

Be anything you want to be???

A Google search for the phrase, “you can be anything you want to be,” returned over 6 billion results. Song lyrics and quotes from the like of Freddie Mercury, movie lines from the Wizard of Oz, book titles and more are among the returns. Clearly, the idea is prevalent in our society, but it begs the question, is it biblical? Surely there are things you really can be that stretch comfort levels and reach beyond the status quo. Man has been to the moon! As adventurous as Christopher Columbus or Orval and Wilbur Wright were, I’m sure that would blow their minds! Great advances to our society have come because of limit pushing, but there have been detrimental impacts as well. Socially, the idea has caused struggles for many. Before jumping on the train that contains no boundaries, it is best to see what God’s design for us is.

One of the areas that this is applicable is for men in our society. What used to be considered chivalry is now thought of as chauvinism. Masculinity is considered toxic. There is no doubt that our society is suffering due to a lack of male role models that fit God’s mold. For the next few weeks, we are going to look at some men in the Bible that we could learn a thing or two from about being men.

Jesus is at the beginning of the series because He is our example. While there are so many characteristics He has that we can benefit from possessing ourselves, His priorities stand out as one of the more manly attributes. Jesus’ priority to follow God’s will no matter what is incredibly admirable!

To the book!

- 1. Read Luke 2:49.** Jesus knew early in His life that doing God’s business was the most important thing. It caused a small rift between He and His parents who should have known what Jesus would find important. Regardless, they didn’t get it and as a result we have the VERY FIRST recorded words of Jesus as an acknowledgment of godly priorities.
- 2. Read Mark 10:33-34.** This is one of the most profound statements in Scripture that we tend to just skip across. It is easy to see this as a simple location. After all, it was tradition for God’s people to go to Jerusalem for Passover. This was different though. The environment in Jerusalem was hostile. This announcement is a third time Jesus told his followers what was about to happen. Not only that, He told them the horror awaiting Him. I can only imagine the resolve in His voice as He said something along the lines of, “I’m going anyway!” He knew God’s will and prioritized it over even danger. It doesn’t get much more manly than that!

The idea here is that godly men know where their priorities fall. They know that there are things that they should prioritize that involve risk. There are times that lines need to be drawn in the sand and the best way to know when and how to do that is to prioritize what God finds important.

Family Night Big Idea

Start deciding what is important to you now!

Discussion: Read Colossians 3:2

- **Elementary School** – Ask, “What’s something we do in KidsJAM you wish you did at home or school more?”
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, “Why do we tend to value the opinions of our friends so much?”

Prayer

"Father, help us focus on you and things you think are important. Amen.

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Velocity this Wednesday, April 26th.

Gravity: Students stay and enjoy the service.

Today’s Songs

Battle Belongs.....Phil Wickham

Your Love Defends Me.....Matt Maher

All We Need.....Charlie Hall

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 7 in both services. If you are a graduate, contact Tyler at 912-230-5681.

Foundations Golf Tournament

Golf tournament is this Friday, April 28 at Willow Lake in Metter. They need a couple more teams. Check out the information at the front desk.

Building Dino-sized Faith in God’s Big Plan

Summer Camp for current Pre-K through 2nd graders is June 12-16 from 9am-Noon. Registration online and in the lobby begins May 14th. Cost is \$10.

Baby Dedication Service

May 14th. Sign up in the Lobby. Be specific about which service you want to attend and take an Information Sheet.