

DON'T JUST DO SOMETHING. STAND THERE!

A lesson on servanthood from Isaiah 40:31

Unit 1 Day 3

Introduction:

- Society 120 years ago
 1. _____% agriculture
 2. The pace of life was l_____
- Society today
 1. Most people work for someone else
 2. The pace of life is _____
 - a. Emphasis on fast s_____
 - b. Extra-curricular activities are abundant in the schools.
- This mentality carries over in the Christian life
 1. The emphasis tends to fall on d_____
 2. The thinking tends to be doing things f_____ the Lord
- Isaiah 40:31
 1. The emphasis of this verse is on w_____
 2. God is telling us “Don’t just do something. Stand there!”

The Example of a Servant – Jesus

- Matt 20:26-28 – Jesus whole purpose of coming to earth was to serve with the end result of giving His l_____ as our sin payment.
 1. The beginning of Jesus’ ministry (Matt 3:16,17)
 - a. What did Jesus do after it was revealed at His baptism that He was the Son of God? - _____
 - b. What does Is 40:31 promise to those who wait on the Lord? – they will renew their s_____
 - c. What did Jesus experience after waiting on the Father (see Lk 4:14)? - _____ ministered to Him and He returned in the p_____ of the Spirit.
 2. The middle of Jesus’ ministry (Matt 14)
 - a. Jesus miraculously fed a crowd of thousands with only five l_____ and two _____
 - b. Afterwards He withdrew from the crowd to be a _____ with the Father (He needed to renew His strength, but waiting!)
 3. The end of Jesus’ ministry (Matt 26:36-46)
 - a. Jesus was struggling with His w_____ and e_____ as He was anticipating His death
 - b. Jesus p_____ fervently but with great p_____ (three one hour sessions)
 - c. After Jesus received the answer from the Father, His strength was renewed and He stated to His disciples, “Arise, let us be going. Behold, the one who b_____ Me is at hand.”
- Servanthood is not about doing f_____ but w_____ first.

The Model of a Servant

- Worldly model
 1. The master (employer, foreman, sergeant etc) gives a c_____; The servant does the w_____
 2. If applied to God and us – we servants would be doing the work f_____ God (or in place of God)
- Biblical model – God doing the work t_____ His Servants

1. Jn 15:5 – apart from Christ we can do n_____
2. Matt 28:20 – after issuing a command to make disciples, He promises that He would be w_____ them.
3. Gal 2:20 – teaches that the Christian life is not about living in place of Christ but Christ living _____ you.
4. 2 Tim 2:21 – we are v_____ to be used by the Master for every good work for which He has prepared us.

An Illustration of a Servant - Elijah

- Isaiah 40:31 uses three metaphors that result from waiting on the Lord
 1. F_____
 2. R_____
 3. W_____
- Elijah Illustrates all three “paces” (I Kgs 18:1-39)
 1. Walking – as Elijah waited on the Lord, he was told to go to show himself to king A_____ (how long did this one instruction take?)
 2. Running – As the 850 prophets of Baal and Asherah gathered, so also the people of Israel gathered in this show down of who was really the one true God; the pace quickens (Elijah had to fulfill many instructions)
 - a. A_____ were built
 - b. S_____ were made
 - c. Elijah was giving God’s i_____
 - d. A_____ were made
 - e. Elijah builds an altar and d_____ it with water
 3. Flying (God doing a miracle)
 - a. Elijah p_____ as he was supposed to
 - b. God answered by consuming with fire the offering and the drenched altar.
 - c. The people of Israel responded by saying that the L_____ (Yahweh) is God.

Conclusion:

- We tend to run ahead of God because He is always much more p_____ than we are. (we want results now!)
- God must set the pace
 1. First we must w_____
 2. Then we must respond according to His pace, for He is the one who is w_____ through us.
- What are some works that God has done in the life of this church in a way that only God can do?
 1. S_____
 2. M_____
 3. P_____