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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes
January 1, 2023

Message Title: Having Your Best Year Ever

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 16:9

⁹ For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

Discussion Questions:

1. This morning, Pastor Jeff challenged us to make "spiritual resolutions" to pursue in the new year. Consider a similar situation in Joshua 24:14-15. When we make such spiritual resolutions, what in essence are we doing that is similar to this passage? Why do resolutions fail so easily and so often? What are some spiritual resolutions that you can make, and how might they become habits that survive the test of time?
2. The Scriptures tell us that when the Lord rebuked Asa through Hanani, he imprisoned him out of rage and became an oppressive king. In the 39th year of his reign, he became diseased, and even in disease, he did not seek after God. For much of his reign, Asa was such a faithful king, so his condition in his last days is undoubtedly a sorrowful sight. Is there disobedience in your heart or guilt from your past that is hardening you from seeking the Lord? What can we learn from Asa? Have you had such an experience in your life?

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
 - 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

- 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.

FCA

- 2022 stats to praise God for in the Lake Oconee FCA ministry:
 - 2,000 people heard the Gospel
 - 400 athletes received Bibles
 - 80 Bibles were distributed to coaches
 - 4,700 “The Four” Gospel presentation bracelets were distributed
 - 150 coaches and athletes received scholarships for FCA camps
 - Number of FCA huddles increased from 33 in 2021 to 62 in 2022
- 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

Married w/kids(Wadley/Joslin)-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!