



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
Bible Band

Lesson 6 July 8, 2025

TREATING OTHERS RIGHT

Background Reading:

- ❖ Zechariah 7:9
- ❖ Joshua 2:12-14
- ❖ Luke 6:36
- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
- ❖ Philemon 1:7-10
- ❖ 2 Timothy 1:16-18

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Background Reading

Zechariah 7:9 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

Joshua 2:12-14

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

13 And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the Lord hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

Background Reading

Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

Background Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Background Reading

Philemon 1:7-10

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

Background Reading

2 Timothy 1:16-18

16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

Devotional Reading

2 Samuel 9:1-13

1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he.

3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

Devotional Reading

2 Samuel 9:1-13

5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

Devotional Reading

2 Samuel 9:1-13

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

12 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

Devotional Reading

2 Samuel 9:1-13

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

Central Verse

Ephesians 4:32

“And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even
as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

INTRODUCTION

Treating others right is a choice. A person chooses to be kind, thoughtful, and selfless because it reflects the heart of Jesus Christ. Having Jesus on the inside helps a believer to have greater self-compassion as he sees himself through the eyes of God. When a person learns to be kind and nice to himself, it's much easier for him to choose to be nice to others.

INTRODUCTION

Now, remember there is a difference between being kind and being nice. It is easy to fake nice but hard to fake kindness because kindness is selfless. It is loving and genuine kindness is costly because it mimics Jesus. It lets others know that the old man of sin has been transformed. Striving to be kind is striving to be like Jesus. But when a believer can remember how kind God has been to him, he can respond by being kind to others.

DISCUSSION

David had ascended the throne after the death of King Saul. Usually, when a new administration came into power on that day, they killed or got rid of all the families of the old regime. But because David was a "man after God's heart," he sought to do what was right, and that was to treat others right. There is an old proverb that says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This is a good proverb to pattern a person's life after.

DISCUSSION

After David got settled, he asked if anyone was left from the house of Saul so that he could show them kindness for his friend Jonathan's sake. This was not required of David, but because he wanted to remember the kindness Jonathan had shown him and because he wanted to treat people right, he pursued this question. When doing what is right is inside of a person, it's not hard to do what is right.

DISCUSSION

One of the servants from Saul's house was there, and he was able to tell David that there was a son of Jonathan who was lame on both his feet yet living. David enquired about his whereabouts and found that he was living in a place called Lodebar. David immediately sent for Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan (Saul's son).

His first words to Mephibosheth were words of reassurance, letting him know that he was not there for any other reason but to be treated with kindness. This young man had experienced an unhappy tragedy in his life and, like so many people, needed some kindness shown to him. David brought this young man into his house, made provisions for him, and allowed him to sit and eat at his table.

DISCUSSION

The New Testament tells the story of a slave who had been mistreated, so he ran away from his master. He was blessed to meet the Apostle Paul and because of this encounter, he was introduced to Jesus and a better way of living. Sinner's lives should change when they meet a real Saint of God because we should be atmosphere changers. Believers do not have to participate in the atmosphere of vitriol that pervades the culture they are in. They should demonstrate the kindness of God in the way they treat others as well as what they say to others. They can make a difference by practicing intentional kindness in the midst of all the darkness in their culture.

DISCUSSION

Because of the kindness of this slave Onesimus, Paul wrote a letter to Philemon asking him to receive Onesimus as a brother. Paul acknowledged that at one time, Onesimus had been unprofitable to Philemon, but now he was a servant of Jesus Christ and was profitable to him and would be to his master. He asked Philemon to receive Onesimus as he would receive himself and if he had any debts to him, charge it to him (Paul). He asked Philemon to show Onesimus the same kindness he would show him, the Apostle Paul. Sometimes a kind word to someone in authority is all a person needs to get his life back in order to experience a better life. So be kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving one another.

DISCUSSION

Stop holding grudges against one another; let them go because if a person wants God's kindness and forgiveness, he must forgive others. Some people find it difficult to forgive others, especially if they feel the person wronged them without a reason. But whether there is a reason or not, believers must forgive those who trespass against them. Believers must make the decision to treat everyone right.

CONCLUSION

It's nice just to be nice, but it is even better to let someone know you are nice. Believers need to remember that they are the light of the world, and if anyone should be kind to others, it should be them. Our world is filled with darkness, evil, wicked, mean, and hateful people, and God wants His children to bring light, kindness, joy, peace, and happiness to those around them. A person can easily find a reason to ignore or be mean to others if they look for it. But they must let their light of love and kindness shine everywhere they go. It is with love and kindness that believers can draw the sinners. It doesn't cost much to be nice and treat others fairly.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

Believers must be righteous in every situation they find themselves in because they represent God at all times.

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Expect the Best from God