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Discipleship Matters

by David Heflin

Sin and Consequences

I have yet to visit our New Mexico town called "Truth or Consequences," but it is interesting that its name suggests an either/or relationship between truth and consequences. I understand it was named after a popular radio quiz show. I suppose the idea is that you either state the truth or you suffer the consequences. Of course, life is not a quiz show and we all know that the truth often has its own consequences. If it didn't, people wouldn't be tempted to lie!

When it comes to the relationship of sin and consequences, it is never an either/or relationship, but always a both/and relationship. King David discovered just how closely connected consequences are to sin (cf. 2 Sam. 11-12). When David went on the roof and saw Bathsheba bathing, he was overcome by temptation and it began an avalanche of sin that he never could have anticipated. Lust and covetousness gave way to adultery, which led to a cover-up, and finally murder. After dispensing of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, David took her to be his own wife. Their adultery also led to a new-born son.

For a while, David seemed to act as if the whole thing would blow over. Surely, he knew what he

did was wrong, but he was king after all. Maybe he thought he could just quietly learn his lesson and make sure it didn't happen again! God had different ideas. He sent the prophet Nathan to David, who brilliantly trapped David by his own judgment. He

got David to condemn himself without knowing the villain in the prophet's story was really himself!

David seemed to be genuinely shocked by his own behavior. He immediately confessed, "I have sinned against the LORD!" Amazingly, the prophet informs David that God had already taken away his sin. If God had not done so, then death was David's fate. In forgiveness, God spared David's life and even his throne. However, the forgiveness of sins does not mean the elimination of all consequences of sin. David would learn this all too well.

David's newborn son died as a direct consequence of sin, but the full impact would be felt over the rest of David's life. His own son Absalom would murder another of David's sons, who had raped one of David's

daughters! Then Absalom would rise up against David himself and eventually be killed by David's military commander, against David's wishes. Nathan had told David these kinds of events would happen in his life, because of what he had done to Uriah.

David was not ultimately banished from God's presence. Our own Lord was constantly related back to David as the "son of David" (e.g. Lk. 18:38). David was forgiven, but he could not escape certain temporal consequences that came as the result of his sin.

The lesson for us is neither can we! So, often people sin now with the belief they can be forgiven later. While this is dangerously presumptuous, it might be true, assuming the sinner genuinely repents. However, in the wake of such reckless sin there will surely be relationships that cannot be mended or affected persons who will never be the same. There is no such thing as victimless sin. The sooner we repent the less harm to be mended. Sin always has its consequences.



Pint-Sized Parables

by Barney Francis

My family went camping and fishing high up in the mountains for a week. It was so calm and quiet along the creek. One morning my 10-year-old son got up early to start a campfire for us. He began by chopping wood while everyone was still asleep. I regret that I yelled at him to cut it out. He grabbed his fishing pole and was gone all day. I felt like Mary and Joseph when they couldn't find 12-year-old Jesus. There he was safe in His Father's house the whole time. Come to church to look for what you have lost.



The Habit of Enjoying Adversity

by Oswald Chambers

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

2 Corinthians 4:10

We have to develop godly habits to express what God's grace has done in us. It is not just a question of being saved from hell, but of being saved so that "the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." And it is adversity that makes us exhibit His life in our mortal flesh. Is my life exhibiting the essence of the sweetness of the Son of God, or just the basic irritation of "myself" that I would have apart from Him? The only thing that will enable me to enjoy adversity is the acute sense of eagerness of allowing the life of the Son of God to evidence itself in me. No matter how difficult something may be, I must say, "Lord, I am delighted to obey You in this." Instantly, the Son of God will move to the forefront of my life, and will manifest in my body that which glorifies Him.

You must not debate. The moment you obey the light of God, His Son shines through you in that very adversity; but if you debate with God, you grieve His Spirit. "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

You must keep yourself in the proper condition to allow the life of the Son of God to be manifested in you, and you cannot keep yourself fit if you give way to self-pity. Our circumstances are the means God uses to exhibit just how wonderfully perfect and extraordinarily pure His Son is. Discovering a new way of manifesting the Son of God should make our heart beat with renewed excitement. It is one thing to choose adversity, and quite another to enter into adversity through the orchestrating of our circumstances by God's sovereignty. And if God puts you into adversity, He is adequately sufficient to "supply

all your needs." (Philippians 4:19)

Keep your soul properly conditioned to manifest the life of the Son of God. Never live on your memories of past experiences, but let the Word of God always be living and active in you.

From: *My Utmost for His Highest*,
Daily Devotionals
<http://lutmost.org/>



FOR THE RECORD - MAY 13, 2012

- Sunday AM Class 116
- Sunday AM Worship 1210
- Life Groups 93
- Wednesday PM
- Contribution \$4,535

Privileged to Serve

May 20, 2012

Greeters (Before and After Classes)

Joann Blakey
Aneta Rude
Robin Pebsworth

Greeters (After Worship)

Everyone

Announcements, Opening Prayer, & Scripture

Reading
Randy Dunson — Matthew 19:27-29

Song Leaders

Todd Pebsworth (A.M.)
Life Groups (P.M.)
No Devotional (Wed.)

Read Scripture

W.T. Whitecotton — Matthew 20:20-28

Communion Devotional

Johnny Lieb

Prayers

Howard Overby (Closing A.M.)
Life Groups (Opening P.M.)
Life Groups (Closing P.M.)
No Devotional (Closing Wed.)

Lord's Table

Shelden Breshears
Kevin Breshears (Offering)
George Brumfield (Bread)
Craig Breshears (Cup)
Cale Breshears
Blake Martin

Pick Up Trays

Gregg Gossett
Cliff Gossett

Lord's Supper to Shut-Ins

Charles Terry
Damon Terry

Pick Up Cards

Shiloh Wyatt
Judah Wyatt
Weston Whitecotton

No Wednesday Devotional

Everyone will go straight to their classes

*If you are unable to serve, please contact:
Kenny Whitecotton — 575-760-9972*

Announcements

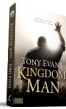
Life Groups

Life Groups will meet this Sunday afternoon, then dismiss for the summer. Times and meeting places are posted on the foyer table.



Men's Bible Study

This Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. will be a summary discussion class and will conclude the *Kingdom Man* series by Tony Evans.



VBS Planning

Anyone who is interested in helping with the puppets or skits for VBS should meet for a few minutes this Sunday, May 20 with Aneta Rude at the front of the auditorium following the morning worship.



GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday

All Seniors and family members are invited to Senior Breakfast this Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Benjamin Blue
Teegan Terry

PHS graduation will be held at 7:00 p.m. this Friday, May 18 at the ENMU Arena.

Layni Breshears
Gowan Hays

DHS graduation will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 27 in the Dora Gym.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATE

Micah Heflin

ENMU GRADUATES

Gregory Aguilar

Bachelor of Science in Religion,
minor in Psychology

Steven Dement

Bachelor of Science in
Business Administration,
Emphasis in Finance

Kim Vance

Bachelor of Science in History,
minor in Religion

Graduation was held last Saturday.

Ladies' Bible Studies

- Ladies' Bible Class and Brunch-All ladies are invited to the final session of Ladies' Bible class this Tuesday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. A brunch is planned to conclude the season and we will not meet during the summer months. Even if you have not participated in Ladies' Bible class before, it doesn't matter. Please join us for this special time to enjoy the fellowship of Christian sisters and some wonderful food!
- This Monday, May 21 will be the final *Breaking Free* Bible study by Beth Moore. It will be at 6:00 p.m. and will be repeated on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.



Back-to-Back Worship & Cook-Out

On Sunday, May 27, we will have our monthly Back-to-Back worship. After the morning worship service we will have an all church cook-out. The church will provide rib-eye steaks and hot dogs. If your name starts with the letters A-L, please bring beans, vegetables or potato salad. If your name starts with the letters M-Z, please bring a dessert. Also, to make sure that we have enough food please sign-up on the foyer table if you are planning to attend.



Wedding Money Shower

Joanna de la Garza, daughter of Mauricio & Ophelia is getting married in June. We will have a "Wedding Money Shower" for her on Sunday, May 27. If you would like to make a donation, please give it to Nancy Dunson or the church office with a note that it is for her wedding shower.



Encouragement Boxes

The first set of Encouragement Boxes will be sent to Kyle Blue, Marty Kendrex and Nick Plyler in Afghanistan on Tuesday May 29. If you would like to supply an item(s), the boxes are on the pew by the kitchen. A list of ideas that soldiers deployed far from home would appreciate is posted on the bulletin board.



Area VBS Invitation

Once Upon a Time - Get ready for a fantastical journey through the story of amazing tales and the life of Moses. West 21st Street Church of Christ, June 4-6 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Ages: Current Pre School Age - Sixth grade. We hope to see you there! Questions? Scott or Amy at 575-769-2138. Register online at www.21ststreetcoc.org.



Wedding Reception

Mr. & Mrs. Derek Jones request the honor of your presence at a reception to celebrate their recent marriage.



Derek Jones

And

Rebeca Medina Jones

Saturday, May 19, 2012
16th & Pile Church of Christ
1521 Pile, Clovis, New Mexico
7:00 p.m.

This is a pot-luck fellowship Reception. If possible, please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP by calling Ashly Baccas at 575-693-2702 by Tuesday, May 15, 2012. The Couple is registered at Wal-Mart.

Hosted by the 4th & Cameo Street Church of Christ

Save the Dates!

- 2nd Annual Church Retreat.** August 10-12, Mountain View Church Camp in Alto, NM. More details to come at a later date.
- 2012 High Plains Bible Teachers Workshop.** September 8th at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ, Lubbock, TX. Details are posted on the foyer bulletin board.



Teachers Work Room Need

We are in need of several empty frosting containers, if you would be willing to save them it would be appreciated. You may bring them to Wynette in the office.



ELDERS

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Jack Merrick 760-7521
Adam Terry 760-6917

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Craig Breshears 359-1644
Kevin Breshears 276-8519
George Brumfield 276-8464
Dustin Cabeldue 359-2268
Colin Chandler 760-2129
Joe Chandler 607-5817
Randy Dunson 356-6919
Troy Goyne 356-6981
Todd Pebsworth 309-6982
Delbert Rector 478-2390
David Wagner 359-1835
Kenny Whitecotton 760-9972

VAN COORDINATOR

Dustin Cabeldue 359-2268

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Sunday

Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m.
Life Groups Various Times

Wednesday

Midweek Services 7:00 p.m.

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Prayer Requests

David Heflin - scheduled for orthoscopic hip surgery at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque this Friday, May 18.

Thom Moore - home recovering from a heart attack and surgery to have a stent replaced.

Jack Merrick - home, recovering from surgery to repair an aneurysm.

Betty Maberry - home recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Reba Robertson - not doing well.

Katie Kalmer - 24-year old niece of Todd & Robin Pebsworth, hospitalized in Kansas City with cancer again. Tests revealed that her cancer has spread to her lungs, lymphs and liver. She is not doing well and will not be taking chemo or radiation.

Please continue to remember those with ongoing health problems:

Juanita Barbee, Shirley Blevins, Layni Breshears, Emmitt Clayton, Geneva Dendy, Barney Francis, Janie Funk, Betty Gossett, Orval and Arlene Griffith, Carol Heckman, Johnnie Justus, Damon Lieb,

Daven Marshall, Gene Marshall, Wayne McAlister, Daisy McKillip, Kim Merrick, Joyce Pebsworth, Joe Thompson, Shirley Wahlman, Gene and Bernice Weems, Maxine Wilhoit, Neva Wilhoit.

Family & Friends: Mary Bailey, Colt Banister, Kellie Blair, Elma Cain, Case Chandler, William Collins, Sylvia Cowan, Alta Fisher, Jolie Foster, Greg Gomes, Roy Gaines, Cathy George, Hope Hurd, Jalyn Jimenez, Gary Lewis, Betsey Niece, Mary Cameron McCarty, Mark McCollum, Kerry Musick, Kelijon Nance, Mary Potter, Tracy Price, Jim Reyna, Jack Sikes, Landon Stewart, Adrian Stroup, Glenda Taylor, Naida Taylor, Troy Teston, Kevin Trudo, Mickey Walcott, Ethel Windham, Morris and Doris Wood.

Military

Kyle Blue, Marty Kendrex & Nick Plyler

Please pray for these men and their families while they are in Afghanistan.



Weekly Chronological Bible Reading



- **May 13** - 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chronicles 20
- **May 14** - Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122
- **May 15** - 2 Samuel 13-15
- **May 16** - Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55
- **May 17** - 2 Samuel 16-18
- **May 18** - Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
- **May 19** - 2 Samuel 19-21

For those who would like to listen to the weekly reading plan instead of read it audio files for the Bible reading plan are at <http://3kbiblereadingplan.info> and there is a link on the church website.

