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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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The Attitude of Selflessness

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"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4).

In the spring of 2011, Cameron Lyle had registered to be a bone marrow donor. He was told that the likelihood of being a match was minimal. Two years later, the now 21-year-old track and field star at the University of New Hampshire, as he was preparing to compete for gold medals in the American East Conference, learned that his bone marrow was an exact match with a 28-year-old leukemia patient whom he had never met. The leukemia patient had been told that his time was short and only a few months was all that he could expect to live. It was that information that made the transplant an immediate need if it was done. Cameron was faced with a choice of going to compete for the medals that he had given so much of his time to prepare for or donate the bone marrow and save the life of another. Cameron did not hesitate about his decision. He chose to have the surgery to donate the bone marrow to save a man he had never known.

In reading this story, we must catch the attitude of selflessness a person must have to do such a thing. However, we are called to be of such a mind, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, coming in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:5-7). It is the attitude of humility or selflessness that gives us the hope of any real future. Let us consider things we need to do to have an attitude of selflessness.

Forget your rights, but remember your responsibilities. Perhaps the biggest problem for us to become selfless is forgetting our rights. We live in a land that values rights, and indeed it is a blessing that we live in such a place that our rights are protected. However, in following Christ, we must put our rights behind us and remember the responsibilities that are incumbent on us as followers of Christ. Jesus gave us the example of living our lives, never did He claim that, as God, He should not had to endure the things He did to pay the ransom for our sins. Certainly,

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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we should ever be changed by the selfless act of Christ.

Forget your inconveniences, but remember your blessings. As the disciples of Christ, we will suffer hardships, difficulties, and inconveniences. Jesus even taught this to the disciples while He was on the earth (Matthew 5:11-12; Luke 9:23-24; 9:57-62). The blessings that are before us should temper our attitude toward difficulties, hardships, and inconveniences. Paul said, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18).

Forget your accomplishments, but remember your debts to others. In writing to the Philippians, Paul reminds us just before the instruction to have the mind of Christ said, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem another better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interest of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). Perhaps we do not understand our debt to others. Christ died that we could be saved. He did not just die for me, or just for people who look like me and talk like me. He died for the whole world; that is everyone. If He paid the debt for my sins and everyone else’s sins, then what is my obligation to them. It is to love them, as Christ loved them. It will require that I will not be boastful, arrogant, prideful in my manner of life, but rather walking among others in humility, gentleness, and forbearance.

We will do well if we learn to be selfless in our lives and exhibit the spirit of Christ and the attitude of selflessness before men.



Less Means More

Bubba Garner

When someone has a “the” after their first name, the next word is usually complimentary: Alexander the Great, Louis the Beloved, Philip the Fair, Carnac the Magnificent. But for one man in Scripture, it was “James the Less” (Mark 15:30).

While it is never stated, it is believed that this is the same apostle listed as “James the son of Alphaeus.” The Greek word less in Mark 15:30 (mikros) means “small” or “little.” There are at least three possibilities as to why James was the one they called “the less.”

- his age: other versions have “James the younger” (NIV, ESV)
- his size: he may have been like Zaccheus, “small in stature” (Luke 19:3)
- his status: he was not as well-known as James the son of Zebedee, sometimes called “James the Greater”

“Less is More” is a phrase first attributed to Robert Browning in a poem he wrote in 1855. It is still used today in the advertising world to warn that too much emphasis is no emphasis at all. You can end up obscuring the very message you want to draw attention to.

But in God’s kingdom, less means more. Don’t be afraid to be called “the Less.”

Less means more years to serve. Young age has never been a disqualification to serve God. Joseph was 17 years old when he was sold into slavery. Not long after, he resisted sexual sin with Potiphar’s wife (Genesis 39:9). When David went out to fight Goliath, the giant “disdained him, for he was but a youth” (1 Samuel 17:42). And what about Jesus? Not much is revealed about His life from the age of 12 to 30, except this one verse: “And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52).

If you’re young, view your age as a blessing. You have more years to be an example. “Let no one look down on your youthfulness” (1 Timothy 4:12). You can’t control how others treat you. But what you can do is “show yourself an example” in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. You have more years to learn. There is wisdom all around you. Soak it in. One day, you’ll be the one to pass it on. You have more years to be an influence. You are surrounded by more opportunities to share the gospel than any other time of life. Rescue those around you who need the good news of the gospel. Less means more.

Less means more room to grow. It should be our goal to advance higher and higher in our faith. In describing the qualities that need to be a part of the Christian’s life, Peter said they must be “yours and increasing” (2 Peter 1:8). This will help us individually; but it will also cause the growth of the body. A body where every member is important.

There are no small roles in God’s kingdom. Just as

we don't have the right to think we are more important than everyone else, neither do we have the right to say we don't matter at all (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27). What did Jesus say about Mary and her simple act of service? "She has done what she could" (Mark 14:8). When we follow her example, the Master will say to us, "You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things" (Matthew 25:21,23). Less means more.

Less means more opportunities to glorify God. Jesus' own disciples had a change of focus. At first, they were in competition with one another about who was the greatest. James the Greater was one of the "sons of thunder." He was in the "inner circle." James the Less was always mentioned near the bottom of the list of apostles. But eventually, they reached the point where they could say, "We do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus's sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5).

Our goal should not just be "less of self" but "none of self and all of Thee." It's not about leaving a legacy or wanting people to remember our name. It is the name of Christ that is to be magnified. And service rendered to our fellow man is service that honors Him. "To the extent you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40). Less means more!

In the end, James the Less received a great reward. We can hear the same words of commendation from our Master. That is no small matter.

~via *Southside Bulletin*; Pasadena, Texas..



February Ladies' Bible Study

At Brenda Haraway's house

Monday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.



News & Notes

THE SICK:

Nikki Ogles

Pat Nixon

JoAnn Gilbert

Bobbie Adcock

Ann Bush

Gina Werka

Loretta Warner

Doris Lovell

Opal Conn

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Lona Jackson

Janice Cagle

Jeanette Weir

Marvin Putman

Al Pollard

Una King Currier

Gene Carpenter

Phillip Harwell

Kenneth Fisher

Matt Poff

Paul Hasting

Judy Vaughn

Ella Melvin

Cornelia Pepper

Charles Burns

Susan Cox

Cindy Walker

Wayne Wooldridge

Becky Thompson

David Collier

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Carol Davis; Huntsville Hospital – rm. 674

Pam Grisham Madison Hospital – rm. 319

Patricia Wulfekuhl; Madison Hospital – rm. 304

Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital – No visitors

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Paul Hasting, 118

Mattie Murray, rm. 2

Evelyn Hogan, 36

Joyce Martin, 63

Uta Graulau, 123

Christine Hudson, 77

Dorothy Draper, 73

Valeria Dalton, 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 117

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Irene Inman, at home
Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Jimmy Johnson is to return to the doctor on Wednesday to get the results of the tests he had done...**Nikki Ogles** continues to await word from the test she had done last week...**Paul Hasting** has been moved back to Athens Rehab room 118...**Mildred Lambert** returned home from rehab on Tuesday afternoon...**Michele Aronson, Russ Wulfekuhl's sister**, had rotator cuff surgery this week and is at home...**Harold Davis' sister-in-law, Carol Davis**, had successful lung surgery on Wednesday in Huntsville and they were able to remove all the cancer.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Jackson Drive church** is engaged in a gospel meeting and it will continue through Friday night. **Steven McCrary** will be the speaker in this meeting.

PATSY DAY THOMAS (1956 – 2019): This past Monday we were all saddened to learn of the passing of **Patsy Thomas**. Patsy had struggled for several years with her health and she was unable to overcome her recent struggle involving her liver. Patsy loved the church and desperately desired to be here, but was simply unable much of the time. We want to express our deepest sympathy to Tony and all the family in Patsy's passing. Patsy's funeral was on Friday afternoon at Limestone Chapel. She was laid to rest in the Limestone Memorial Gardens.

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group Two** will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

BABY SHOWER: The ladies are giving a come and go baby shower next Sunday, March 10th, for **Taylor Gregory**. The shower will be at the Deer Trail Clubhouse from 2:00 to 4:00. Taylor is expecting a little boy, Weston, and she is registered at Target or Target.com

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Feb. 24th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	140
	Morning Worship	167
	Evening Worship	119
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	98

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 3rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Tommy Coblentz
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Holt
Assisting	Mike Ogles
Serving	Matthew Vaughn..... Sam Gregory
Marvin Putman..... Charles Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer	Roger Hammonds

Other Assignments for the week of March 3rd:

Ushers.....	Larry Mitchell/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

Wednesday, March 6th:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading	Kenneth Smith
 Mark 14:1-10
Prayer.....	Terry Andrews
Invitation	Tim Griswold
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Sunday, March 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Joel Hamm
Serving	Russ Wulfekuhl..... Danny Johnson
Landon Adams..... Harold Davis
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Terry Andrews
Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed

Other Assignments for the week of March 10th:

Ushers.....	Danny Johnson/Keenon Currier
Work Sound System.....	Will Chumbley