



Sermon Notes: Living it Out – Life, Liberty and The Pursuit of Happiness

Mark 10:45, Galatians 5:13-14 and James 1:22-25

7.5.26

Famous Quotes from the Revolutionary War:

1. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."
2. "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"
3. "I have not yet begun to fight."

Possible Names:

Cranston Snord, Nathan Hale, Thomas Jefferson, Darin Frey, John Paul Jones, Patrick Henry & Benjamin Franklin

Big Idea

Biblical masculinity serves others and transforms every sphere of life

LAY IT DOWN IN THE WORLD - LIFE

- How do we do this?

PROTECT IN THE WORLD - LIBERTY

- Protect the vulnerable
- Protect the next generation
- Protect the community/church

BUILD IN THE WORLD – PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

- Integrity
- Show up
- Serve
- Give
- Lead

So What?

Every single person in this room is either assisted or afflicted by the men in their life.

Essential masculinity is the Spirit-formed willingness to lay down your life, protect and build your life like

Jesus did!

For Study, Reflection, Discussion During the Week:

Life Group ICEBREAKER: Think of a man in your life who displayed integrity. What was it about his integrity that most impressed you?

REVIEW: Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? What was it and why did it resonate with you?

READ: Mark 10:45

- Reflect on this verse. Is it surprising to you that Jesus only mentioned two things that he came to this earth to do: to serve and to lay down his life as a ransom for many? Is there something else that you think that he could have added to this list?

READ: Galatians 5:13-14

- Paul is telling us in these verses that instead of the Christian life being enslaving, as many people think it is, the Christian life is actually the only way that we can resist the various slaveries offered by the world. This offers us true freedom, freedom from sin.
 - Is being free to do whatever we like just another form of slavery?
 - Kevin said that what Paul is stating here is that serving and loving others is part of what it means to pursue happiness. Do you agree or disagree?

READ: James 1:22-25

- In these verses, James informs us that we as men are not to only be hearers of the word but doers of the word. James then tells us a story of a man who looks into a mirror at his natural face, and then when he quits looking at the mirror, he quickly forgets what he looked like.
 - Is James wondering that when we look into a mirror and see imperfections, do we just go about and forget the imperfections that we see or do we do something about those imperfections? What are the imperfections that you keep ignoring?
 - James also speaks of someone who looks into the law of liberty and perseveres. What do think James means by perseveres?

DEPLOY:

- Kevin spoke of the three aspects of biblical masculinity: laying it down in the world, protecting in the world, and building in the world. Which of these three areas do you feel you need to work on the most? Work at getting better at all three aspects, but over the next month make it a point to improve in the area that you feel you need to work on more.

Don't Forget:

- Consider Signing up to help at Chief Joseph Days. Adults and Youth Needed. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk
 - Operation Christmas Child – Christmas in July is now happening! Take a look at the tree on the Welcome Desk
 - There will be no Wednesday Men's Breakfast Group for the month of July
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Prayer:

Father, we must be honest with You — and with ourselves. Every man in this room has stood in the garden at some point. We have been physically present and spiritually absent. We have gone quiet when we should have spoken. We have blamed when we should have owned it. We have hurt the very people You put us in the room to protect. And some of us are carrying wounds from men who did that to us. We bring both of those things to You tonight. We also understand that we must learn to lay our lives down, protect those around us, and build in the world that you created for us. Please help us to learn to do all of these things well. We know that it is only because of our faith in Jesus Christ that we have the ability to improve and become the men that you want us to be. We are being formed into something. Help us choose who we're becoming — every day, every word, every silence, every choice. May the men of this church look different than the men of the world; not because we're trying harder, but because we belong to a better Man.

In Jesus' name, Amen.