

Let's Talk: Day 337-One Story

Paul – Journey #2 (Paul & Barnabas Split Up) – John Mark Quits & Learns not to Quit

Today's Reading: Acts 15:36-41; Colossians 4:10-11; 2Timothy 4:9-18

Who do you know that is good at giving people a second chance? If someone lets you down this week, try hard to give them a second chance.

Questions:

1. About what did Paul and Barnabas argue? About what do you argue with your friends?
2. Do you think either Paul or Barnabas was wrong or do you think they just had different opinions?
3. How is John Mark related to Barnabas? How does Paul describe John Mark in Colossians? What do you think happened between Acts 15 and Colossians? How can that encourage and motivate you in your walk with Jesus?
4. At the end of his ministry, how does Paul regard John Mark? How do you want someone to describe you?

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Paul – Journey #2 (Derbe) – The Story of Paul & Timothy (as Spiritual Parent & Child)

Today's Reading: Acts 16:1-5; 2Timothy 1:1-4; Philippians 2:19-24

We often take on characteristics of our parents. How are you like either your mom or dad or both? Today we will see how Timothy is like his "spiritual parent" Paul.

Questions:

1. What was the reputation of Timothy? What do we know about his physical parents?

2. How does Paul refer to Timothy in the introduction to the letter Paul wrote to him?
3. What does the greeting tell you about his relationship with Timothy? How can our church family be sometimes as close as or closer than our genetic family?
4. What does he say about Timothy in the letter to the Philippians? Do you have anyone you trust that much in your life? If so who and why?

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Paul – Journey #2 (Lystra, Philippi) – Paul's Suffering at Philippi & Other Places

Today's Reading: Acts 16:6-40; 1Thessalonians 2:1-12; 2Corinthians 11:22-33

Paul lived a full life with a huge impact for Jesus though it came with suffering. There are other modern day Paul's like Brother Yun. Check out his story at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brother_Yun or read his book called "The Heavenly Man."

Questions:

1. What do you think it looks like when the Spirit stops you from doing something? How can you tell that is happening?
2. What vision did Paul have about where to go? When he got there who did he meet? Is that the same as the vision? Why do you think that happened?
3. What did Paul and Silas do when they were put in jail? What would you have done?
4. What impact did their praise have on the people and jailer? How can your attitude in bad circumstances have a huge impact for Jesus?

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Paul – Journey #2 (Thessalonica, Berea, Athens) – Paul's Ministry to Thessalonica

Today's Reading: Acts 17; 1Thessalonians 2:13-20; 1Thessalonians 3

Write a note to someone who is an encouragement or joy to you. '

Maybe use one of the encouraging verses from today's reading in your notes

Questions:

1. How did the church at Thessalonica receive the Word of God when Paul preached to them?
2. Who is Paul's glory and joy? Are there any people in your life that are your glory and joy? If so, who and why?
3. How was Timothy an encourager to both Paul and the church of Thessalonica? Who is an encourager in your life? How?
4. What prayer did Paul have for the church in Thessalonica? Do you ever pray for your church in general? What kinds of things could you pray for your church?

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Paul – Journey #2 (Corinth, Ephesus, Antioch) – The Story of Aquila & Priscilla

Today's Reading: Acts 18; 1Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3-5

Think of a couple in your church that zealously serves God and find a way to appreciate them this week.

Questions:

1. Where was Aquila from and what was his trade? Why do you think he got along so well with Paul? What types of people do you naturally "click" with?
2. What do you imagine they talked about when they worked together making tents?
3. When Paul left Corinth who went with him and where did they go?
4. Describe their ministry in this town. How can a husband and wife serve together? Do they actually have to be doing the same things to serve together?

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Paul – Journey #3 (Apollos) – The Stories of Paul & Apollos (as Co-Laborers)

Today's Reading: Acts 18:24-28; 1Corinthians 1:10-17; 1Corinthians 3:1-8

Plant a seed and keep it in a place you can watch it grow over the next couple of weeks. As it sprouts and you take care of it, relate that back to today's passage. What different influences contribute to a plant's growth? How do different people influence our growth as well (both positive and negative)?

Questions:

1. Did Apollos have a right heart toward God? How did Aquila and Priscilla help him?
2. How can we tell he had a teachable heart? How well do you receive instruction or correction? Why is this sometimes hard?
3. What argument did they have in Corinth? How can we tell from this passage that Apollos was a leader in the church?
4. What does it mean to feed with milk and not solid food spiritually? What does it look like to be a spiritual baby? Where do you think you are spiritually: baby, child, teenager, adult? Why?

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Today's Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week's reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse from the week to meditate on or memorize.