



LET'S VISIT

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JESUS EXPLAINED GREATNESS

We find an interesting reading in Mark 10:42-45. It seems that Jesus called James and John to him. The other ten apostles were “much displeased” with James and John. You see, there had been a former occasion recorded in Mark 9:33-39 where the disciples had argued about who was the greatest. That was when Jesus had set a little child in the middle of them and taught His disciples that except one became as a little child, he could in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus knew the frailties of human beings. He knew His disciples had not yet fully comprehended the spirit of His religion, but He would not have them again to become embroiled over who should have the chief places in His kingdom. The cross was not far in the future. In view of the experiences they were soon to pass through, if at all possible they needed to have the right frame of mind.

Jesus said, “*Ye know that they who are accounted to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them.*” (Mark 10:42) A hint! The beginning of a great lesson! No one but Jesus could have thought of delivering such an effective rebuke in such a form of words.

Then there is this sobering statement, “*But so shall it not be among you;*” (Mark 10:43) In His kingdom, there would be no “great ones” to exercise authority over the others – none with authority to lord it over the rest. In His kingdom there would be no such places of authority as James and John sought. They would exercise no personal authority over others. The authority they had—the only power they possessed—was in the inspired utterances they delivered.

Jesus continued, “*But whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister.*” (Mark 10:43) A minister! A servant! One who waited on others! Could this be the way to true greatness? The word implies nothing as to the kind of service performed. The kind of service depended upon the will of the master of the servant.

To be great in the kingdom, one must be a great servant. The world calls the man or woman great who succeeds in getting others to serve them. However, God does not see things as we see them. With God, the one who serves most is greatest. “*And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.*” (Mark 10:44)

Then Jesus continues, “*For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many*” (Mark 10:45)

No service was too lowly for Jesus to perform, as we see when he washed the disciples feet. He served the lowliest needs of humanity. He was moved with compassion at the sight of human suffering, and he spent a lot of his time in giving relief to the sick and the afflicted. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, taught the ignorant, rebuked sin, forgave the sinner,

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 –Shreveport – 7:30 a.m. Sunday
KSLA 12 –Shreveport – 11:00 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 373 – 7:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 83 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Our Affection For the Church

**For The Pantry. . .
May 19 – Cake Mix**

Offering – May 12, 2024. \$1,707.00

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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bore with the weak and comforted the sorrowing.

If it be said that He was the Great Teacher, let it also be said that He was the Great Servant, the Great Benefactor, the one who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows.

Peter would tell us that He left us an example that we should follow in His steps. He came to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. He paid the price for the freedom of a slave to sin, the release of a captive held in wickedness, for the life and freedom, of one condemned to death. With Jesus we have a beautiful example of a lack of selfish ambition. Selfish ambition is a hindrance to Christian living and makes us unfit for effective service as Christians.

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Doing Big Things

The story is told of a young man who was madly in love. He wanted to let the girl of his dreams know just how much he cared for her and just how he longed to be by her side. So, he sent her a text message one afternoon which read like this: "My darling, there is no obstacle that could possibly keep me away from you. I would gladly swim rivers, fight wild animals, go through a forest fire and tread

upon nails and broken glass to be with you. I will be over to see you tonight if it isn't raining."

This sentiment is in principle duplicated in the lives of some in the church. We profess a willingness to do the big things that often lie beyond our ability to perform, but we are unwilling to do the less significant things that we can do. It isn't proper to look upon the things that God expects us to do and consider them as big or little. Actually everything that God requires of us is of equal importance. In the eyes of God there is as much honor attached to one task as another. If what I do advances the cause of Christ, then God's blessings will be upon me. Instead of boasting of the many things that we are willing to do to show our love for God, let us prove our love by doing the things we are able to do. Let our devotion be so complete that we will live God's kind of life, regardless of the circumstances of life around us.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



How preachers know it's time for a study on prayer.

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You can't fool all the people all the time, but that doesn't keep some folks from trying.

You are only young once – after that you have to think of another excuse.



QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Our next quarterly fellowship luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 2024. We will be celebrating birthdays and

anniversaries for the months of June, July and August and we will also be honoring Liela Klein upon her High School Graduation. Please make your plans to be here and bring someone as a guest.

Hospitality Group 1 will be in charge of this dinner. Those members are: Marsha Bounds, LaResa Livingston, Betty Miller, Lisa Miller and Melonia Molloy.

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
May 28th
6:00 P.M.



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Upcoming Events

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – June 9, 2024 in the church office. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

- September 8, 2024 – Friends & Family Day
- December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
- December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS


Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew)
 Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother),
 Alton Bradshaw (Gene Bradshaw's cousin – cancer) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Bobbie Gray (Jerry Pate's Aunt) Geneva Harrison (Mike Bostick's mother) Glynn Hartt (friend of Cissy Amos) Joe Hughes (Cissy Amos' father); Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues)
 Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Kutter Milford (Cissy Amos' grandson) Verven Pate (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer.
 Stephanie Richard (Friend of Norma Perkins) cancer;
 Traci Roden (friend of Norma Perkins) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues;
 Michael Smith (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; Buddy Sowell (friend of Debra Pate)
 J. C. Tate (Jana O'Brien's father) Clark Paul Williams (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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Dwight L. Moody



Christians should live in the world, but not be filled with it. A ship lives in the water; but if the water gets into the ship, she goes to the bottom. So Christians may live in the world; but if the world gets into them, they sink.

AZ QUOTES



Across The Preacher's Desk

The wise man would write in Proverbs 10:18, "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool" Then we read in James 4:11 where James writes, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren." Yet, how often do we jump to conclusions and spread falsehoods and rumors that damage the character and reputation of another?

It reminds me of a story I read the other day of a lady who invited friends to a mushroom steak dinner at her home. When the mushroom can was opened, a light scum was on top. The guests were expected soon and the lady suggested, "Give the dog a little and if he eats it, it is probably all right." The dog liked it, and begged for more; so the dinner was completed and served.

After the main course, the maid hurriedly whispered to her employer, "Ma'am, the dog is dead." There was only one thing to do. Sometime later the guests were reclining after the use of the stomach pumps. The lady asked the maid, "Where is the dog now?" She replied, "Out on the front steps where he fell when the car hit him."

So, before we spread rumors, before we start spreading lies, falsehoods and half truths about others, perhaps we should investigate rumors and statements before we jump to conclusions!

it's something to think about.....tbp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
54 in '24!**