

MESSAGE

Occasion : Lighthouse Family Sunday
Theme : Shining the True Light
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TITLE : FAMILY EXAMPLES
Text/s :

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6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

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Bible Reading :

Acts 14:19-22

19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

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Acts 16:1-5

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2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

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Song/s :

Other references :

INTRODUCTION

Israel would have not been what they are today without the lives of the Patriarchs... Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the rest. By their faith, they built God's chosen nation.

What we are today as churches, would not be possible, had it not been for families who believed and by God's grace in them, became the very core of the early churches from which we come from.

They are our examples. We can know them. We can read from the new Testament of their faith and their works.

Family Examples.

BODY

A. The family of Timothy (Paul's son in the faith, his companion in work, who became pastor of the church in Ephesus).

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This period was at the latter part of the 40s when Paul (with Silas) started out his 2nd missionary journey. About three years earlier, during the first journey with Barnabas, he suffered much in the cities of Derbe and Lystra being stoned. About 3 years after, Paul went back to Derbe and there found Timothy.

About 10 years or more after first meeting the family of Timothy, Paul writes his 2nd letter to Timothy from Rome, being imprisoned. And he vividly describes the meeting.

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About 4 or 5 years after meeting Timothy, and writing from Macedonia during the latter part of his 3rd missionary journey, Paul writes his 1st letter to Timothy.

1 Tim 1:1-3

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;

2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

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You see what faith in the family does. And how by establishment in the word of God and in his work, leaders who can be greatly used by God according to His grace may be raised.

B. The family of Lydia (of the Philippian church)

Acts 16:12-15

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

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Acts 16:40

40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

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C. The family of the Philippian Jailor (of the Philippian church)

Acts 16:27-34

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

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Writing from Rome, being imprisoned, in the early 60s...

Phil 4:15-19

15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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Writing from Macedonia in the MID 50s...

2 Cor 11:9-10

9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

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Writing from Corinth in the late 50s...

Rom 15:25-27

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

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D. The family of Aquila and Priscilla (of Corinth)

The period is the early part of 50s, the latter part of his 2nd missionary journey. Having left Macedonia, Paul goes down to Corinth.

Acts 18:1-3

1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

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Acts 18:18-19

18 And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

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Writing to the church in Corinth his 1st epistle from Ephesus, he cites Aquila and Priscilla, who in Ephesus hosted a church in their house.

1 Cor 16:19

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

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Towards the latter part of the 3rd missionary journey, from Corinth, and writing to the churches in Rome, about 5 to 7 years after the account above, Paul cites Priscilla and Aquila who were now in Rome.

Rom 16:3-5

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

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2 Tim 4:19

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

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Even to this day, no one can refute the contribution of this family in the work of the Lord, even translated to our day, 200- years after.

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1 Cor 1:12-15

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

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Here we see an account of how, by a family, a church may grow. And the family of Crispus, with all his house, having believed and were baptized, became part of the core.

F. The house of Justus (of Corinth)

Acts 18:7

7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

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Col 4:11

11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

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G. The family of Stephanas (of Corinth)

1 Cor 1:16

16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

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1 Cor 16:15-18

15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.

17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.

18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

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H. The families cited by Paul in Rome

Rom 16:6-16

6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

8 Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

9 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household.

11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.

15 Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.

16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

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CONCLUSION