



“Consecrate Yourselves From...” – Joshua 3:1-6, 2 Timothy 2:19-22

1) Disciple of Jesus need time of _____. These are times when we can _____ our hearts and _____ our actions.

- Acts 3:19-21

2) The purpose of Joshua’s encouragement to the Israelites to consecrates themselves is to get them to be _____ to do the _____ of God.

I. We Belong to the Lord – Core conviction of those who belong to the Lord.

- Our lives _____ the life of Christ.
- Doesn’t mean we are _____, but it does mean we are going _____.
- Consecration involves turning _____, and then turning _____.

II. Consecration may be uncomfortable, but it is necessary. It includes those times when we _____ the usefulness of the parts that make up our lives.

- God wants to _____ something in our lives, but our lives can be _____ . 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- _____, _____, _____ or _____?
- James 1:21 = The Word of God as a _____ for consecration.
- 2 Corinthians 12:20

III. We all _____ to a community of peace.

- Make every effort to pursue the character traits that are positive and encouraging: _____, _____, _____ and _____.
- Everyone striving together to live out these principles _____ _____ of peace, love righteousness and faith.

Joshua 3:5 – The Lord will do wonders among you.

Saving the Shire

I have a practice of listening to the audiobook version of the Lord of the Rings. I don’t repeatedly listen from beginning to end, but I listen to the parts that inspire me the most. There are several sections of the trilogy that I savor, but the most heartbreaking portion of the story, one that stirs my soul, occurs in the final chapter of The Return of the King. His labors at an end, Frodo is preparing to leave Sam, his friends, The Shire (their home) and Middle Earth for the Undying Lands. He tells his distraught friend, “I tried to save the Shire, and it has been saved, but not for me. It must often be so, Sam, when things are in danger: someone has to give them up, lose them, so that others may keep them.” As the trilogy opened, Sauron and Saruman were sending their hordes across the land to pillage, destroy, subjugate and exploit whatever stood in their way.

It is the same in our world today. Humanity has an enemy that is called a thief. His only plan is to “steal and kill and destroy (John 10:10a).” The adversary hates us and is determined to cause us pain and suffering. But there is another force at work in our world. That force is God, the Father; the Creator and sustainer of this work. His Son has come to bring a message of hope. In fact, He “has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10b).”

When we become Christians, God saves us from our personal sins and a lifestyle of destruction. He gives us truth; He gives us hope and He gives us purpose. That purpose has to do with the work we accomplish on His behalf. We were created to do Good Works (See Ephesians 2:10). Those Good Works are not for our benefit. Many times, the good things we do will cost us something, either money, time or perhaps more. John talks about the souls under the alter, who gave their very lives for the Cause of Christ. Good Works are our legacy and the evidence that we are Disciples of Jesus. We try to save others, but it is not for us. It is for their well-being. To lead them in a way that enables them to do the same for others.

Whether it is the state of the country or the state of the church, we do what we do so that those who follow us can have what we have; a relationship with our Father, hope for the future, and purpose for today.

Ultimately, Middle Earth was saved not by soldiers, cavalry, knights, rangers, or wizards. It was saved by two diminutive ordinary hobbits, who would have preferred to be left alone. They endured the trek to Mt. Doom and destroyed the ring of power, because they realized that there were things more important than themselves. While it is only a story, it illustrates something important about the real world. It is people much like you and I, who never thought that we could play a role in reshaping the lives of others and leading them to a person who could change the trajectory of their lives. We live in a time of chaos and confusion. The solution is found in the message of Christ, One-on-One, Face-to-Face, one at a time.

By Dennis Baker

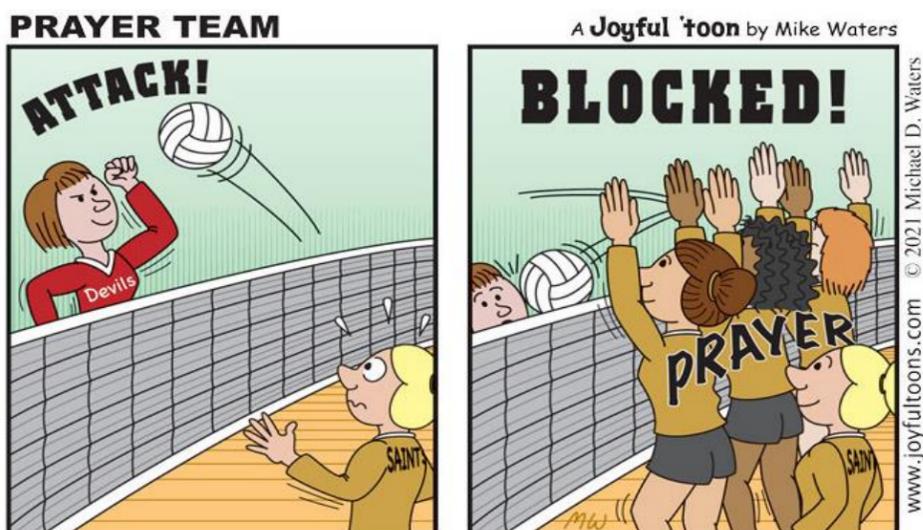
Sermon Summaries

Morning Consecrate Yourselves From - Joshua 3:1-6, 2 Timothy 2:19-21

Consecration is a term that describes the procedure of growing as a Christian. It refers to what begins after a person is saved. When a person begins to live their life dedicated to Christ, it becomes apparent that some of what is going on in their life is not consistent with following Christ. We begin to see some things will need to change if our lives are going to be fully committed and dedicated. Consecration is the process God uses to prepare us to be used for His Good Works. May our hearts and minds be open to the things that God wants to purge from our lives.

Evening Consecrate Yourselves For - Joshua 3:1-6, John 15:1-8

The Evening lesson is a continuation of the topic from this morning. When God's people are encouraged to consecrate themselves. It is a request to us to be ready to be used by God. We are to prepare for something significant, carrying out the work of God in this world, which is bringing about the of people. God's hope and goal for our lives is to join Him in His work, to be successful in our endeavors, to bear much fruit. I(n our text, Jesus Himself describes how the Father prepares us to do His work.



And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. - EPHESIANS 6:18 NIV

Schedule of Services	
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Dale Cureton Gordon Gower
Morris Guest Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
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ATTENDANCE	
Bible Class	60
AM Worship	82
PM Worship	46
FINANCES	
Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$4674

Send Forth Your Truth and Light

Psalm 43:3-5 NIV (1984)

Send forth and guide me your truth and light
To your holy mountain where you dwell;
I then will worship in joyful delight,
With praise, O God, my heart will swell.

Why, my soul, be so downcast?
Why in your heart be so distraught?
Put hope in God, to faith hold fast;
Yet will I praise him for all he's wrought.

Things to Know

Prayer Requests and Announcements

If you have a prayer request or information that you would like to get out to the congregation before Sunday or Wednesday night, you can have an email sent out. All you need to do is send an email request to Kim Cureton at kim.cureton@pobox.com.

If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Kim at the above email.

Game Night

Friday Oct 8th 7pm at the building. Bring games and snacks to share. Be prepared to have some good fellowship. Questions see Sally or Heidi Guest.

Ways To Serve

If you are interested in helping with the audio-visual ministry, please see Spencer Guest.

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

TODAY 12:30 at the building.

Ladies Bible Class

Meets every Wednesday at the building at 11am.

October 6th will be the first class on "Living with Jesus". Please be prepared by reading lesson 1 in the new workbook. If you have questions, you may see Jessica Brothers.

Items from Nursery

There are a few items that are free to anyone you would like them.

- FOLDING CLOSET DOOR
- 48 INCH VINYL BLIND
- GLASS FROM WINDOW

See Larry Miller if you are interested.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Helen & Michael Paslay received Thursday night that Helen's mother, Celine passed away in the Philippines. She contracted COVID and suddenly passed away. Celine was a devoted Christian, 87 years old, mother of 8 and loved by many. She is with her husband Jose now.

Ellen Larremore a long-time member of Mt. Vernon but, she has been unable to attend for some time. Ellen is being treated for cancer with chemotherapy.

Barry Redden received good news from the orthopedic Surgeon. He broke three metatarsal bones in his foot but no toes are broken as originally stated at the hospital. And does not need surgery.

Tracy Schoen healing after surgery to fix her broken ankle.

Paul Rigo (Carol Ann Burdine's son) passed away earlier last week.

Kathy Cleaveland healing well after back procedure

Autumn Cleaveland will have procedure on her legs October 8th at 10:30 in Prescott. Prayerfully this will help her swelling.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Rusty & Bonnie Parker**, many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~ **Steve Mann** new chemo treatment.

~ **George Lira (father of Gwen Lira)** has COVID and many other serious complications, in hospital in California

~ **Richard Erno** Nate (Richard's dad) has begun the process to donate his bone marrow to Richard

~ **Abby Parra** on a short break from chemotherapy.

~ **Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers)** kidney and lung cancer.

~ **Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miler's niece)** cancer treatment.

~ **Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller)** has terminal cancer.

~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler's son-in-law)** cancer treatment

~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell