

Show Me Your God

Confirm Don't Convince

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Notes Specific to Today

- Pentecost - "the fiftieth day" - it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2
 - one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals required in the Law of Moses
 - The events experienced by the Apostles in Jerusalem during *Pentecost* were understood by the Apostles as the sending of the Holy Ghost, which had been promised by Jesus (John 14:26): *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. "*
 - The Apostles were very aware that what happened to them was a Descent of the Holy Spirit, so, in his sermon, Peter quotes the 2nd chapter of the Book of Joel.

Our Scripture :: Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Objective

Mission: Edifying people to shine a light that glorifies God.

Vision: To openly display the raw power of God on a daily basis

- To be a city, set on a hill, brightly lit so that it captures the attention of all.
- To be a great society that is the representation of the kingdom of God on the earth.
- To be a beacon of hope for good, truth, healing, redemption, and restoration.
- To be an irresistible force for righteousness and justice.

Examples

- David and his "mighty men" [This One This Week]
- Gideon and his army of 300
- Jesus and His 12 Disciples

1 Samuel 22:1-2 & 2 Samuel 23:8

1 Samuel 22:1-2:

1 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him. 2 Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

2 Samuel 23:8:

8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had...

The Transformation

- There was a whole bunch of stuff that happened between 1 Samuel 22:1 and 2 Samuel 23:8.
- The point is, that they were once the distressed, discontented and those in debt, and now they are known as David's mighty men.
- All of us are some where in between the former and the latter
- Where are you? Are you willing to go through "the stuff" to come out mighty men and women of God.

Luke 9:23-24

23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
24 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

Luke 14:26-33

26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

29 "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 "Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 "Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

33 "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

This is Our Approach

- There are many ways to live your daily Christian life. My approach is this way. I did not sign up for a country club, I signed up for an army.
- I do not intend to be the next church leader, I intend on being the next general in the body of Christ

Church vs. Body of Christ

1. Refers to a building
2. Refers to the working inside the building
3. Stationary
4. Internal
5. Recruiting members

1. Refers to Jesus
2. Refers to the active part of the Kingdom of God
3. Mobilizing
4. External
5. Recruiting warriors