

ABRAHAM: Growing Strong:

A Few Good Men

Genesis 18:16-33

Sunday, August 6, 2017

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UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE:

vv. 16-19

vv. 20-21

vv. 22-26

vv. 27-33

How do we “do” Righteousness and Justice?

We start by _____ and walking with God.

For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nation, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.... (Isaiah 61:8-9)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

We make it a _____.

learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's case. (Isaiah 1:17)

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

We get involved and care for the _____ and _____.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;...that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. (Isaiah 1:17)

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

We take initiative to reach out to those who don't_____.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:14-16)

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 13:47)

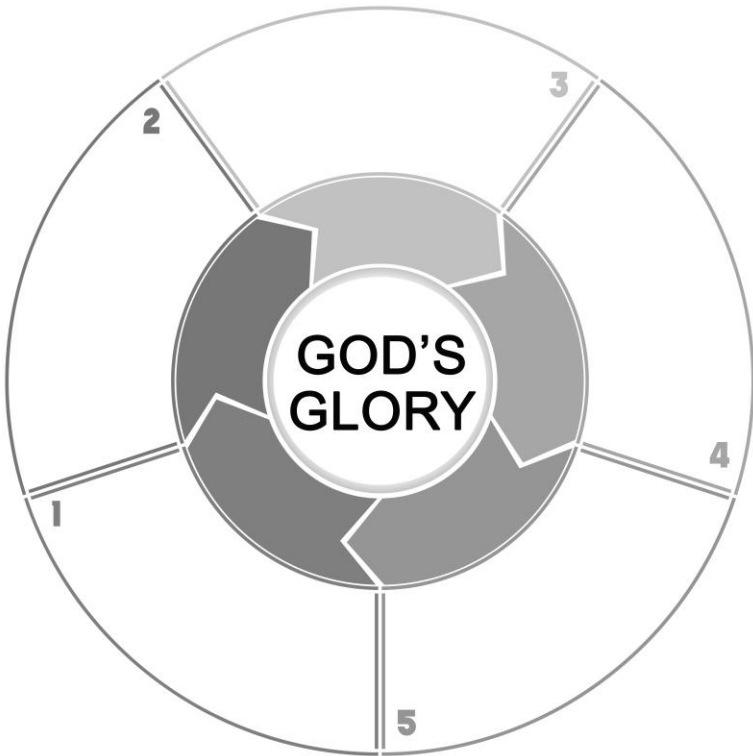
UNDERSTAND AND JOIN IN ON GOD'S WORK

For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised.

(V. 19)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him.

(Psalm 67:1-7)



NEXT WEEK: ABRAHAM – GROWING STRONG:
Friendship with God
(James 2:22-24)

Legend:

We start by knowing and walking with God.

We make it a priority.

We get involved and care for the weak and vulnerable.

We take initiative to reach out to those who don't know God.

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