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A Question of Authority Sermon Notes – April 14, 2019

Scripture is ______, tradition is not.

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Scripture is the ______, tradition is not.

What is our standard?

ELDER TO CONTACT

Elder to contact in April with your prayer requests: **Rodney Pless 479-871-7702**

REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Life Group - Sundays at different times

Granddad's Devo - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room R5

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Ladies Bible Class} - Tuesdays at $10:00$ am \\ \hline \textbf{The Christian and Grief} - New Series TBA \\ \end{tabular}$

Single & Parenting Class - New Session Fall 2019

DC4K - New Session Fall 2019
DivorceCare -Wednesdays 6:45 pm
Financial Peace - New Session Fall of 2019

Celebrate Recovery - Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)

Grow. Reach. Glorify.

Robinson Avenue this week

Welcome to Worship, Apri 14,2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

IN PRAISE OF OUR LORD

Ps. 47:1-2

CLAP YOUR HANDS

SHOUT HALLELUJAH

IN AWE OF OUR LORD

Rev. 4:8

WE FALL DOWN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

HOLY GROUND

IN COMMUNION WITH OUR LORD

COMMUNION

THY WORD

FAMILY PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

IN REFLECTION OF OUR LORD

ANCIENT WORDS

MESSAGE: QUESTIONS OF AUTHORITY

HAD IT NOT BEEN THE LORD

THE GREATNESS OF OUR LORD

Ps. 104:1-2 & 2 Sam 7:22

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

WELCOME. Whether you are new to our community, just visiting or a long-time member we are glad you are here this morning. We hope you are enriched by our worship to God.

Last Sunday our Elders announced the beginning of a new ministry here at Robinson Ave. It's called a "Discipling Ministry." Brother Sabino Rodriguez will lead this ministry.

What is a Discipling Ministry? There are a number of ways to answer this question. Let's begin by asking if you have ever wanted to be involved in something that really counted, in something that you were excited about, in something that you share with your friends, or in something that made a difference.

Most people I think want to devote their lives to something that can make a difference in their lives. Something significant. This reminds me of the story of Jesus that we read about in Matthew 4:18-22. As Jesus walks along beside the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting their nets into the

lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Then he calls two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John who were fishing. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Jesus.

By Matthew 10:1, Jesus has twelve disciples and he sends them out with authority to drive out spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. What an exciting time for Jesus and the disciples! In Luke 10:1 we see Jesus sending out the seventy-two. He sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He gave them instructions to follow. In verse 18 it says they "returned with joy."

Throughout the Gospels we see Jesus mentoring his disciples, and finally in Matthew 28:18-20, he gives the great commission. We received the same commission. Jesus is our Savior. In 1 Timothy 2:3-4 Paul tells Timothy that he wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. We must also recognize that Jesus is Lord. Romans 14:8 tells

us how to focus our lives. Paul says, "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." A favorite verse that goes right along with this thought is Gal. 2:20. Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." No verse better describes a focus that calls us to be disciples and make disciples.

Being saved by our savior is wonderful, but it doesn't stop there. Paul writes to the church at Rome in Romans 12:1-2 that we must be "transformed by the renewing of our mind. Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."

This is just a glimpse of what we hope and pray can be one of the great benefits of this ministry.

We encourage you to reach out to Sabino and his wife, Cilvia, and give them a warm welcome.

-From the Elders

The Bible in a Year

Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)

- ☐ Monday 15 Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52☐ Tuesday 16 Psalm 56, 120, 140-142
- ☐ Wednesday 17 1 Samuel 25-27
- ☐ Thursday 18 Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
- ☐ Friday 19 Pslam 18; 1Samuel 28-31
- □ Saturday 20 Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130
- ☐ Sunday 21 2 Samuel 1-4



Adult Education

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: Book of James **Wednesday Evening Auditorium Class:** Lessons from Luke **FUEL Session:** 1st & 2nd Thessalonians taught by Keith Kilmer, David O'Neill, Rodney Pless & Ron Dowdy

WPW Sessions: Join us for the Wednesday evening "Women's Power Walk". We will cover topics of prayer through Bible study and discipleship throughout spiritual warfare.

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study: Continuing to study through the Bible with the Fulfillments of Christ in the Old Testament at 10:00 a.m. Potluck first Tuesday of every month.

Tuesday Granddads' Devo: 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, donuts, coffee.

Scholarships

Scholarships for Our College Students

Annually the elders would like to provide all of our college students with a scholarship of up to \$500 for the coming year to the college of their choosing. To do that we will need donations into a pooled college scholarship fund by May 19, 2019. If you would like to donate to that fund, please clearly indicate on your check "College Scholarship Fund" or donate on Tithely indicating "College Scholarship Fund."

If you are a student who would like to receive a scholarship made out to your college, please contact Denise Pless with your request by May 19. Since these will be "pooled" donations for all college students receiving a scholarship, the funds donated by the parents or anyone else can be tax deductible. We will be issuing a donation letter for any funds that are over \$250.00. Some Christian college Financial Aid Departments will match the church scholarship up to \$500.00.

Praise & Harmony

Robinson Avenue will be hosting the next Praise and Harmony Recording and Workshop January 1-5, 2020. The recording will start on Wednesday and go through Saturday. The workshop will be January 4th from 2-4 p.m. We will have more details later about different ways you can help.

Southern Christian Children's Home

Items Needed

Items especially needed for the Southern Christian Children's Home are: Bandaids, Green Chili, Mucinex/Mucas Relief Plus, Taco Shells, Velveeeta Cheese, Velveeta Shells and Cheese.

Youth Ministry

Caleb Says...

- Our website, **raveyouth.org**, has been updated. New information, monthly calendars, schedules, sign-up forms, and a lot more. Stay up to date with the latest information!
- Apr. 13: <u>Uplift Registration</u>. Go to our website under the events tab and use all 3 links to fully sign up.
- Apr. 19-21: Leadership Training for Christ (LTC), details TBA

This last weekend, a big group of folks were able to go out to Sky Ranch for our annual family retreat. This was my first time going and I will definitely be going again! It was so much fun and we had some really good lessons taught by Jimmy and Caleb Allen. I would highly encourage you to come next year if you didn't this year. Make sure you tell Jimmy and everyone else thank you for all the hard work he put into the retreat. Family Retreat 2020, here we come!

Over the last three months, my articles have each focused on a chapter of Hebrews. It has gone by really fast, and some of the finer details have faded: high priestly duties, Priest/King Melchizedek, etc. However, there is one thing that has stuck in my mind. There was a common theme that spanned the entirety of the 13-chapter long book. If you can remember the theme right now without cheating, I'll give you \$5! Just kidding, Joe Mohorn will;) Just kidding again. If you can remember the theme you won't get any treasures here and now, but you should know that you have laid up treasures for yourself in heaven. Isn't that better than a measly \$5? Come on people, priorities!

The over-arching theme of Hebrews is the superiority of Christ in all things. The author was writing to a Jewish audience who really needed to be taught that Jesus is superior. These people were the pioneers of Christianity, the people strattling the line of the old and new covenants, who figured out how to be Christian while still being Jewish. They had to figure out that Jesus was greater than Moses. They needed to understand that Jesus' sacrifice was greater than the blood of countless other sacrifices. They needed to know that they had a great high priest. They needed to grasp the superiority of their savior. That is why Hebrews was written.

While Jesus being greater than anything else is an inspiring idea, you and I do not necessarily deal with the same problems, right? After all, we are living under the new covenant where Jesus has always been superior and always will be. Jesus isn't vying for position with Moses, angels, or lesser priests anymore.

The thing I have learned is that the same issues that they dealt with then are the same ones we wrestle with today. Our issues may look different, but behind the mask is the same underlying thing: priorities. I love my job. I love my wife. I love my family. I love my church. However, none of these things can offer me one shred of hope if I do not have Jesus. His ability and desire to save me is greater than anything I have or can do on my own. I cannot offer up enough sacrifices of prayer or song to cover my sins. No, Jesus is far superior and that is a comforting thought. Jesus, the all-powerful Son of God, has done the hard work and all he asks is that we place him on the top. I think that is something I can do. Can you? Come on people, priorities;)

Family Time

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship WEDNESDAY

7:00 рм Bible Study

Family

Illness and Recovery

Reese Dodd is now home and recovering.

Lula Belle Powers had hip replacement surgery on Monday and is at home recovering. All went well.

Dee Dearman fell and broke her hip. She is at Westwood Health & Rehab, Room 114.

Linda Wray had a angiogram on Wednesday. She does have an arthythmia and will be treated by medication.

Project

Auditorium Renovation Update:

Our shepherds have presented an overview of the Renovation Project and asked each family to consider their participation in the fundraising campaign. The shepherds handed out a commitment package to each family present. Please see Rodney or one of the shepherds to receive a commitment package for your family.

For those families that were not here for the presentation, please listen to the sermon from February 17 on the RACOC website or Facebook page. The PowerPoint presentation is on the monitors in the foyer.

Budget amount: \$625,000; Funds reserved and received plus shepherds' commitments totaled \$455,120 as of April 9th (73% of target). We are already off to great start! God be praised!

The shepherds' two requests concerning the fundraising campaign are below:

Request #1: Pray and ask God – "what would you have me / my family financially commit towards our church's auditorium project?" (Consider a 3 year commitment)

Request #2: Following prayer and family collaboration, make a written commitment (complete the commitment package and give to one of the shepherds, the office, or place in contribution plate).

The start of the renovation construction is pending our contractors receiving the building permits from the city of Springdale. More information to come. Should you have any questions, please see any of the shepherds.

The shepherds THANK each of you for your willingness to participate and the positive comments regarding the auditorium renovation! May God be glorified and praised!

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Prayer List

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the office.

Family/Friends

Jon Adams, friend of Shannon Bowman

Lonnie Billington, father of Cara Ewbank

Marinela Botto, friend of Patty Dobbs

Glen Braley, friend of Tammy Ashby

Kelly Bryant, father of Caleb Bryant

Trey Cooke, son of David and Jana Cooke.

Danny Craddock, former member at RACOC

Lonita Graham, friend of Joann Woodward

Amy Harris - friend of Shirley Pate

Ken Holdridge, father of Rhonda Asencio Jan Martin, mother of Amy

Ware **Dustin Mayhew**, son of

Kevin and Kathy Mayhew

Joanne Mitchell, friend of Shirley Pate

Mary Neely, sister in law of Linda Neely

Tripp and Crew Pounders, friends of Becca Woods **Rachelle Sanford**, friend

Judy Stallings, sister of Roger Voss

of Rachel Emerson

Those

Shut In

Cecil Cook

Dee Dearman Cleo Drevs Marie Edwards Hazel Fletcher Glenda Garrison Donna Gaston Dan Hash

Faye Lowery

Don McClane

James Price

Roberta Simpson Verna Tacket Elsie White

Dorothy Yeager

Continue to **Remember**

Lucy Allen
Beth Clem
Harold Gooden
Faye Lowery
Lee Pense
Scott Phillips
Speedy Williams
Melba Watts
Linda Wray

Those

Battling Cancer

Mary Allen Charles Cate Helen Gillmore Charlean Howell Peggy Huckeba Freida Hughes Ajeanna Kernes Robert Kernes Mel Lowe Seth Mohorn Salina Wilson