

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Learning From Mistakes

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled: Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
(Hebrews 2:14-16)

The book of Hebrews is an encouraging book on many fronts. It includes great examples of faith, (Hebrews 11) as well as great examples of failing (Hebrews 3:15-19). Within this set of verses is the reference to Esau as a profane person. Consider some lessons to be learned from such a quality.

Deciding on the Fleshly Side of Life. Moses wrote of the account of Esau and the birthright. “And Jacob sod pottage and Esau came from the field and he was faint. And Esau said to Jacob, feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage, for I am faint; therefore, was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die, and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, “Swear to me this day, and he swore unto him and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.” (Genesis 25:29-33). Physical weakness can often cause men to make irrational choices when not properly reckoned. The fact that he is called in this example “profane” indicates that spiritual thinking was not his strength. The Bible is filled with examples of bad choices made due to fleshly thinking.

Despising what Should Be Valued. Moses completed the account in Genesis 25 with these words: “Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils and he did eat and drink and rose up and went his way thus, Esau despised his birthright” (Genesis 25:34). The Hebrew word translated “despised” means “despise, regard with contempt” (Brown, Driver, Briggs, P. 102). This same lexicon says that it denotes to “raise the head loftily and disdainfully.” Esau could have sought food and drink from another place and not let his feelings affect his thinking. Nevertheless, what should have been a matter of principle and never compromised became an exchange of fleshly gratification. Jesus said of the soul, ***“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul”? Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”*** (Matthew 8:35-37) Jesus, after forty days without eating and being hungry would not despise spiritual things (Matthew 4:1-4).

Distinguished in an Unflattering Quality. Unfortunately, this profane man, Esau, exchanged his valued birthright for “one morsel of meat” (Hebrews 12:16); that is, for

one meal. How many things do people give up for one moment? Some would give up their purity for one moment of unlawful sexual encounter. Some would give up their good name and good conscience for one drinking party among so-called “friends.” Some would give up their integrity for one promotion that required “falsifying the books.” Over and over the examples of unflattering qualities can be listed. The nation which would come through Esau would be a rival to the nation of Israel through which the Savior of the world would come. Forgiveness can truly come to the penitent (Psalm 51), but a profane life must be overcome in order to receive the blessing.

— Jimmy Clark

Prayer Requests

Eric Montgomery (Devida’s nephew) had a massive heart attack last Tuesday evening. He was air-lifted to the Ohio State University Hospital where he had several shock treatments and a heart cath. Eric was put on a ventilator. It was reported that his outcome could go either way. The family is requesting prayers for him.

Lorenzo Porras, (Maria Anaya’s brother) had a heart attack and is in the hospital in El Paso. Lorenzo is an elder at the Eastwood Church of Christ there. He needs prayers.

Michael Warren (Beth Ann Easlon’s dad) had a scan done and had to undergo a five- hour emergency surgery due to a perforated small intestine. He will likely be in the hospital for a couple of weeks to make sure he has no infection. Michael lives in Virginia

There are several of our families who had the flu or an upper respiratory problem along with coughing and some with temperatures; last week...

The **Garcia’s**; the **Guynn’s**; the **Perkins**; both **Bill and David Ryan’s families**; **Bonnie Sorenson** and the **Mays** were also under the weather last week. Keep all these in your prayers.

Concerns Update

LaDonna Chism has been diagnosed with MRSA in her arm. She still has pneumonia and flu A.

Daniel Eastwood will be going for “wound care treatments” soon to help the healing process for his leg.

Prayer List

Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Mary Brown; Steve Brown; Jim Burson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Sylvia Campos; John Carroll; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Vanessa Machuca; Leigh Ann McFarland; Charlene McFatter, Keith Mitchell; Milous Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce Plyler; K’ Lynn Roberts; Linda Straw; Truett Thixton; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene Wright.

Eisenhower’s Homebound...

Glenna Callendar; Joyce Drake; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Events

Watch “***In Search of the Lord’s Way***” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9

Just a reminder: **Jeff Miller, Ph.D.** will be here on April 19th, 20th and 21st to present lessons on “Fossils” deposited in the earth’s foundation proving evidence of God’s creation model. We encourage everyone to attend if at all possible.

Office News...

We will have a “**Potluck Luncheon**” on Sunday, February 25th after our morning service. All our visitors are welcome.

Food for Thought...

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

Christianity Means—Loving the Church

The church is the heart of the plan of salvation. Christ loved the church. He gave Himself for it. Because of the extreme cost of the church, we Christians owe it an awful lot. Our indebtedness to Christ is paid back through the church.

Christ’s constant prayer was for the unity of the church. He said, “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one”. (John 17:20). The inspired New Testament writers recognized the need for unity in the church. Paul said, “...that there be no division among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (I Corinthians 1:10). Peter said, “be ye all of one mind.” (1 Peter 3:8).

We love the church because its sole purpose is the saving of the lost. We need to reach the lost with the saving power of the New Testament and to do that we must put forth an effort. Just like any activity we try, the more we do it, the better or more efficient we become. The wise man said, “*The fruit of the righteous is the tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise*” (Proverbs 11:30). Many may think that winning souls for Christ is the work only of the minister, but brethren, it is the work of the church, and all the members comprise the church. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so is the church only as strong as the strength of the membership. We must strive for completeness in Christ and walk in His steps, Christ was a soul-winner and so must we be also. For the church to grow we each — all of us— must do our part.

Commitment is a way of showing our love for the church. Not being fully committed was the problem of the Laodiceans. Christ said He would spew them out of His mouth. Will He do less with us if we are not fully committed?

Let us be proud of the church. Let us build it up and enlarge its borders.

—Shan Jackson

February 11th, 2024	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Steve Easlon	Jon Roemisch
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture Reading	Richard Siler	Jackie Perkins
Second Prayer	David Baldwin	Trini Wood
Closing Prayer	Craig Wesson	Caleb York
Lord’s Supper	<u>Tommy Garcia</u>	Craig Wesson
	David Ryan	Communion
	Don Easlon	(In Library)
	Larry May	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547— *Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—
Pulpit: Caleb York 438-1958—*Table:* Craig Wesson 934-4633 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson
934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Contributions:* Craig Wesson

Sunday AM

“Capture of Jericho”
(Joshua 6:1-2)

Sunday PM

“Binding the Hands of Jesus”
(Mark 15:1-5)

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