

## 20200814 – THE FEARLESSNESS OF A SERVANT

The Calvary Road 5 – Matthew 25:14-30

*I do want to thank the Pastor again and the church for the opportunity to speak and the hospitality. This is a great honor and, if you will, a terrible duty to discharge. I don't use the word lightly, but I am EXCITED by the impact that you may have for the Kingdom of God.*

Challenge: Trust God! Cast all your care upon Him.

- Keep your fellowship and let HIM manage the rest
- Our time is almost done! Just a few minutes more!
- Be ready to say Amen to God. Whatever He says to do.
- Will you do that?

Points: Official Business, Open Boldness, Only Brokenness, Onto Battle, (with) Our Brothers

### I. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

#### A. What shall we do?

1. From the neck up.
  - a. Brother Moore – 99% of life you already know
  - b. All we have to do is DO it 😊
  - c. Pastor Gray and Baptism (so what are you going to do?)
  - d. Not all obedient acts in my life has been easy, let me add
2. We don't want to be nominal servants; we want to be profitable
  - a. Not de facto but DE JUR-E
  - b. Not tacitly but TACTICALLY
  - c. Not conceptually but CATEGORICALLY
  - d. Not finicky but FUNDAMENTALLY
3. We have a MISSION to complete in a strange world
4. Let us be FEARLESS!

#### B. The Unprofitable Servant

1. His motivating factor was not could NOT be fear of his lord (vs. 25)
  - a. The master even pointed that out (vs. 26)
  - b. He feared loss... but not loss of the talent
  - c. Looks to me like he stuck in the ground and forgot about it
  - d. He never used it... not for anything.
2. He feared losing his own choice
  - a. He had better things to do
  - b. And he made his lord's business second place
  - c. The application here is obvious
  - d. Look at vs. 27 and apply it to the Christian Life
  - e. At least he could have come to church...
3. Some are called into full-time ministry
  - a. But we are ALL called in to full-time SERVICE

- b. Luke 17:7-10
  - c. God is still God without us, but we are **UNDONE** without Him
- C. No Fear
1. A few verses from God on fear
    - a. Romans 8:15 – “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”
    - b. 2 Timothy 1:7 – “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”
    - c. 2 Corinthians 7:1 – “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
    - d. Not the spirit of fear, but the Spirit of God!
  2. We are on God’s Business – WHO can STOP US!?!?!
    - a. Matthew 28:18 – All Power
    - b. Mathew 10:24-31 – Fear Not
    - c. Titus 2:15 – “These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.”
  3. Let’s be overt operatives, not undercover agents
  4. Let’s use open boldness

## II. OPEN BOLDNESS

- A. Access to God
1. Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”
  2. Ephesians 3:12 – “In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.”
  3. Why **WOULD** we **NOT** have a conversation with God?
- B. Look at the word **BOLDLY** sometime in the New Testament
1. People spake **BOLDLY** after they met Jesus
  2. Joseph of Arimathaea went **BOLDLY** unto Pilate, and craved the body
  3. In Acts
    - a. Barnabas testified that Paul preached Jesus **BOLDLY**
    - b. They disputed the Grecians and spake **BOLDLY** in Jesus’ name
    - c. Paul spake boldly in the synagogue and Aquila and Priscilla heard
    - d. Chapter later Paul preached boldly in the synagogue for 3 months
    - e. Paul **WROTE BOLDLY** to the Ephesians
    - f. He told us to **SPEAK BOLDLY** as an ambassador of Christ
  4. Hebrews 13:6 – “So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”
- C. Where might God send you? I don’t know 😊
1. Will He take care of His own?
  2. As much as He is God.

### 3. Trust Him

## III. ONLY BROKENNESS

- A. No room for Fear. No room for pride
  - 1. Of course, we know what the Bible says
  - 2. James 4:6 – “But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”
  - 3. 1 Peter 5:5 – “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”
- B. But have you ever thought that pride is the basis of fear?
  - 1. If I am relying on myself – trusting the arm of flesh? I will fail.
  - 2. But IF I trust in God, I know that He can NEVER fail!
  - 3. So then:
    - a. If I am filled with Self, then yes... I SHOULD fear
    - b. If I am filled with Him, then fear will never enter the picture
- C. It’s important to be fearless for God, because we go onto Battle

## IV. ONTO BATTLE

- A. This is a wicked world and Satan has his influence everywhere
  - 1. People get the wrong idea – he doesn’t want to destroy you
  - 2. He couldn’t care less about you
  - 3. He wants to hurt God – but he’ll work through you to do it
  - 4. Ephesians 6:12 – “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”
- B. It’s time to take your place on the firing line
  - 1. Rouse then, soldier, rally the round the banner!
  - 2. Ready, steady, pass the word along
  - 3. Onward, forward, shout a loud Hosanna!
  - 4. Christ is captain of the mighty throng.
- C. You all are next ones over the wall
  - 1. Who knows if God placed you here for such a time, as He did Esther
  - 2. Oh we few, we happy few, we band of brothers
  - 3. The victory is assured, but we have yet battles to win (opposite of world)
- D. Get on the battlefield, join the fight with our brothers

## V. OUR BROTHERS

- A. The cloud of witnesses

1. Hebrew 12:1 – “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
  2. Those that went on before, the Hall of Faith in Hebrews Chapter 11
  3. Look around you – there are faithful men who gave their all!
    - a. In my life, Leon Gray, Carl Rea, Fred Moore, and so many others
    - b. Aren’t you sick (if you’ll pardon the word) of hearing stories?
    - c. Praise the Lord for that manna from yesterday
    - d. But what about NOW?
  4. Who will take their places?
- B. Will it be you?
1. Nothing is holding you back
  2. If you are Saved, you have the same Holy Spirit they have.
- C. Here it is – the BIG question:
1. I’ll ask myself: What am I waiting for?
  2. And you ask yourself: What am I waiting for?