

Don't Blame the Harvest

Several years ago I read and was convicted by these words from brother Stan Freitas:

The Bible contains multiple flesh and blood examples of people used by God to accomplish His purpose. Why? Is there more to it than a history lesson? Do Moses, Jeremiah, Gideon, Esther, Mary and others used by God have lessons that will enhance our lives? A thousand times, "Yes!"

Along with showing how God accomplished His will in bringing His Messiah through Abraham, the story of Moses walking through the Red Sea also teaches us to depend on God. You can't sneak 600,000 people out of Egypt. They were released by the power of God. God plus one is a majority.

Acts of the Apostles is an exciting study. Is there more to it than history and geography? Amen! God used ordinary men and women to turn the world upside down in their generation and He wants to do it today through us.

*God is a God of choice. We don't have to sit around wondering, "Does God want to use us to grow?" Yes! Just as Jesus used the rag tag motley crew from Galilee to impact the world, He wants to use us today. It's up to us to decide whether we want to go with the flow or take hold of our destiny. We can't make excuses. "Well people just aren't receptive today." Wrong! **Don't blame the harvest!** Wherever there are souls there are potential disciples.*

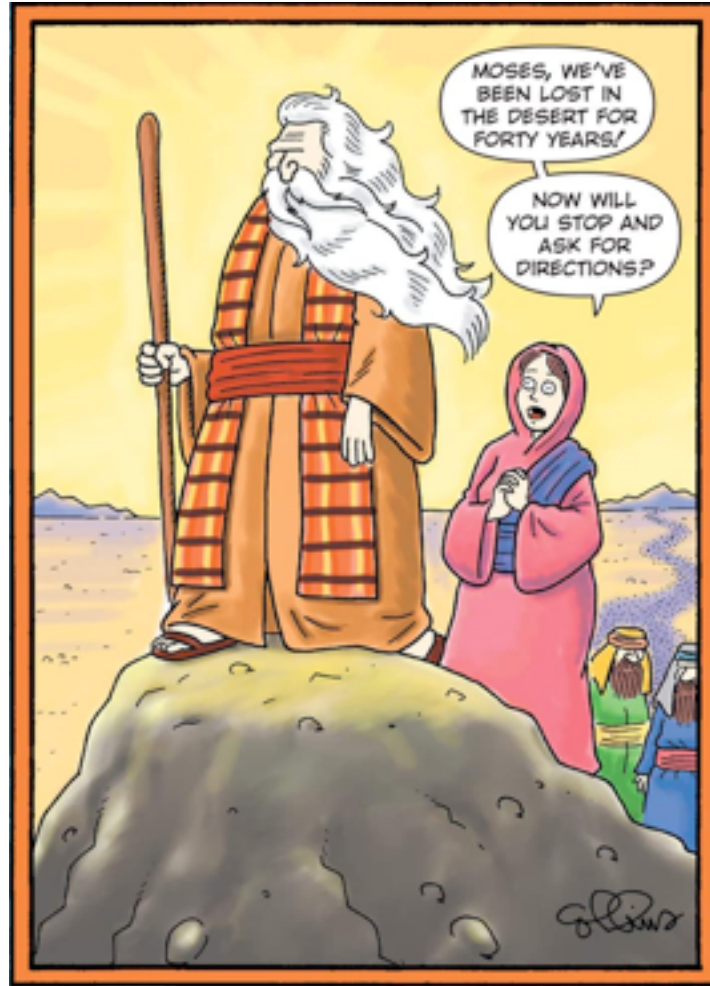
The words in bold are the ones that really caught my attention. I asked myself, "Do you ever blame the harvest?" Those we are trying to reach with Jesus are the potential harvest. What we usually do is provide a nice and comfortable environment (church buildings). Then we invite the harvest to come in to our beautiful silos using nice sounding slogans and flashy signs. Once in the silo we try to keep the harvest clean and free of contaminants. But almost without fail, the silo is far from full. And we blame the harvest.

No farmer on earth would blame the wheat or potatoes or corn for rotting in the field. He might blame his equipment or his crew or himself. But he would never blame the harvest. "The corn just doesn't respond to being picked any more." Absurd!

It is equally absurd for our church buildings and ministries to be empty or half-empty and us blame the people we need to be harvesting. The problem might be our equipment (methods). It might be our crew (preachers, elders, deacons, teachers, members). Or the problem just might be...you. But never, never blame the harvest.

—Jeff Gardner

Happy Father's Day!



¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.' ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4).

Sermon Notes

SEEN

Genesis 16:13

At times we may feel that we are all alone, and that no one really sees us. That idea is far from the truth. The theme for camp this year was "SEEN", with a goal in mind that we are not unnoticed and that we are valued so greatly by God. Let's discuss the four emphasis were taught.

- I. God sees U_____
 - A. Genesis 6:13 El Roi - the God who S_____ M_____.
 - B. Even in our D_____ M_____ God sees us!
- II. God sees the R_____ Me
 - A. God sees what others C_____ S_____.
 - B. Truly God S_____ us, K_____ us, and L_____ us.
- III. We need to see G_____
 - A. We must open our E_____ and S_____ him.
 - B. Having a C_____ S_____ on God will help us from making the wrong choices in life.
- IV. We need to see O_____
 - A. We must not D_____ O_____ with our needs that we fail to see the needs of others.
 - B. Don't lose sight at the fact that O_____ may be in need of J_____.

Announcements

- ➔ If you would like to help continue the Community Garden legacy or want to be apart of this ministry contact Ivan Gonzalez at (405) 923-4964.
- ➔ The Green Sheet Prayer List and June Birthday list is available at the Connection Point desk in the lobby.
- ➔ Remember our Community Cupboard Ministry! Items needed: shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, bar soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, any other items you can think of PLUS monetary donations.
- ➔ Garage Sale Fundraiser for Camp Rock Creek will be August 27 & 28, 2021. If you have any questions or donations please contact Adiel Zapata at 405.664.7729

Special Thanks!

Lora and Aaron Charles would like to thank Sonya, Jean, Vickie and everyone for the wonderful wedding shower.

Potluck Today!

There is a Potluck Luncheon today in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room. Bring your dish and join in the fellowship.

Dates To Remember:

- June 22 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- June 23 @ 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper
- June 24 @ Noon Ladies Ministry Luncheon
- June 29 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- June 30 @ 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper
- July 1 @ Noon Ladies Ministry Luncheon
- July 5 Office Closed for Independence Day Holiday
- July 6 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- July 7 @ 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper
- July 8 @ Noon Ladies Ministry Luncheon
- July 9 @ 6 PM Keenagers Game Night
- July 14-16 @ 6-8 PM V.B.S
- July 15 @ 2-5:30 PM Community Cupboard
- July 17 @ 6-8 PM V.B.S. Family Fun Day
- July 19-22 @ 9AM - 3PM Day Camp
- August 7 @ 9AM - 12PM Back to School Bash

Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: _____

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Welcome To Our
**Sunday Morning
 Family Worship**
 June 20, 2021

Order of Worship

Song 881. *Mansion over the Hilltop*.....Darrel Sullivan
 WelcomeIvan Gonzalez
 PrayerSam Day
 Song 854. *When He Comes In Glory By and By* ...Darrel Sullivan
 Song 528. *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* ..Darrel Sullivan
 Song 379. *If That Isn't Love*Darrel Sullivan
 CommunionLenny Wagner
 Scripture Reading, *Genesis 16:13*Mark Carr
 Song 113. *His Grace Reaches Me*Darrel Sullivan
 Message,.....Ivan Gonzalez
 Song 924. *Just As I Am*Darrel Sullivan
 Closing Announcements and PrayerDutch Schneider
 Song 560. *Living By Faith*Darrel Sullivan

Schedule of Assemblies

	Sunday		Saturday
Worship	10:00 AM	Hispanic Women	5:00 PM
Classes	11:15 AM		
Hispanic Class	5:00 PM		
	Wednesday		
Early Class	4:30 PM		
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM		
	Thursday		
Ladies Class	Noon		

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call 405-672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.