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Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
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Worship.....6:00 PM

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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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Gary Henry & Noah Works will be preaching today.

We are on week # 27 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: Moral Courage

Matt. 26:11

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Isaiah 53:1-6

Scripture Reading
AM: 2 Tim. 2:1-4
PM: John 10:11-15

Encouragement Tally
Invites this month
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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Enduring Hardship as a Good Soldier

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: 2 Tim. 2:3

NOTES

Gary Henry

Like Sheep

Psalm 23 and John 10:11-15

I. Psalm 23 is connected to Mark 6

II. Why Should We See Those Connections?

A. We are sheep

B. Sheep Have Enemies

C. Bur the Lord is Our Shepherd

III. Conclusion

Jesus' compassion is found in His teaching us about Himself

Noah Works

Enduring Hardship as a Good Soldier

"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3).

If there was anybody in the early church qualified to speak about adversity, it was Paul. We can hardly imagine what he went through (2 Corinthians 4:8-10; 11:23-28). And so when Paul urged Timothy to "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," he was encouraging Timothy to emulate the decisions he himself had made on numerous occasions. Until the last battle is won, hardships are inevitable, and the mark of a good soldier is one who endures them because he promised that he would.

Serving high ideals (even in the things of this world) requires that we look ahead. Anticipating that the going may get rough, we count the cost and promise that we won't forsake our endeavor merely because it has become difficult. That's why civil servants take an oath of office, lovers take marriage vows, and soldiers swear allegiance when they enlist. We never know specifically what hardships we'll face, but looking ahead, we know there will be some — and we decide in advance that we're not going to break our promise. This does not mean we should obsess over the future or fret about its challenges. But it does mean that we think seriously (1 Peter 1:13) and make wise preparations, not waiting until the hardship arrives to decide whether we're going to be courageous.

To be sure, it is the Lord's strength that will see us through. No amount of courage or commitment on our part would be sufficient if it weren't for the Lord's help. "I can," Paul said, "do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). But Paul's great faith and humility did not eliminate the need for him to make up his mind to "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." In Timothy's case, Paul wasn't concerned about whether the Lord would do His part; he was concerned about whether Timothy would keep fighting the good fight when it became really hard.

Just like soldiers facing enemy fire, so too must the saints of God make decisions each hour — indeed, each minute — to uphold the commitments they have made. The time for rest will come later. For now, there is work to be done, and there are dangers to be encountered. Heaven will not be for the cowardly, but for the brave.

"Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties" (Winston Churchill).

Gary Henry