

A Walking Testimony

Intro:

2 cor 5:11-6:18

We are called to be a walking declaration that every person is equally valuable, every person is equally in need, every person is equally invited

We don't need to hitch our cart to a neo-marxist political movement to affirm that black lives matter or that racism is wrong. Racism is a sin issue not a skin issue and we have a better organization and a better message to combat it

There is nothing wrong with peaceful protest nothing wrong with political activism but know what you are advocating and don't get distracted from your real message

Black lives matter is a political movement formed with political aims - do you know what they are?

From their what we believe page on blacklivesmatter.com

"We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege...

We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure...

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking..."

God already instituted and defined the family...

God already instituted and defined gender and sexuality

God already instituted and defined the intrinsic value in all people

Who defines how you will view other people?

Will it be God and the Bible and the gospel of Jesus Christ

Or

Will it be the Neo marxist who uses the grief and rage of a national tragedy to recategorize people according to their victim status for political gain

Problem:

1 Pet 2:1-12

Exodus 39 is talking about us, reminding us not to get sidetracked from our shared mission, our shared membership and our shared master IN Christ. For it is in our mission, in our membership and in our master that true unity and justice is found

Main Idea:

Remember your mission

Remember your membership

Remember your master

Implication:

Even in the mob

Acts 8:1 Stephen didn't get to see the mob turn too Christ but Paul never forgot

Application:

Paul didn't let riots and mobs and persecution get him off message -

Acts 9:23-25; 13:50-52; 14:5-7, 19-23

End:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/social-gospel.html>

<https://statementonsocialjustice.com>

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B180827>

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Text:

Remember your mission

Exodus 39:1 ¶ **From the blue and purple and scarlet yarns they made finely woven garments, for ministering in the Holy Place.** They made the holy garments for Aaron, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

ex 26:1, 31, 36 (the great commission wasn't a new idea - a walking testimony - God with us -> us with God - high priest represented Man to God (Heb 5:1))

eph 6:10-20 (put on the full armor of God - put on Aaron the one who crafted the golden calf - representative righteousness)

rom 13:11-14 (put on the armor of light)

2 Tim 2:1-10 (remember our message - civilian pursuits)

gal 1:6-9 (the social gospel is not the gospel)

Remember your membership

Exodus 39:2 ¶ **He made the ephod of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.**

Exodus 39:3 And they hammered out gold leaf, and he cut it into threads to work into the blue and purple and the scarlet yarns, and into the fine twined linen, in skilled design.

Exodus 39:4 They made for the ephod attaching shoulder pieces, joined to it at its two edges.

Exodus 39:5 And the skillfully woven band on it was of one piece with it and made like it, of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exodus 39:6 ¶ **They made the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold filigree, and engraved like the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel.**

Exodus 39:7 **And he set them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod to be stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 39:8 ¶ He made the breastpiece, in skilled work, in the style of the ephod, of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

Exodus 39:9 It was square. They made the breastpiece doubled, a span its length and a span its breadth when doubled.

Exodus 39:10 And they set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle was the first row;

Exodus 39:11 and the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond;

Exodus 39:12 and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

Exodus 39:13 and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They were enclosed in settings of gold filigree.

Exodus 39:14 **There were twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They were like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes.**

Exodus 39:15 And they made on the breastpiece twisted chains like cords, of pure gold.

Exodus 39:16 And they made two settings of gold filigree and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two edges of the breastpiece.

Exodus 39:17 And they put the two cords of gold in the two rings at the edges of the breastpiece.

Exodus 39:18 They attached the two ends of the two cords to the two settings of filigree. Thus they attached it in front to the shoulder pieces of the ephod.

Exodus 39:19 Then they made two rings of gold, and put them at the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inside edge next to the ephod.

Exodus 39:20 And they made two rings of gold, and attached them in front to the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, at its seam above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.

Exodus 39:21 And they bound the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it should lie on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece should not come loose from the ephod, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Col 3:1-17 (put on the new self - no hyphenated Christians)

(ezek 28:11-19 (a picture of our previous value and unity fallen image bearers aligned with Satan (eph 2:1-2) Rev 21:12-22 and our new redeemed value and unity and aligned with and in Christ (He bore all of our sins together (heb 9:23-28)

Philemon (this is what true unity looks like this side of Heaven - racism and injustice are derisive problems)

Remember your master

Exodus 39:22 ¶ **He also made the robe of the ephod woven all of blue,**

Exodus 39:23 and the opening of the robe in it was like the opening in a garment, with a binding around the opening, so that it might not tear.

Exodus 39:24 **On the hem of the robe they made pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen.**

Exodus 39:25 They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around the hem of the robe, between the pomegranates—

Exodus 39:26 **a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate around the hem of the robe for ministering, as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 39:27 ¶ They also made the coats, woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons,

Exodus 39:28 and the turban of fine linen, and the caps of fine linen, and the linen undergarments of fine twined linen,

Exodus 39:29 and the sash of fine twined linen and of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, embroidered with needlework, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exodus 39:30 ¶ **They made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription, like the engraving of a signet, "Holy to the LORD."**

Exodus 39:31 And they tied to it a cord of blue to fasten it on the turban above, **as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

matt 23:1-12, 25-28 (who are you seeking to please with your virtue signaling?

planned parenthood declared their support of black lives matter - yet they are the leading cause of death within the black community - 15.5 million black lives lost to their knives - who are you trying to impress with your virtue signaling? Are you worried about what they think of you?)

acts 7:44 (our message is not new - it was proclaimed and promised all the way back in exodus 39)

Acts 7:51-8:1 (the mob may not hear our message but we don't answer to them)

Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
 - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
 - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
 - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
 - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
 - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
 - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?

- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
 - How does this message change or impact your:
 - Prayer Life?
 - Evangelism?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Christian Relationships?
 - Non-Christian relationships?
 - Parenting?
 - Role as a Husband/Wife?
 - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**