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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS
Sunday October 18, 2020
Unkind Servant
Mat 18:21-35 *Stress total forgiveness.*

Wednesday October 21, 2020
Seventy Sent Out
Luke 10:1-24 *The Seventy had a special job to do. They obeyed Jesus. We must do what we can to serve.*

GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

Divine Love: John 3:16
God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood:..... Romans 5:9
Holy Spirit's Word: Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith:..... Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism:..... Acts 22:16
Christian's Love:..... Matthew 22:37
Christian's Work: James 2:24
Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance:· Revelation 2:10

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Happenings in God's Family

Are Americans Losing Their Faith?

At the end of August, buried among the headlines of riots and viruses, a three-thousand person survey found that 52% of those that responded did not believe that Jesus was God in the flesh, but only a good teacher. The headlines read, "52% of American Adults Do Not Believe that Jesus Was God." In this same survey, it was revealed that over 30% of evangelicals did not believe Jesus was God. Is this concerning?

In one sense, we should be concerned about the decline of faith in society. The Bible says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). As a rule of thumb, lawlessness increases proportionally to the decrease of faith. I do not know of anyone who wants to live in a lawless society. So, inasmuch as faith is decreasing, we should be concerned about the relative lawlessness of our communities and how to address such issues.

On the other hand, the Christian knows that faithfulness means walking a narrow way that most will not walk. Jesus said, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). The majority are and always have been under the dominion of Satan. "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" (1 John 5:19). The good news is that we do not have to live that way. We can make a choice to follow Jesus despite what the world does. "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward" (Hebrews 10:35).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

October 18, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Scott Hobson	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Johnny Thomas	Mike Raney
Jim Patterson	Dave Conley
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Mike Raney
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
October 25, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Scott Hobson	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Blake Tyndell	Jimmy Smith
Ben Dooley	Scott Overstreet
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Mike Raney
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	



Canned chili or stew

Birthdays

Logan Wages	Oct 19
Gayle Floyd	Oct 24
John David Thomas	Oct 24

Please Pray for ...
 Don Grider Faith Salfen
 Clara Inman James Love
 Meg Shelton Robin Upson
 Billy Johnson Winnie Tucker
 Blake Drinkard Marie McPherson
 Keith & Helen Clark
 Helen Frances Davis
 J.L. & Jaunice Foster
 Juanita Higginbotham
 Rhonda and Al Harrell
 Amanda Georgakis and family
 Callie Perkins' and
 Danielle Tyndell's aunt (& doctors)

OUR FAITH IN ACTION	
SUNDAY, October 11, 2020	
AM Worship -----	88
PM Worship -----	46
Contribution-----	\$2,836.00
Average to Date -----	\$3,044.91
Budget -----	\$3,100.00

Are there sinful habits you need to break? Here are scriptural techniques for breaking sinful habits:

1. Pray. Don't overlook the power of prayer. James tells us that the "*effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*" (**Jas. 5:16**). The word "*effective*" in the Greek is "energeo" from which we get the word "energy." James is telling us to pray actively and with energy. The most potent way for overcoming sinful habits is to ask God for help.
2. Overcome Evil with Good. (**Rom. 12:21**). "*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*" When you feel the urge to give in to an evil habit, do something good instead. Write a letter of hope to a friend, call and encourage a brother, or visit someone who is sick. In other words, replace your sinful habit with a good work.
3. Surround Yourself with Good People. We're told "*bad company corrupts good morals*" (**1 Cor. 15:33**). The opposite is also true: good company corrects bad morals. If you have a sinful habit you're trying to break, then seek out the company of good people. Let their "goodness" rub off on you.
4. Confess Your Faults. **James 5:16** says "*confess your sins to one another.*" Admittedly, confessing your faults and sinful habits will be difficult. You may be embarrassed by the prospect of others "finding out" about your weakness. But when you confess your failings to others, then they can help look out for you. They can counsel and comfort you as you work to overcome your bad habit.
5. Make Bad Habits Impossible. You may fall back into your sinful habit simply because sin is so accessible! Overcome sinful habits by eliminating your access to sin. "*If your eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee...*" (**Matt. 5:29**). If you've got a bad habit, make it harder to feed the habit! Look for ways to make sinning inconvenient rather than easy.
6. Think Good Thoughts. The urge to feed a bad habit starts in the mind. Fill your mind with righteous thoughts and you'll reduce the chance that evil thoughts will blossom into sin. Let your mind dwell on things listed in **Philippians 4:8**.
7. Take One Day at a Time. It takes only 2 weeks to develop a habit, but a month to break one. Don't despair! Don't think about how hard it will be to break the habit, take one day at a time. Don't worry about tomorrow. Work to stop your bad habit today for "*each day has enough trouble*" (**Matt. 6:34**).

Great, It's Wednesday!

Imagine the scene...It's been a very difficult week at work. You've been given more to do than you can possibly get done. Your superiors don't seem to care that you're overloaded, they just want results. You're stressed out and frazzled. Supper is over and it's Wednesday night, and your spouse says, "It's time to get ready for Wednesday night Bible study." Question: What are you thinking at this point?

Some might answer that question with an answer similar to the following, "Oh great! It's Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I've had a rough week, I'm just not up for it tonight."

Others might answer that question with an answer similar to this, "Oh great! It's Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I've had a rough week, and I need something to lift my spirits."

Same scenario, different responses. Which would you give? Friends, if our response would be more in line with the first answer, then at least one of two things are wrong. 1) Our assemblies aren't offering the fellowship and encouragement they should be offering, or 2) We have lost perspective of what a privilege and blessing it is to be able to open God's word, learn more of Him, and fellowship with the saints.

Have you had a hard week? It's Wednesday, and most places will have Bible study tonight. What will your decision be? "I was glad when they said to me, 'let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1).

- Steve Higginbotham via *MercEmail*

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Seven Techniques For Breaking Sinful Habits