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Remembering a Conversion

Acts 15:7-9 "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, ⁹and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

In Acts 15 Peter is recounting the conversion of Cornelius and his household to a gathering of Christian in Jerusalem and he gives them some food for thought. The first thing he tells them is that God decided that every person had access to him through the gospel. He did this because God knows the heart. God is not fooled by outward signs of religion. He looks straight to our heart. When He saw Cornelius' heart as well as the hearts of those around him He acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit. What a precious and most valuable gift! God's Spirit is with us (**Romans 8:11**). He is here to comfort us(**Acts 9:31**), intercede for us(**Romans 8:26**), and give us the guarantee that God will bring all of His children home on day(**Romans 8:23**). Finally, it says He purified their hearts by faith. Their hearts were purified when they acquired a faith in Jesus Christ that led them to do whatever He wanted in their lives. That trusted in His grace and obey Him resulting in their salvation. It is always a blessing to reflect on conversion stories. I hope all of us will ask our God in heaven to give us more opportunities to bring others to Him.

John

Our Actions Affect Others

Joshua 7:5 ... who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

The victory was supposed to be easy. Spies had been sent out to look at the city of Ai. Their assessment was that only two to three thousand soldiers were needed in order to defeat the few men of this city. This was actually an over abundance of power. Thinking the Lord was on their side, the command was given to go complete the task. The end result was that Israel lost the battle. They did not expect to lose a single soldier but thirty-six men died in that battle. Not only did these men die but the entire nation lost their confidence. The hearts of the people melted and they could not foresee the future. Why? The sins of one man caused the Lord to abandon the soldiers. They were simply fighting with human strength, power and strategies. An act of disobedience - the theft of some spoils of battle - led to an unnecessary defeat.

What an important lesson to learn. When Achan stole the articles and buried them in his tent, he had no idea of the consequences of his actions. Our actions may very well affect the lives of others. Thirty-six men died because of what he did. The entire Israelite community was held in fear and questioned God. These were the price of a single sin. Sin always is more costly than we realize. Christians must strive to eliminate sin from their lives. Sin always affects us personally and often the consequences are far reaching. It is especially damaging when the church is affected by our sins. May we strive to be all that God wants us to be and be an influence for good. There can be no consequences for sin if we don't sin.

Joe

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SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Charlie Willis
 Byran Farris Dustin Stutts
 Terry Burgess Bobby Daniels
 Eric Hixson J.W. Gilliam
 Mike Kinzer Tommy Hight
 Read: Revelation 20:11-15.....Barry Cross
 Sermon: The Day of Judgment.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Lenny Davis
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley
 Read: Acts 16:30-36.....Trent Hill
 Sermon: Believe in The Lord Jesus.....Joe Macer
 Presiding.....Mike Lyle
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....David Thomas

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Libby Moss, Jan Thomason
 P.M.....Lisa Kelley

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Announcements/Speaker.....Gary Boyd