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and that God is faithful and capable to fulfill His promises to mankind when one obeys God righteously (Deut. 7:9; Lam. 3:22,23; Rom. 8:38,39; Heb. 10:23). The commandments of God are worthy of absolute faith and obedience, because God is faithful to fulfill His promises! - Josh Walker

THE POWER OF OUR SILENT INFLUENCE

On a recent beautiful warm Saturday morning, a Christian friend and I were having breakfast at a local restaurant. At a nearby table, we noticed a young woman sitting quietly reading her Bible. She was absorbed in the text, occasionally looking up to consider what she had read. She never said a word, but her heart and priorities were visible to everyone in that restaurant. It was a gentle, positive, and silent influence.

She was not ashamed of Christ nor of His New Testament (Hebrews 9:11-15 KJV). She neither preached a sermon nor sang a song. She was willing to be identified with the Savior, yet she did not need to announce that allegiance.

In our attempts to share the message of Jesus, we must eventually use words, because ultimately words are needed to present the gospel (John 14:23; Acts 2:14 KJV; Acts 11:11-14 KJV; Acts 16:14 ESV; 2 Peter 3:1-2 KJV; Jude 1:17 KJV). But we can also learn from the example of this woman.

There are times when the quietness of our everyday actions speak louder than our words, revealing our love for the Lord (Philippians 1:21-27). In our desire to share Christ with a sinful world, let's not ignore the power of our silent influence (cf. 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8). - Mike Riley

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SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

September 25, 2022

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (Part 2)

Lessons Learned from Abraham

God told Abram, "I will bless thee, and make thy name great" (Gen. 12:2). This great promise, however, came with stipulations. One of the first words that comes to mind when one thinks about Abraham is the word FAITH. Brother Garland Elkins wrote, "What is faith? "Faith" is defined in these words: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen (Heb. 11:1, [ASV]). Therefore, faith is the ability to see the unseen" (Elkins 293). One is fortunate to read about the great extent of Abraham's faith shown throughout the pages of the bible. Abraham was called by God to leave his home land and family (Gen. 12:1; Heb. 11:8), promised a son in his old age through his barren wife (Gen 17:16), and then later commanded to offer that son as a sacrifice unto God (Gen. 22:2). Garland Elkins profoundly explains,

We are not informed as to what transpired that night, but we can imagine how difficult it must have been to think of offering Isaac, the child of promise, his only begotten son by Sarah. When Abraham had interceded for Lot, he said, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Will he be strong enough in his faith and confidence to believe that God will do right in this command to him to offer Isaac his son? Job said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him " (Job . 13:15). Abraham's attitude was, "Though he slay my son, yet will I trust him (Elkins 294).

Though God made great promises unto Abraham, it was still the responsibility of Abraham to wholly follow the commands God had laid before him.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Rom. 8:28). While the faith of Abraham is remarkable, it pales in comparison to the fulfillment of promise shown by God. God brought forth His will, in spite of moments that Abraham and Sarah had doubts (Gen. 12:13-20, Gen. 16:1-6, Gen. 20:1-7). How comforting it is to know that God's ways are greater than man's ways (Isa. 55:8,9),

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Memory Verse

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Paula Wilson is met with doctors on Wednesday.

Jerry Lawrence has stage 4 lung cancer.

Stacy Usry broke her foot, so keep her in your prayers.

Sandra Higgins is awaiting to have some work on her teeth done.

Keep **Lori Smith's** pregnancy in your prayers that she and the baby remain healthy.

Benita Forrest is dealing with various health issues and had a procedure Wednesday.

Gary Wright had his last cancer treatment - pray that it was effective and the results of the treatment are positive.



LADIES CLASS-Class will start Wednesday, **September 28th at 10 am.**

Gospel Meeting at the Cullendale Church of Christ in Camden, AR on **September 25th & 26.** The speaker is **Adam Miller** of Plain Dealing, LA.

The **Fall Festival** will be Saturday, **October 22nd.** Sign up Sheets will be in the foyer. See

TODAY'S EVENTS

- *Worship livestreamed at 10:30*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Ray Leonard... Sandra Higgins... Linda Bates... Tony & Judy Beard... Terry Boykin... Carolyn Cook... Gary Crook... Shawn Curtis... Jacque Davidson... Mamie Meier... LaVerne Potter... Eddy and Suzette Russel... Jerry and Laura Smith... Rita Stiles... Joel and Brooke Thompson... Carolyn Wilson... Donnie & Janice Wright

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SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Opal Crow... Gail Chance... Allie Cooper... Tommy Parrish... Tammy Baker... Bill Payne... Benita Forrest... Turner Roberts... Tammy Baker... Winnie Roberts... Shannah Baker... Rusty Blanks... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper... Larry Earnest... Bertha Henry... Deane Johnson... Francis Jordan... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Brent Newton... Candace Carter... Mason Ingram... Loyce Ray... Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas... James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... Sue Woodard... Ike Rochell... Jay Wright... Gary Wright...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



September	25	Kerry Rice
	27	Josh Pettigrew
	28	Holly Dial
	30	Lynn Burton
October	1	Lori Rabb
	2	Jean Enlow
	3	Josh Walker
	5	Ainsley Barnett
		Harper Bryant
	15	Sandra Baker
	16	Rusty Rabb
	17	Joel Thompson
	19	Sara Newton
	20	Gunnar Walker

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

25	Ezekiel 35-37
26	Ezekiel 38-40
27	Ezekiel 41-43
28	Ezekiel 44-46
29	Ezekiel 47-48
30	Daniel 1-3
01	Daniel 4-7



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

Rachel Wilson for more details.

Best Choice labels are still being collected. Place the **UPC labels** from **Best Choice products** in the box in **room 134.** The proceeds go to the **Paragould Children's Home.**

*Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God*

*Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God*

*Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God
I was so lost I should have died*

*But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God*

*Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

Lamb of God - Twila Paris

Attendance

Bible Class **85**
Sunday AM Worship... **114**
Sunday PM Worship **80**
Wed. Evening **77**
Contribution **\$4,773**

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Communion Preparation

Sep 25	Peggy Moore
Oct 02	Peggy Moore
Oct 09	Angela Naron
Oct 16	Angela Naron

Ladies September Duties

Cards: Shirley Fisackerly
Food: Lindsey Baker
Jennifer Knight