

Bible Study 12. 4. 2014 Changes will turn tragedy into triumph by Bishop Manning

Today Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15 : 49 to 58.....

#1 Changes... We must be willing to change.....

Vs 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

We are looking at changes that will take place in our life, its imperative to live a life of victory.

#2 Standing rejections

Acts 7:59 & Acts 8:1

Vs Acts 7:59 King James Version (KJV)

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Stephens finished preaching a great sermon, and his audience gave him a standing rejection. They didn't want to hear Stephens message. Instead, they decided to kill the messenger...As they stoned Stephens, he faithfully followed Jesus Christ pattern of praying for those who were against him....

In the natural, we would call this an unfair and terrible tragedy. However from God's perspective, it was a transition. Stephens planted a seed in Sauls/Pauls life that day. This seed would later grow into an amazing harvest, because of Stephens changes. I believe that Stephens friends was devastated, but God's plan was not derailed.

God takes what the enemy means for evil and turn it around for our good, and His glory. Saul would later become Paul, one of the most influent people in the Bible.

#3 The Persecution

Acts 8:1 King James Version (KJV)

8 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

#4 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8:26-40

Acts 8:26-40 King James Version (KJV)

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, do you Understands what you are reading?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

#5 Let's look at the life of an Eunuchs...

Answer: The eunuchs of the Bible were usually castrated males or those incapable of reproduction due to a birth defect. A eunuch could also be someone who performed work typical of eunuchs, although he remained perfectly capable of having sex—i.e., “eunuch” in some cases was simply a title. The purpose of intentional castration was to induce impotence and remove sexuality. It was a common practice in ancient times for rulers to castrate some of their servants and/or advisers in order to subdue and pacify them. It was especially common to castrate men who tended the royal harem. Queen Esther’s eunuchs are mentioned in **Esther 4:4. 4 When Esther’s young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them.**

Questions & Answers..

1. Who are the main Characters in Acts 8. 26 to 40?

2. Who _____ convert _____ the Eunuch? _____

3. What is the definition of a Eunuch? _____

4. How many types of eunuch is in the Bible?

5. What country was the eunuchs from?

6. Phillips salvation message was well delivered, and it was accepted by the eunuch immediately. What do you think the message was all about? _____ & what book in the Bible sparks their interest? _____

Thank you, sincerely Archbishop Manning.....