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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

March 26, 2023

Message Title: Walk Different

Scripture: Ephesians 6:5-9; Collosians 3:23-24

Ephesians 6:5-9

5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. 9 Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Collosians 3:23-24

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Points of Consideration:

Wisdom for Employees:

Obey your employer because you are really obeying Christ (v. 5-7)

Obey your employer because it is God's will (v. 5)

Obey your employer because the reward comes from God (v. 8)

Wisdom for Employers:

Take care of your employees (v. 9)

Don't threaten your employees (v. 9)

Be submitted to God (v. 9)

Don't play favorites (v. 9)

Wisdom for All:

All work is important to God

All work is working for God

All work should get our best

All work, done right, will be rewarded

Discussion Questions:

In Ephesians 6:5-9, Paul provides instructions for both slaves and masters. How does his guidance challenge common assumptions about power dynamics in that historical context? What might these verses say to us today about how we should treat those who have less power or authority than us?

Paul instructs slaves to obey their earthly masters "with fear and trembling." How does this language reflect broader themes of fear and awe in the Bible, and what implications might it have for how we understand power and authority? Can fear be a positive force in certain contexts, or is it always negative?

In verse 9, Paul instructs masters to "do the same things" for their slaves, knowing that they too have a Master in heaven. What does this imply about the relationship between earthly power dynamics and spiritual reality? How might understanding ourselves as all accountable to a higher power change the way we treat others?

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.
- Walton County Church Plant
 - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
- Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.
- Church leaders involved in this plant are assembling a core group of members interested in facilitating small groups and building its early congregation.

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

We are offering a missions opportunity to work with our partners at Life Community Church in Boston this summer! We will be working with them during Mobilize 2023, which is July 17-23. It is going to be around \$1200, depending on plane ticket cost. This will include all meals from dinner on Monday through breakfast on Sunday, except for Friday. For more details visit the registration page found on church center or through the link that's been posted on social media as well as on the event in the church calendar. Registration will be closed on April 1st! Strongly consider this great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! If you have any questions, please see Ben Doomy!

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCZ-Vdr2AUI>

- A permanent church building to own.
- “Dots on the Map” for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

Prayer requests from the LCC newsletter:

1. Would you pray for those we are interacting with at our local school? Pray for those we are showing and sharing the gospel with — pray for them to see and hear the good news of Jesus.
2. Would you pray that those who came to our Fall Fest would visit for one of our worship gatherings this Christmas season? Pray that God would stir their hearts to accept their invitation to come and explore what LCC is all about.
3. Would you pray that God would provide an office space for us to rent that will allow us to engage our community and take steps forward as a team?
4. Would you pray for our members — that God would give us endurance and steadfastness as we serve faithfully without many breaks. Pray that God stirs more people to take ownership of our ministry.
5. Would you pray that God would give us His vision for 2023 as a family and a church? Pray that He would give us wisdom and discernment as we seek to steward our energy, attention, relationships, and finances.

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- Vision for 2023

1. Send 200 athletes and coaches to camp
2. Facilitate 70 huddles that meet weekly, biweekly, or monthly
3. Hire additional full and part-time staff

Timothy Initiative

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloilo, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon’s wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

Nursing Home Ministry

- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn

Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls

Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.

Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books

Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume

6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale) 6th-12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies

Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards, Deodorant, Bangle bracelets

Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps

Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves

Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!