

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bible study & Intercessory Prayer – tonight – 6:30
- Wednesday - Bible Study / Class on Intercession /Armor of God Study (Stephanie's House)- 6:30 PM
- Bible Study – Mergie – Thursday at 12:00
- Sunday morning classes start June 27 –
 - Nursery – Sadie
 - Tommy Gay – adult class – fellowship hall
 - Jack & Brian – Wired Word – current events – front office
 - Class on Holy Spirit – no age limit, but... - my office
 - Cody – 7-12
 - Carol – 5-6
 - Qorban – 3-4
 - Rachael – 1-2
 - John & Brody– littles –

INTEGRITY



- Integrity is not swayed by others
- Integrity is a life-long character trait
- Integrity trusts and acts on that trust
- Integrity doesn't run from mistakes or hide; it learns from them
- Integrity stays the course and makes it to the other side

INTEGRITY



- One more message on Integrity
- Having integrity is vital to our being the salt of the earth and the light of the world
- We see little integrity in our world as people are swayed by polls, movements, and desires
- The world's integrity follows whatever course is most popular or advantageous
- As God's children and disciples of Jesus Christ, our integrity must match the Lord's integrity

A painting of several lions in a dark, dramatic setting. The lions are rendered in shades of brown and gold, with detailed fur and intense expressions. The background is dark and moody, with some highlights on the lions' faces and manes. The overall tone is serious and majestic.

INTEGRITY: Part 6

FOLLOWING JESUS'S
EXAMPLE

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE



- **John 13:1 (NIV84) ¹ It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.**
 - **What motivated Him? His love**
 - **Our integrity is to be founded on and rooted in the love of Jesus, - the love He has shown each of us, the love that brought us into His Kingdom**
 - **Facing His persecution and death, Jesus wanted to show them full extent of His love**
 - **In other words, that He would love them no matter what**
 - **During these times of darkness, trial, illness, struggles, and unknowns, we are to follow in His footsteps**
 - **We are to show those in the world the love of Jesus**

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE

1 John 4:19 (NIV84) ¹⁹ We
love because he first loved
us.



JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE

Romans 5:6-10 (NIV) ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE



- Jesus loved us when we were ungodly people, pursuing the leadings of our flesh
- Jesus loved us, sinners, who were enemies of God
- Jesus loved us FIRST when we were the reason He was to suffer and die
- God demonstrated His love by sending Jesus to us and having Him die for our sins
- If He had not loved us FIRST, then we would still be lost in darkness, sin, and a worldly love that fades
- If He had not loved us FIRST, we would never know what real love truly is
- What does this mean for us?
- We will come back to that in a minute

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE

- **John 13:3–5 (NIV84)** ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.
 - God had given all authority to Jesus –
 - Everything was and is under His authority and power
 - So, what does He do? He washes the disciples' feet
 - Look at our world and at those who have authority
 - They abuse it, use it for their own gain, and seek to gain more while Jesus uses His authority to serve
 - Why the difference? His love comes first!

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE



- Romans 8:31 & 37 (NIV) ³¹ What then shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
- John 14:12 (NASB) [Jesus said,] Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I am going to the Father.
- That is the authority Jesus has given to EACH OF US
- We are to love those in the world FIRST, or they will never know His love
- We are to love those who hate us, demean us, mock us, attack us, and ridicule us
- The world will never know His love if we do not show that love to them FIRST

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE



- **Romans 12:2 (NIV) ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will**
 - **The world and the enemy are doing their best to get us to conform to the pattern of the world**
 - **We see some of the same conflicts in the church that we see in the world**
 - **The pattern of the world is to divide and conquer, to attack those who believe differently, to separate from those who do think as we do, to demean and condemn, to make us jaded**
 - **The pattern of Jesus is to LOVE FIRST**
 - **Listen to our conversations. Are they laced with the bitterness of the world or with the love of Jesus?**

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE

John 13:12–17 (NIV84) ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE

- Do we truly understand what Jesus has done for us?
- Jesus has set an example for us to reach our world, to change it for the better, to bring people into His kingdom
- We will be blessed IF we do as Jesus did
- So, do we go out and wash the feet of everyone we meet?
 - No, that is legalism.
- We are not greater than our Master
- If Jesus loved first, if He humbled Himself to serve those who opposed Him, then we are to do the same
- He served the adulterers, the thieves, the sick, the Romans, the unbelievers
- He confronted the religious leaders, but He did so out of love, not out of getting even..

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE



- **Integrity love FIRST**
 - If we are to reach others, then we must love them first
 - They will never know His love if we do not show it to them
 - We are to find ways to love our community without expecting anything in return
 - The love that Jesus has shown us first has no requirements on it

JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE

A painting of a lion and its cub, symbolizing strength and leadership. The lion is on the right, looking towards the left, and the cub is on the left, looking towards the right. The background is dark and textured.

- To love FIRST as Jesus loves, we
 - must not be swayed by the world
 - are on a life-long journey of growth and service
 - trust Jesus and His love and act on that trust
 - do not hide or run from our mistakes or weaknesses
 - accept discipline and learn
 - stay the course, no matter how rough the storm, because His love never fails



WILL YOU DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE OF ME?



DANIEL

LIVING A LIFE OF FAITH

DANIEL 6:23

GOD BLESS

HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEK