find it is so much more. Today we will examine 2 individuals who showed they were committed by helping Paul and SERVING Christ. Reminder that scriptures used in today's sermon can be found on the back.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH.....Charles Kelsey

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Roy Young

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:35
Morning Worship:63
Evening Worship:27
Mid-Week:37
Ladies Class:.....
Contribution:\$5,929.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,953.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:Glen Wampler

Closing Prayer:Ed Valdez

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Keith Parrish

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Greg Ray

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Debbie Bowden has been ill. Roy Don Bennett fell last week. J.L. Bolton is having back problems, Peggy Cuddeback is doing good, David Kelsey has a appointment to see when they will be putting in a pacemaker, Levada is waiting on her results from her test and Johnny & Trena will be going back to Houston for his treatment this week. Keith's test was good and he didn't need stints, Leroy has not been feeling well & Dave & Shirley Sharum have been sick at home.

PRAYERS: Dwaine came forward Sunday asking for prayers.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - David Byrd
- 5 - Bryan Cain
- 7 - Kenneth Richardson
- 12 - Barbara Bolton
- 13 - Travis Repp
- 21 - Debbie Bowden
- 22 - Cleo Harper
- 23 - Klaus Mueller
- 28 - Roy Bennett

EXTENDED CARE:

Charlie & Sidonia Kelsey are in room A 76 in McMahan

Jack Treffinger is in McMahan in room A73 B

"IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, FUNDAMENTALS OF BIBLICAL WORSHIP - March 9-10th - Mike Mazzalongo - 2 day seminar - University church of Christ

Lunch will be provided. Please contact the office if you are going to attend so we will have a number that will be eating.

REVIVE US AGAIN HOME MISSION EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH WORKSHOP - March 27-30 at Faith Village church Of Christ in Wichita falls, Texas. More information on the back bulletin board.

WESTVIEW LIST: Here is the current list of groceries needed:

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| Pop Tarts | Flour Tortillas |
| Assorted Chips | Velveeta |
| Debbie Cakes | Canned Soda |
| Assorted Cookies | Canned Chicken |
| Powdered Gatorade | Tropical Fruit |
| 100% Assorted Juice | |
| Mixed Nuts/Cashews | |
| Bottled Water/Gatorade | |
| Assorted Pre-Mixed Kool Aid/Kool-Aid Packages | |

Non-Food
Spray N Wash

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Barbara Bolton, Tommy & Debbie Bowden, Flo Fitzsimmons, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy Horn, David Kelsey, LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Denice Ross, Dwaine Zacharias, Johnny Burch, Katrina Brennan, Randy Frazier, Lena Kelsey, Randy Hill, Kim Warren, Louie Hill, Dala Melton, Teri Lynn Disney & Angie Caldwell.

In Case You Missed It

Matthew 13:34-35

- 34 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable.
- 35 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open My mouth in parables: I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world

Here's an old Yiddish tale that we found.

Once upon a time, Truth went about the streets as naked as the day he was born. As a result, no one would let him into their homes, Whenever people caught sight of him, they turned away and fled. One day when Truth was sadly wandering about, he came upon Parable. Now, Parable was dressed in splendid clothes of beautiful colors. And Parable, seeing Truth, said, "Tell me, neighbor, what makes you look so sad?" Truth replied bitterly, "Ah, brother, things are bad - - very bad. I'm old - - very old, and no one wants to acknowledge me, No one wants anything to do with me."

Hearing that, Parable said, "People don't run away from you because you're old. I too am old - - very old. But the older I get, the better people like me. I'll tell you a secret: Everyone likes things disguised and prettied up a bit. Let me lend you some splendid clothes like mine, and you'll see that the very people who pushed you aside will invite you into their homes and be glad of your company." Truth took Parable's advice and put on the borrowed clothes, And from that time on, Truth and Parable have gone hand in hand together and everyone loves them. They make a happy pair."

Jesus told many truths with parables. We can see that as we read through the gospels. He rarely began with scripture when he was among the peoples. It was only in the synagogue, among the scholars that he did so. Most of the time Jesus told stories about everyday things in order to bring His strong message in a way that would keep his listeners attention!

Perhaps you've been sharing Scripture with someone and the message is just not getting across the way you'd hoped. Each person is different. There is no exact universal recipe for how to share our faith. We must sense where a person is - - ask the Lord to show us where to start - - try different approaches! Maybe try something different today. Tell a story - - maybe even your story!