

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship:
Richard Taylor, Brandon Ramey & the
Worship Ministry
2. God will meet with us through
His word and by His Spirit, lead
us to worship Christ and grow in
Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of
zeal and hope, passionate about
ministry and confident in His
promises.
4. God will make us more passionate
about and obedient to His mission
of leading people to trust and follow
Christ.

MUSIC

PRELUDE MUSIC

And We Are Glad

Joseph Pace II

CORPORATE SINGING

New Doxology

Thomas Ken & Thomas Miller

Grateful

Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlete, Stefan
Green & Steven Furtick

ADORATION SONGS

He Knows My Name

Tommy Walker

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Obediah Chisolm &
William Marion Runyan

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

“The Consequences of Kadesh”

Numbers 29:7-12; Deut 3:23-28

This Sunday Richard Taylor continues his “Transitions” series, “There is Joy in the Journey.” The sermon this Sunday is from Numbers 20:7-12 and Deuteronomy 3:23-28. The title of the sermon this Sunday is “The Consequences of Kadesh.” Prepare for the sermon by reading all of Numbers chapter 20 and Deuteronomy chapter 3. In the chapter from Numbers the Israelites quarrel with Moses at Kadesh. In the text from Deuteronomy we see the consequences of this quarrel and Moses’ action. What are “the consequences of Kadesh” we find in Deuteronomy? What did Moses do that warranted such a severe penalty from the Lord? Pray that our church will obey God in this transition and not take credit for what God is doing, as Moses seems to.

LYRICS

New Doxology

VERSE 1

Praise God from Whom all blessing flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

VERSE 2

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The power and might of His great name
Let us exalt on bended knee
Praise God the Holy Trinity

CHORUS

Praise God, praise God
Praise God who saved my soul
Praise God, praise God
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

VERSE 3

Prais to the King His throne transcends
His crown and kingdom never end
Now and throughout eternity
I’ll praise The One Who died for me

CHORUS

Praise God, praise God
Praise God who saved my soul
Praise God, praise God
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Grateful

VERSE 1

This is the day that You have made
Whatever comes I wont complain
For all my hope is in Your name
And now Your joy awaits my praise

CHORUS

I give thanks for all You have done
And I will sing of Your mercy and Your love
Your love is unfailing Lord I am grateful
I give thanks for all You have done
I wont forget all the battle You have won
Your love is unfailing Lord I am grateful

VERSE 2

When I was down You brought me out
You set my feet on higher ground
So here I stand You are my God
Your faithfulness my solid rock

BRIDGE

And as we lift our hands up
Heavens open, heavens open
So let our lives declare the love
Our God has spoken over us

RESPOND TO THE SERMON

Sunday, May 6 "Ambition: Serving With The Right Ambition" Mark 10:35-45

Truth: Jesus has a thoughtful determination to fulfill His purpose. Jesus knew where he was going and what he was doing. He knew this would be his last time going to Jerusalem and he was thinking about the cross ahead of him. He was determined, driven, and focused on the upcoming sufferings of the cross.

Response: God has orchestrated this "road of service" for Jesus. God has also orchestrated our "road of service." Do those who know you often misunderstand your service for the kingdom, as the disciples misunderstood Jesus' service?

Truth: The disciples' ambition is disgraceful. Jesus begins to talk to them. The disciples aren't listening because their thoughts are filled with plans of the future. They felt that he was speaking of the earthly kingdom and James and John wanted to seize a position of power. Jesus' response is gentle but firm, gracious but direct.

Response: Can you see yourself asking the same type of question that James and John asked? What trouble would you be in now if Jesus "did whatever you asked of Him"? What does James' and John's response reveal?

Truth: Jesus shows us the correct ambition. Jesus listens to them. He didn't condemn them but he challenged them. He said to channel that ambition in a godly way. There is nothing wrong in desiring greatness as long as it is rightly defined and with the

proper motive. Jesus says to be great, be a servant.

Response: What is one way you served someone else this week for the sake of the gospel? Think of several ways in which you will endeavor to be a "slave of all" in the coming weeks and months. Ask God to show you how you are to use your spiritual gift in the church so that the body is not missing a limb.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Sunday, May 6 "Ambition: Serving With The Right Ambition" Mark 10:35-45

Truth: Jesus modeled two wonderful character traits for the disciples: determination and focus. Jesus was determined to obey God the Father even though what God told Him to do was difficult (Mark 10:33-34a). Remaining focused on the Father's goal instead of the difficulty helped Jesus stay on track (Mark 10:34b, 45).

Application: The disciples were distracted by the wrong goals and overly confident in themselves. Jesus reminded them that what God really wants from them is a surrendered heart and a servant's spirit. A surrendered heart means choosing to obey God even when you don't feel like it. A servant's spirit means you are focused on helping others trust and obey God more than you are focused on what's easy or comfortable for yourself.

Response: I referenced the results of two different research projects in this month's Children's Ministry Newsletter: one conducted by LifeWay and one conducted by Steve R. Parr & Tom Crites. Church service was a very practical influence recorded in each study. The positive impact of children witnessing their parents serve regularly in the church and participating in regular acts of service themselves is seen in a higher probability of spiritual faithfulness as independent adults. Serve regularly and visibly in front of your children and provide regular experiences for them to grow in serving also.