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Be Strong and Courageous

Deuteronomy 31: 6 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

Moses tells the Israelites, "I am a hundred and twenty years old today". He also informs them that he is not going to enter the promised land with them, but he does have some final advice for them. Sunday night we talked about Moses speaking clearly to the nation of Israel as he presents the choice of life and death, blessing and curse to them. Now he simply tells them go with God. He will go before you. He will defeat your enemies, and He will deliver them up into your hand. Moses knows all they really need is the Lord in order to be successful, and this is why he gives them the encouragement mentioned above.

He reminds them and us that we have nothing to be afraid of if we are on the Lord's side. We can face adversity, the unknown, enemies, persecution, a difficult life, and even death with courage when we understand that the Lord goes with us. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is our God, and He will never fail us or forsake us! Let us boldly walk thru each day, and every situation knowing that our God cares for us. May we never shrink away from this fact because of pressures we may face, and may we be strong and courageous because of Who is with us. See you Sunday!

He Tends His Flocks

Isaiah 40:11 *He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.*

Reading this reminds me of a picture that used to hang on the wall of my parent's home as I was growing up. It was a painting of Jesus gently clutching a young lamb to his chest. The picture portrays the image of love, caring, compassion and gentleness. A shepherd cares about the entire flock but is especially mindful of the young lambs. Sheep need to be led to green pastures and clean water. Sheep need protection and the shepherd is willing to provide it even at the risk of his own life. The fact is that shepherds love their sheep and want only the best for them.

Isaiah is picturing God as the shepherd for his people in Israel. The New Testament presents Jesus as a sheep to his people. He called his disciples sheep and used sheep in illustrations to deliver messages. Jesus guided these men along and provided for all they needed. He carried them close to his heart and we must understand that he does the same for us today. Jesus does care about us. Jesus loves us. The lambs were the weakest and the neediest. The shepherd would provide for their needs. He would carry them wherever they needed to go. This shepherd willing gave his life for his sheep. As he now sits at the father's right hand, he wants only the best for his flock. What a wonderful savior that he is!

John

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WORSHIP LEADERS MARCH 11, 2018

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome	Dennis Thomason	
Song Leader:	Greg Lusk	
Prayer:	Patrick Sullivan	
Lord's Supper: Presiding		
Tom McBee	Jason Kelley	
Brennan McNeese	Chris Lewis	
Jim Anderson	Cheyenne McNeese	
JW Gilliam	Larry Nicholson	
Read: John 3:14-18	Corey Smith	
Sermon: Believe	John Thomas	
Announcements/Closing Prayer	Dennis Thomason	

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader	Nathan Hixson
Prayer	Aaron Sullivan
Read: Judges 6:11-16	Boyd Wood
Sermon: The Power is in God	Joe Macer
Presiding	Chris Mobley
Announcements/Closing Prayer	David Thomas

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 6:30 P.M.

	Song Leader:	
A.MAngie Massey & Jennifer Winchester	Prayer:	Aaron Sullivan
P.MDana Daniels & Jessica Daniels	Announcement/Speaker:	Trent Thomason