

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:39-52

Sermon Title: The Narrative: Learning from the turning point

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⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ **but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances,** ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ *After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.* ⁴⁷ *And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.* ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in *my Father's house?*" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² **And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.**

Luke 2:39-52

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. **When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.**

1 Corinthians 13:11

⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ **Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.**

1 Corinthians 15:47-49

The expression of manhood is not intended to be forceful, aggressive, or domineering, it should be **tender, fierce, sacrificial, & meek. It should be **strong & life-giving****

Pillars of manhood

Reject Passivity

Accept Responsibility

Lead Courageously

Invest Eternally

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Indeed the Lord visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord.

1 Samuel 2:21

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man.

1 Samuel 2:26

Jesus is a prophet heralding the good news of the kingdom of God

⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in *my Father's house*?

saying to them, “It is written, ‘*My house shall be a house of prayer,*’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

Luke 19:46

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
*for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.*”

Isaiah 56:7

But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Luke 5:16

How often would God wish to meet me in **silence & solitude, but I would drown Him out with **busyness and noise**...**

‘Distracted from **The Divine’**

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The coming of Jesus was culmination of **rich design & purpose, & His life reflected such**

but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”

Luke 4:43

⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

John 9:4

Jesus is the championing we've been longing for, and the model we all must look to for life

'Follow me'

Jesus then & Jesus now

The Grid:

Perspective:

Be with Jesus & Become like Jesus

Practice:

Schedule & seek out silence & solitude

Picture from the other side:

A more unhurried & focused life