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Goals For 2023
 Theme
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"
 Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
 Sunday AM: 50
 Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Jacob Jordan
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 34 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Debby Spears
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon
 Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
 Courage in Action: Physical Courage

Heb 11:32-38

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Isaiah 53

Scripture Reading
 AM: Hebrews 11:32-35
 PM: Phil. 1:27-30

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 8
 Invites last month: 10
 Visitors YTD: 10



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Some Heroes of the Faith

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, 1 Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



Text: Hebrews 11:32-35
Introduction: The theme for this month and year is: "The Physical Courage of Courageous Christians." Everyone has heroes. Let's see some heroes by Bible period.

Who are some Heroes of the Faith?

- #1 The Judges Period.**
- A. Barak (v.32b; Jud 4:6,16; Jos 21:45)** -God always completes His mission.
 - B. Gideon (v.32a; Jud 7:12-15; Pro 3:5-6)**-God allows hard times to build trust.
 - C. Jephthah (v.32d; Jud 11:32-33; Ps 138:8)**-The faithful will do God's work.
 - D. Samson (v.32c; Jud 16:28-30; Rom 8:28)**-God can use anyone to serve Him.
 - E. Samuel (v.32f; 1 Sa 7:3; 3:19)**-God does great things through young people.
- #2 The United/Divided Kingdom Periods.**
- A. David (v.32e; 1 Sa 13:14; 2 Sa 9:7)**-God wants us to have compassion.
 - B. Women receiving back their dead. (v.35; 1 Ki 17:17-24)**-Trust in the truth.
 - C. Elijah? (v.34b; 1Ki 19:1-3; 2 Co 4:8-9)**-God wants us to be faithful always.

- #3 The Captivity Period.**
- A. Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego (v34a; Dan 3:16-18, 26-27; Rev 2:10)**
 -God wants total commitment.
 - B. Daniel (v.33; Dan 6:22-24; 1 Pe 3:16)**
 -A pure example goes a long way.

Conclusion: Certainly, God kept His promises and blessings as He does now. Obey the Gospel today!

Jacob Jordan

We Welcome Jacob Jordan and Family!

Today, Jacob Jordan, his wife, Jeanetta, and children, Lucas and Lily are visiting with us. Jacob will be teaching the Bible class and preaching both Sunday services. He is looking to relocate from his current work with the Lyons Chapel church of Christ in Tompkinsville, KY and will be discussing this possibility with the elders.

A pitch-in lunch will follow the morning service at Jeff and Susan Hunt's home. Everyone is invited to come and share a meal and have time to visit with the Jordan family. If you need directions to the Hunt home, please see Jeff.

A Life Worthy of the Gospel

Philippians 1:27-30

Introduction: The Apostle Paul said: "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." What kind of conduct did he mean? What manner of life does God expect of me to compliment the gospel? Let's observe 3!

How do I live a life worthy of the gospel?

#1 A Life of Perseverance. (v.27b) "I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;"

A. Moses told the Israelites to Persevere. **(Exo 14:13)**

B. Jahaziel told the Judeans to Persevere. **(2 Ch 20:17)**

C. Peter told his readers to Persevere. **(1 Pe 5:12)**

D. Paul told the Corinthians to Persevere. **(1 Co 10:13)**

How do I live a life worthy of the gospel?

#2 A Life of Courage. (v.28) "in no way alarmed by your opponents-- which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God."

A. Nehemiah Encouraged the builders. **(Neh 4:14)**

B. Paul was Encouraged. **(2 Ti 1:7)**

C. Jesus Encouraged His disciples. **(Mat 10:26-28)**

How do I live a life worthy of the gospel?

#3 A Life of Suffering. (v.29-30) "For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me."

A. Peter said the righteous would Suffer. **(1 Pe 3:14)**

B. James said the righteous would Suffer. **(Jam 1:12)**

C. Paul said the righteous would Suffer. **(Phi 3:10-11)**

D. Paul said the righteous would be Glorified! **(Rom 8:18)**

Conclusion: (Gal 6:9) is another place where Paul tells the churches to live a life that is worthy of the gospel. He says: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."

-Do you have a life worthy of the gospel? If you do not; make the appropriate changes now!

Jacob Jordan

The Physical Courage of Courageous Christians

The writer of Hebrews wrote an amazing chapter on great examples of those of faith in Old Testament history. This is Hebrews chapter 11. Its 40 verses give many detailed examples of conviction that we can learn from and apply to our lives. The Hebrews writer introduces the topic by both abstractly defining faith and pointing out that faith explains the Creation (Heb 11:1-3). Let's look at four examples of Physical Courage in the lives of Christians today:

1. Courage for Christians Going Against the Flow.

Faith is expressed first in the Pre-deluvian era from Abel to Noah in (Heb 11:4-7). Abel was courageous in offering an acceptable offering to God in spite of his brother Cain's lack of effort (Gen 4:3-5). Enoch also was a great person of faith that even avoided death being righteous in his generation (Gen 5:24). Finally, Noah was a great man of faith who found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen 6:8). He saved his family, condemned the world, and possessed a righteous character (Gen 7:1). He was physically courageous when the rest of his world stood against God. Abel, Enoch and Noah give Christians who do not go along with what is popular with the world needed encouragement (Gen 8:20-22).

2. Courage for Christians in Old Age.

Faith is also expressed in the Patriarchal period in (Heb 11:8-22). Both Abraham and Sarah obtained a land with unquestioned faith (Rom 4:18). Sarah specifically overcame barrenness and began a nation (Gen 21:1-2). They, like us, were spiritual pilgrims of sorts. They had faith in the unseen because they trusted God along their spiritual journeys (2 Co 4:18; Heb 11:1). They, like us, looked forward to seeing the city of God and obtaining the approval of God (Heb 11:10-11). They are great examples to older Christians to have physical courage in spite of their physical limitations (2 Co 12:9). Later, the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are shown (Gen 50:24-25). Abraham believed in God's power (Rom 4:18-24). Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph all faithfully blessed their sons before dying with the future promises in mind (Gen 46:27). These Patriarchs displayed great physical courage as they inherited the promises of God from Abraham (Gen 12:1-3).

3. Courage for Christians in Leadership.

Faith is again expressed through the life of Moses in (Heb 11:23-29). As a young man, he believed God, was enabled by godly parents (Num 26:59), and opposed the pleasures of sin (Heb 11:24-25) and world's riches (Num 12:3). In adulthood, he opposed the king (Exo 7:16), observed the Passover (Exo 12:21-24), and overcame the Red Sea by God's power (Exo 14:21-31). All these actions took great physical courage as he led God's people to the doorstep of the promised land. He is an excellent example of courage to leaders among God's people (Exo 5:1).

4. Courage for Christians in Trying Circumstances.

Finally, we see examples of faith in Israel after the life of Moses in (Heb 11:30-40). Numerous people in the history of Israel had great faith. For example, God's people shouted down a city and Rahab organized the Hebrew spies' safety in (Heb 11:30-31). Many more heroes of the faith are mentioned later in this passage that needed great physical courage to overcome the challenges they faced for God (Heb 11:32-35). They endured much suffering for God but He rewarded them in the end (Mat 5:11-12; Rom 8:17). This is shown in our concluding passage in (Heb 11:39-40). Here, the delayed blessing of a new time (the Kingdom of God) would be revealed. The faithful received a temporary approval in the past but will receive eternal approval in the future (Mat 25:23). Are you prepared to live the Christian life with physical courage (Phi 4:13)? Know that God's promises will see you through (John 15:7)!

Jacob Jordan