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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

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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James Hahn
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 35 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
 1 Cor. 11:23-29

Scripture Reading
 AM: Eph. 4:3-5
 PM: James 5:7-11

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

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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Lessons From Our Baptism

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: Ephesians 4:3-5

Many passages dealing with baptism are addressed to those who have been baptized. What was the message to them?

I. Ephesians 4:3-5

- A. Unity**
- B. Eph. 2:11-16**
- C. 1 Cor. 12:13**
- D. 1 Cor. 1:10**

Need to speak the "same thing" on ALL things!

II. Romans 6:4

- A. Purity and faithfulness**
- B. Must be dead to sin: Romans 6:1-8, 12**
- C. Must put first things first**

III. Galatians 3:27

- A. Justified by FAITH not works**
- B. Galatians 3:26**

IV. Romans 6:17-18

- A. Dedicated service**
- B. Have changed Masters: v 16**

James Hahn

Lessons from Job

James 5:7-11

I Wealthy Men have Adversity

A. Had large family and great possessions: 1:2-4 > Satan's Charge 1:9

B. Suffered loss of children, possession's and health: 1:22

II. Righteous Suffer Also

A. God's description of Job: 1:8.....Note example of Joseph, Paul and Jesus

B. Righteous are not free from sickness and injury—sorrow or temptation

III. People can be Cruel

A. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar ("Friends") charged Job with sin

When men have false view they reach false conclusions

B. See progression of false belief and pride

First accused of sin, the great sin, then finally say he deserved greater punishment : 11:1-6

IV. Proper Action When Suffering

A. Received word of loss of possessions and children—1:13-19

B. BUT, he worshipped—1:20 Time when many blame God. He expressed strong faith. He knew that God knew best in all things—vs 21. He guarded against sin—v 22

V. Proper Attitude Toward Discouragement

A. Only one left of his family was his wife. He need help and encouragement

Her instruction-2:9

His response—2:10

James Hahn

The (Real) Difference Encouragement Makes

If you needed encouragement and someone encouraged you, how would you be different? Having been encouraged, what would be the difference between the "before" and "after"?

Unfortunately, most people would say that being "encouraged" mainly means they "feel better" emotionally. In an age of subjective individualism, where human feelings are the ultimate value and highest authority, nothing is more significant than how we feel. So problems like discouragement are defined primarily in terms of feelings. To be discouraged means to feel "down," while to be encouraged means to feel "up." And in this cultural milieu, "encouraging preaching" usually amounts to some variation of "Don't worry, be happy."

Now, feelings of defeat and depression are certainly unpleasant, and we like to avoid them whenever we can. But these feelings, which often accompany discouragement, should not be confused with the problem itself. The real problem lies deeper and has to do with our will rather than our emotions. *What we need is to be jolted into action.*

Look at the word "encourage." You can see the root word "courage." The basic meaning, then, is "to impart courage to." And as any soldier can tell you, courage is more than a feeling; it's an action. So test yourself. Did you find last Sunday's sermon "encouraging"? Was it "encouraging" to have that heart-to-heart talk with a friend? Be careful how you answer. If you say yes, but all you mean is that you feel better, I would suggest that you have not been truly (or at least fully) encouraged. In the deepest sense, you will have been encouraged when you do what is right — and you keep on doing it.

There is no more encouraging book in the New Testament than Hebrews. Written to Christians whose faith was wavering, this powerful treatise says one thing: *don't give up*. I read the entirety of Hebrews to a church one time as my last "sermon" to them. I wanted to encourage them, and I could think of no better way to do it than to read Hebrews. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1,2).

So to those of us who teach, preach, and write, let's be careful in our definition of "encouragement." If the result of our work is that people simply feel better but they are still too afraid to jump that dangerous chasm in front of them, we have not really "imparted courage" to them. So let's be truly — and deeply — encouraging. Let's embolden people to take those scary steps that faith would take, even if their hearts are quaking. Courage, as has been said, is not the absence of fear; it is going ahead and doing the right thing even when our feelings are failing us.

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