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The Lilbourn Light



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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You are invited to our **Summer Gospel Meeting**

At the
Lilbourn Church of Christ

Speaker:
Tom Kinzel of Kansas City, MO.

Dates:
July 27th—August 1st.

Meeting Times:
Sunday: 9:45 & 10:40am; 5:30pm
Monday– Friday: 7:30pm

Influence of Jesus

It seems that no matter where Jesus went during His ministry, He caused a stir. More importantly, He led people to action. Those who observed His behavior and teaching were moved to do something. A great example of this is found in Mark 1. Notice how the people responded:

Jesus called to Peter and Andrew, **“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men”** (vs. 17). They immediately left their nets and followed Him. They obeyed the Lord.

Jesus was teaching as one having authority (vs. 22) and there was a man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit. Jesus commanded the spirit to come out of the man. He did so and the people were amazed with Jesus (vs. 27).

A leper approached Jesus imploring Him to cleanse him (vs. 40). Jesus was moved with compassion and did so. Jesus told him not to tell anyone what had happened but to show himself to the priest. Yet

the former leper went out and **“began to proclaim it freely”** (vs. 45). The matter spread so much that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city. Instead He taught in deserted places, allowing the people to come to Him.

There are still people who need to be impressed with Jesus!

We have heard about Jesus so often that perhaps we fail to sense the excitement that the Galilean people had. They were genuinely touched by Jesus being with them. No matter where He went, there was a crowd.

Jesus has done some remarkable things in the lives of Christians. He has transformed us from death to life. He gives us strength and comfort in our times of need. He has promised us an eternal home in heaven.

We should take the example we find in Mark 1 and respond accordingly. Obey Him, be amazed by Him and proclaim Him. Remember, there are still people who need to be impressed with Jesus!

— Shane Williams

Can't see the Forest for the Tree

It is easy to get so close to a temptation that we lose our perspective. It may be something as small as a rumor that we knew shouldn't be passed along, but the urge to “tell it” blocked out our sense of good judgment. It may be something that we have made our mind up about that we are going to do. We are therefore unable to see the right way!

Adam and Eve faced a similar problem long ago. They became so preoccupied with “one tree” in their garden paradise that they couldn't see the forest for the tree (Gen. 2:17; 3:3).

Just look at what it cost them. The Garden of Eden had been created especially for them (Gen. 2:8). In it they knew no evil, no trials, no sickness, and no death. They enjoyed the company of the Creator Himself. Yet they gave up all they had just to eat of the fruit of that “one” forbidden tree.

Their mistake is eerily similar to ours. How often do we miss the entire forest of God's goodness for a single tree of temptation? The moment of enticement seems so overwhelming, the idea so irresistible, and our logic so twisted.

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Please think about all Adam and Eve left behind in the Garden. We need to fill our minds with the truth of God's Word. We need to rely on Him for strength and guidance. Resist the temptations that come our way (James 4:7). Then we can experience the joy of

God's blessing rather than temporary pleasure. Heaven (our inheritance) is imperishable, undefiled and will not fade away (I Peter 1:4). It is waiting for God's people.

James 1:12, “Blessed is the man who endures temptation.... he will receive the crown of life...”

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Live Faithful (Heb. 10:35-39)