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Filling in the Gaps – Lesson 28B Weary in Well doing

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Part 2 of this Bible lesson starts in 2 Samuel 16. We live in a world where the wolves and the bullies no longer have to come into the church to confuse the people. All they have to do is visit them through an internet connection on the computer or social media account on the phone device. People no longer have to go out into the world; the world is shoveled into their minds through the World Wide Web.

In 2 Samuel, we are looking at a man who was being falsely accused, and the people were listening to the lies and gossip coming from the paranoia of King Saul. These verses are a result of David being lied about.

David is now slandered and run out of town; things are going bad for him. 2 Samuel 16:5-7 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial:

Once upon a time, David had people dancing in the streets and singing about his military victories. Now a man was cursing and throwing rocks at him for killing people in the war. Life can change quickly. we saw the same thing happen to Jesus one week they're crying, "Hosanna, Hosanna blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." Then the next week, in the same town, the same people are crying, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him." Life can be rough.

2 Samuel 16:8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man. All these statements were lies. King David did not kill Saul or his family, nor did he deliver the kingdom into the hands of Absalom.

As a result, some of David's men wanted to violently shut the mouth of the man who was lying and cursing at David. David's response was that of a spiritual Christian 2 Samuel 16:11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.

Remember Luke 9:56. When trials and tribulations come, it is always best to see what God has done. 2 Samuel 16:12 It may be that the LORD will



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look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. David is a picture of how Jesus would handle a bad situation. Other men wanted to bring violence on this liar and blasphemer, but the Lord wanted him to be saved.

David's response was to get out of town - flee while being cursed at, having rocks thrown, and being lied about by a fool. 2 Samuel 16:13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. David's men listened to what David said and ignored the blasphemer.

One thing you can count on is that trials and tribulations are persistent. The devil and the flesh want to wreck your testimony, and they will if you give in to their threats.

It is always best to be in the company of God's people so when a trial or tribulation comes, you can depend on the fellowship of God's people to pull you through. Spiritual leadership will always guide you safely through the storms of life. 2 Samuel 16:14 *And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.*

The Bible tells us to go to church. Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Where else are you going to go where there are people of likemindedness who will encourage and pray for you in sincerity?

Many people think of Church as a place to be entertained. That is not why we are to attend church. Church is a place of fellowship, to encourage our brothers and sisters in the Lord, to sing praises to the Lord, and to hear what the Lord will teach you about Himself and others through His word. It is a place of refreshing from the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Don't be weary in well doing. Feed on the word of God, stay in fellowship with the right crowd, and keep telling the lost about Jesus. Galatians 6:7-9 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Stay in the fight! We can all do it if we keep looking forward to the promised reward.

When you think that there is no reward in doing good, remember what God says. Trust Him and follow His directions. (Hebrews 13:16; Psalm 37:3) If God said that if you sow righteousness, you're going to reap blessing, then it will happen just like the Lord said. Press on in the strength of what God said.



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You may have passed out one thousand tracts in a month, maybe even witnessed to ten people; all that is great! Know that your labor in the Lord is never going to be vain. We may not always see the fruit of our labors in this lifetime, but we can be assured that what God said Isaiah 55:11 is the truth - So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For example, God told us in His word to Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6) Remember the parable of the sower? Whose seed are we sowing? It is His seed. (Luke 8:11)

Let's look at these verses again Galatians 6:7-9 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we learned earlier, sowing God's word is not a suggestion, it is an instruction that saved born again believers are supposed to be following on a daily basis. If you are not doing what God commands you to do, then the Lord is going to get your attention by reminding you of what He did for you and what is important to Him.

Hebrews 12 is the chastening chapter in the Bible. Let's see what God is trying to show us in this chapter. Hebrews 12:1-2 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, 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. We are sure glad Jesus did all that for us, so we might have a place with Him in heaven. We are glad He did not give up when the going became tough. His disciples did, and so did Judas when he sold Him for a pocket full of coins. He could have said, "There is no fruit in what I'm doing. I think I'll just go back home to heaven." But He did not; for the joy, He pressed forward.

If your focus is on how unsaved people act when you are trying to serve the Lord, you will eventually stop serving. What did we learn from Jesus? Hebrews 12:3 *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.* Look at what Jesus Christ did for you and consider what He endured and suffered. Realizing what you have because of all that He did should make you give Him your best. You ought to love Him and serve Him with all your soul, strength, and mind. (Mark 12:30) That is the first commandment.

Look at it this way - If your parents told you to take out the garbage, and you decide you did not want to, you would be punished. Every Christian has

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been enabled with the power to serve the Lord, but some have become weary and are sitting down on the job. God goes on to show us in verses 5 through 11 what happens to disobedient children.

The Apostle Paul was a great Christian. He was an evangelist, church planter, and recorder of doctrine. Paul spent most of the latter part of his life in a dirty prison, yet God used that man to write a third of the New Testament and to be a blessing to many of us even now in the 21st. century. Paul had been beaten, starved, and eventually killed for serving the Lord. Why would anyone be willing to suffer all that he did and not give up? Because he was convinced that what the Lord said, He meant.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Let's review a few points we have learned in these two lessons with scripture:

- Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
- Luke 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
- Philippians 3:14 *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Meditate on the following thoughts as you review the 3 verses above: You are a soldier in battle. The enemy is around each corner. You need to get back to headquarters to refresh your supplies and mend your wounds. Along your way, there are people that need your help. You could give up, let the enemy win, and let the people die; but your commander and chief has provided you with the tools, supplies, and encouragement to press forward.

We have all heard the phrase "No one likes a quitter"; well, neither does God. He tells us in Luke 9:62 *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

The Apostle Paul was no quitter, although he sure had plenty of reasons to have been one; but He trusted in the Lord everyday just as we should.

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul is writing to the church, where everything was going great, except for some men who were just existing living as parasites within the congregation, draining their members. A year later, the Holy Spirit led Paul to write a second letter, only to find out that these parasites were still sitting around on their laurels, expecting the church to do everything for them. The Holy Spirit through Paul, reminded them of what they learned about in the last letter - the rapture, the tribulation, the Antichrist, the Second coming. But they didn't remember. Then the Holy Spirit said, we have to deal with this



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idea that a person can come to church and sit in a pew and watch the rest of the people around him or her go the Hell, thinking someone else is going to tell them how to be saved.

Would Paul have reason to be discouraged? He certainly would. He had suffered beatings and imprisonment. One couldn't blame him if he had thought things like, "What's the use? Why am I doing this?" But the Holy Spirit has him record in 2 Thessalonians, "be not weary in well doing."

As we follow the life of Paul, we find out that he wrote letters in jail and out of jail, even while he was starting new churches. Paul was reminded to think of what Jesus Christ did on the cross at Calvary whenever he felt his work was useless. The Holy Spirit gave Paul just what he needed when he was at the brink of giving up. He will do the same for us if we follow the Lord's instructions and do what He says.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

The Apostle Paul is a testimony for all of us. He did it; he stuck with it, and now he enjoys the joy that was set before him. When Paul stood before the Lord, what a delight it was for him to hear those blessed words:

Matthew 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Are you going to be faithful? Never give up. It will be worth it all when we see Jesus.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

2 Thessalonians 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

Notes

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Name _____

Note:	(*) An asterisk indicates must include scripture with your answers.
1.	What was the purpose of this lesson?
2.	What is the importance of going to Church?
3.	Explain Luke 9:56 in relation to this Bible lesson.
4.	Why is a good testimony in the Lord important? *
5.	What did Jesus say was the first commandment? *
6.	Explain Isaiah 55:11.
7.	Why do you think the Holy Spirit worded the first commandment the way He did?

Why did the Apostle Paul have good reason to give up on what he was

doing for the Lord?

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- 9. How is David in 2 Samuel 16 a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 10. As a born again Christian, what will be the most joyful words to hear when we stand before the Lord Jesus Christ? *
- 11. What do we learn in Mark 12:30?
- 12. What do we learn in Luke 14:23?
- 13. What do we learn in Philippians 3:14?
- 14. Is there any excuse God would accept for a born again Christian to be a quitter? Why? (use a separate piece of paper to explain your answer)

True/false

- God understands disobedience in the lives of some people.
- God called only specific people in the Church to witness.
- You know that God is pleased with you when you see much fruit from your service to Him.



Scripture memorization
Galatians 6:9; Mark 12:30; Luke 14:23
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Any questions?