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Thought for the Week...



The Greatest Dad in the Bible

Fathers have an important and absolutely necessary role in our lives. A look at a few in the Scriptures reveal that although David, the sweet song writer of Israel, described as "a man after God's own heart," was a successful king and military leader, but not the best father. Abraham, noted as the friend of God, was a faithful dad, but this was not his most notable achievement. In searching for what one would consider the "greatest dad in the Bible" I find an obscure Bible character named Jehonadab who may deserve this honor. According to study and scriptures about him, he would be considered the greatest dad in the Bible because he passed on his faith and they did not waver from it for *six generations*! There are four primary qualities in the life of Jehonadab that would challenge us in our role as fathers today.

First, Jehonadab had great zeal for the holiness of God. (2 Kings 10:15-31) He was consumed with zeal for holiness among God's people. While the proper worship of God was not completely restored, the worship of Baal from the Northern Kingdom was permanently purged. Jehu and Jehonadab did not tolerate false doctrine and religious practices that diminished the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Second, Jehonadab believed the Word of the Lord through the prophets (1 Kings 14:15-16; 19:15-18; 21:17-24). He would have been a thorough Bible student for his day. Many people today say they believe the word of the Lord but do not live and act accordingly. Jehonadab was willing to risk a confrontation because he believed and knew the promises of God would be fulfilled. His obedience to God enabled and equipped his family to survive difficult times. Thirdly, Jehonadab ordered his family life around God's word. (Jeremiah 35:1-19) Jehonadab set house rules, and his family obeyed him. He must have been a consistent and faithful worshipper of the God of Israel. (Luke 6:40) Our personal and direct influence can extend to the third generation by reaching and influencing our grandchildren for Christ, but what kind of Godly influence to reach six generations with the power of our faith. Our memory and testimony would have to be strong. So it was with Jehonadab. His children were still talking about him 240 years later. The obedience of six generations was based on one man's faithfulness. Those old house rules were still in effect. God sent Jeremiah to test obedience one more time by putting wine before them and they all refused because Jehonadab, their great-greatgranddad, taught them never to partake of it. Fourth, Jehonadab set standards to preserve his family spiritually. (Jeremiah 35:1-19) He set up strict guidelines because he wanted to assure that his family could survive the changes in Israel that would inevitably come when the nation was destroyed. He took measures that would permanently set them apart. They were to live differently from those around them. They were to maintain moral purity; hence no wine. We would say today that he was old fashioned and behind his times. In reality, he was ahead of his times, preparing his family for the tragedy to come upon their nation in a few short years. Jehonadab's clan did survive because they believed the word of the Lord and made necessary plans. These were practical plans with a spiritual goal. The key ingredient was Jehonadab 's setting guidelines for his family spiritually and morally. Bible study, prayer, family worship will protect and prepare our families for the difficult times ahead. We cannot afford to blend in with the culture of the world. Be ready – for your adversary is on the prowl to destroy what God has entrusted us with. Take a stand and prepare in obedience to God and His Word to be an example of the "Greatest Dad"





Prayer Practice

Tues night 7:30 pm

Make it a <u>habit</u> too hard to break!

There will only be **ONE SERVICE Today** due to Father's Day! **Spend time with your families!**



Ladies Salad Luncheon

The Ladies meeting will be this Saturday, June 23rd at 11AM. Everyone bring a salad of some kind for the luncheon AND a Friend! Looking forward to some great fellowship together! See Sis. Jones for more info.

VISITOR CONTEST!

Are you on the winning team? It's the Women vs. Men in our Summer Visitor Contest! The contest has only one more weekend to make it count for the Kingdom! The winning team will be treated to a dinner cooked by the losing team! Together -- we all reap the benefits – Compel them to come whatever it takes! GO Teams GO!!

Youth Summer Fun Activities

The Youth of POSF will be having a Sleep Over this Friday night, June 22nd, and Youth Flag Football Fundraiser on Saturday June 23rd. Bring a friend and be ready for some food, fun and fellowship! For more information and details see Bro. LaVelle Jeane.

A Ministry Just For You

The Ministries of POSF are increasing as we are being blessed through prayer, dedication and burdens! We have a place reserved just for you! Doors are opening and we must be willing to step up and be involved! It will make a difference in your walk with God and in someone else's life! Availability in areas of Prison Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Bible Studies, Nursing Home Ministry and more! See Bro. Custer if you want to be a part of POSF Action Team!

Tune in for Great Gospel Music KJIC 90.5 FM King Jesus is Coming *Birthdays and Anniversary's Week of June 17-23*



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Mission...South America

Checking in to say Hello to my Church family and I really miss y'all. I left Ecuador Friday morning, June 8 and flew to Bogatá then on to San Juan de Pasto, Columbia where Bro. Valencia met me. We went to his house, showered, dressed and headed to a music concert scheduled for 7pm. I did get a little practice in before it started. Stiven played the piano and led the worship songs and the Holy Ghost moved powerfully!! He then called me up and I thought it was to sing, but he began to tell everyone about me and that he wanted me to lay hands on him and pray for him. He dropped to his knees and I prayed for him. I felt such an anointing and we had a blessed time -church and all. Later he called me up again and I sang Peace of God and Meeting in the Air. What a great demonstration of the presence of God. It is hard to describe how wonderful and hospitable everyone here has been to me...I feel like family for sure. I wish I could put everyone in my pocket and bring them back with me- then we'd have an imported Spanish Work!

Praise the Lord there are no mosquitoes in Pasto and very few in Milagro!!!!...a blessing in itself! I have been in houses where the walls were bamboo and you could see thru the walls and had no bathroom in the house and no air conditioning. Some houses had no running water and had to fill a large bucket with water from outside to take a shower and flush the toilet. Even without these "conveniences", I have never seen a group of people that love like these people love. I have been treated like a king with the best of what they had. They are rich in God! This has been without a doubt one of the greatest blessings in my life. I am indebted to so many wonderful people that have made this happen for me-Thank you! If you could see me now I am crying my eyes out trying to write this because I feel like the most blessed person in the world. God is so good.

I left Pasto Wednesday, June 13th and arrived in Bucaramanga, Colombia welcomed by some of the youth. Of course it was night and after we left the airport, we pulled over in an area in the mountains to view the beautiful lights of the city. Sergio Monroy pulled out his guitar that he brought and they sang a song dedicated to me. We then took a quick tour of the area, went to an open air fast food restaurant and ate a samplers platter with a little bit of everything on it. After eating we went to one of the United Pentecostal churches where Fabian Gamboa (one of the youth) attends and visited. I also met the pastor who has been to the US 4 times to preach. I am staying with Sergio Muñoz and Sergio Monroy. They live in an apartment and it is 5 floors up and no elevator...uhhhh, but they do have hot and cold water here. Today I was invited to speak to the students at the Santander Industrial University. On Fridays they have a worship time on campus! Imagine that- it's almost against the law in the United States! It's Friday night now and we are traveling by bus to a convention that's 8 hours away. We will be back on Monday....so until next week stay tuned right here for more Mission...South America updates from Bill Taylor.

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