

SERMON NOTES

January 31, 2010

“Raising Feminine Daughters & Mentoring Women”

Selected Scripture

OUR PURPOSE: God’s GLORY

OUR AUTHORITY: God’s WORD

Our salvation is personal and individual; but when God saves us, He ADOPTS us into His covenant FAMILY.

As we think about raising feminine daughters:

- We have SPIRITUAL brothers and sisters, mothers and daughters.
- God deals with us as a HOUSEHOLD of faith.
- Whether or not we have biological daughters, we have SPIRITUAL DAUGHTERS.
- It is our covenantal privilege and responsibility to pass on a LEGACY of BIBLICAL womanhood to those girls and young women entrusted to our church.

IMPLICATIONS:

- 1) Our daughters will be products of their THEOLOGY.
- 2) Our daughters must know the truth, and their purpose in life is God’s glory.

GOD’S HELPER DESIGN:

- 1) The redeemed helper will be a woman of PRAYER.
- 2) The redeemed helper UNDERSTANDS the IMPORTANCE of the virtue of domesticity and the ministry of hospitality.
- 3) The redeemed helper is not INWARD- focused.
- 4) The single redeemed helper understands that she is to JOIN with other WOMEN to be corporate helpers in God’s covenant community.
- 5) The redeemed helper values male and female distinctiveness.

HOW TO PASS THE LEGACY ON:

FIRST – God has given every RESOURCE we need:

- 1) HIS SPIRIT
- 2) HIS WORD
- 3) HIS EAR (prayer)
- 4) HIS BRIDE (the CHURCH)

SECOND – We are in a SPIRITUAL battle.

THIRD - It is a work of GRACE - always.

FOURTH - TEACH our daughters.

FIFTH – We must be WISE, aware, and WARNING.

IT WILL TAKE TRUE WOMEN:

- A true woman is the REAL thing.
- A true woman is the REFLECTION of her REDEMPTION.

MENTORING: “A mentor is someone farther on down the road from you who is going where you want to go and who is willing to give you some light to help you get there.” (Dee Brestin)

QUALITIES IN A MENTOR:

AUTHENTIC and growing – not perfect

CARES about younger women

SHARES her failures and struggles

COUNSELS based on God’s Word

COMFORTS before giving advice

COMMITTS to God’s will at all costs

LISTENS well

MODELS loving kindness to family, demonstrates respectful submission to husband, and provides effective home management.

CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES – WEEK 5

BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”

Belief #5 - Identity in Christ: the belief that a person is significant because of his or her position as a child of God (John 1:12-13)

PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”

Practice #5 - Biblical Community: fellowshiping with other Christians to fulfill God’s purposes in our life, in others’ lives, and in the world (Acts 2:42-47)

VIRTUE – “What We Expect to Be”

Virtue #5 - Loving: unconditionally loving others (1 John 4:10-12)

CALVARY COTTAGE COMMUNITY

Read Titus 2:

- To whom is the mandate given?
- What is the foundation for the mandate?
- What is the purpose of the mandate?
- What kind of training is involved?
- Who are the “older women”?

Prayer Requests:

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Verse to memorize:

HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR PASTOR’S SERMONS:

1. Listen to the sermon as if your life depended on it.
2. Look for God’s remedies for sin and His instructions for living in a sinful world.
3. Expect to be taught by the Holy Spirit as you hear God’s Word proclaimed.
4. Be determined to listen...regardless of the speaker’s oratory skills.
5. A profitable Bible message is one that delivers **one** life-transforming truth.
6. Pre-commit to apply and obey God’s Word as it is set forth in the sermon.

APPLICATION:

Application is Hard Work:

1. ...because it requires serious thinking.
2. ...because Satan fights it viciously.
3. ...because we naturally resist change.

Four Steps to Practical Application:

- I. **Pray** for insight on how to apply the passage.
- II. **Meditate** on verses you have chosen to study.
 - a. Put yourself in the biblical scene.
 - b. Emphasize words in the passage you are studying.
 - c. Paraphrase the passage.
 - d. Personalize the passage you are studying.
 - e. Use the S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S acrostic. *
- III. **Write** out an application – (Personal, Practical, Possible, Provable)
- IV. **Memorize** a key verse from your study.

Questions to Ask When Studying the Bible:

1. What attitude do I need to change (surrender)?
2. What do I need to start doing? Stop doing?
3. What things do I need to believe? Stop believing?
4. What relationships do I need to work on?
5. What ministry should I be having with others?

- *S – Sin to confess?
- P – Promise to claim?
- A – Attitude to change?
- C – Command to obey?
- E – Example to follow?
- P – Prayer to pray?
- E – Error to avoid?
- T – Truth to believe?
- S – Something to praise God for?