

FOUR WOMEN

Since next Sunday is Mother's Day, I wanted to look at the New Testament and talk about four women who were a great influence because of their life and teaching.

The first is Dorcas, also called Tabitha, which means Gazelle. Acts 9:3 says she was a woman full of good works and alms deeds. She died and the people were in great mourning because of this loss. Dorcas was evidently a great seamstress. Peter went into the room and raised Tabitha from the dead. When she saw Peter, she sat up.

Another woman talked about Acts is Lydia. Her story is found in Acts 16. It seems she was a business woman who was on a trip to Philippi. She and others had gone to the riverside to worship God. Paul taught them and she and her household were baptized. (Acts 16:14,15).

Two others are taken about in Paul's writings to Timothy. Luke recorded for us that Timothy's mother was a Jewess in Acts 16:1. We later read of the influence she and her mother had on the young man Timothy. In II Timothy 1:5, Paul talks about the faith of Timothy, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice. Later he would say from a child you have been taught the holy scriptures (II Timothy 3:15). Great spiritual influence of these women.

KNOWN SINCE A CHILD

We read in 2 Timothy 3:15, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Paul was encouraging Timothy to continue living and teaching the things pertaining to Jesus Christ. He wanted Timothy to remember all that he had been taught when he was growing up. In 2 Timothy 1:5, Timothy was reminded of the wonderful faith that his mother and grandmother had. In 2 Timothy 1:13, he was reminded that those things were sound words in Christ Jesus. In 2 Timothy 2:2, he was encouraged to teach those things to other people.

In 2 Timothy 3:14, Timothy was reminded that he was assured of these things at one time, and he was reminded of those who taught him and brought this assurance. In 2 Timothy 4:2, Paul commanded Timothy to use the Word to reprove, to rebuke and to exhort other Christians. Timothy was to use the Scriptures for this purpose because they were given to him for that purpose (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

In the midst of this encouragement and reminder to Timothy is the verse quoted above. Notice that Timothy was taught the truth from the time he was a "child." The Greek word used indicates the teaching began when he was a baby. In fact, the word can refer to the baby still in the mother's womb. Timothy's mother and grandmother did not wait until he was old enough to understand. There was no such thinking in them that Timothy was too young at any point in his life to be taught God's Scriptures.

The second word to be considered is the word "known." This comes from a Greek word that indicates not just being aware of something but knowing through experience. This word indicates that rather than just being taught and learning facts, the learner has also experienced the things taught or the application of those things. Timothy's mother and grandmother were not hypocrites with their teaching. They did not teach Timothy one thing and then practice

another thing. They lived what they taught. Timothy grew up knowing they were faithful to their teachings. Timothy saw the same principles in Paul.

Study your Bible. Learn everything you can from God. Teach those things to others, particularly your own children when you are an adult. Most importantly, live those things in your life. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

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WHERE HAPPINESS IS

Whenever I am disappointed with my spot in my life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he had set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. “Guess what Mom,” he shouted, and then he said those words that will remain with me: “I’ve been chosen to clap and cheer!”

Life may not be the party that you were expecting, but you can still clap and cheer. Remember, some folks did not wake up today; you did. Find your purpose for living and learn to smile while pursuing your goal.

Your health may not be that great, but God built you with a storm in mind— weather the storms! Quality of life is not always greatness of health, but it is “what you have left” that matters.

Finally, do not allow your lack of wealth to destroy the things you have left. Grandma always said, “There is plenty of cheese in a mousetrap, but you will never see a happy mouse there.”

“A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is” (Proverbs 15:23).

—Glenn Hitchcock, Glad Tidings of Good Things 04/19/18

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM MAY 13, 2018

Coordinator Robert Hackett
Announcements George Clay
Scripture Reading, Prov.31:28,29..Austin Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Opening Prayer. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith
Ethan Leonard, Justin Draper

Closing PrayerBen Silcox
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon — Mother’s Day
PM Sermon — Righteous are Bold

WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Scripture Reading...Prov.28:1-2 Austin Clay
Opening Prayer Glen Reece.
Lord’s Supper Roger Draper
. Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer Steve Anderson

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Jacky Carver, Sr.
First Prayer. Mitchell Brooks
Opening Prayer Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper

Prepare Communion for **MAY**
Patsy Reece

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

05/06/18

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 25th. Youth Trip to the Ark.

Pantry Item: Green Beans

READING SCHEDULE FOR MAY

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| 01 II Chr 28-30 | 11 Esth 1-3 | 22 Job 28-30 |
| 02 II Chr 31-33 | 12 Esth 4-7 | 23 Job 31-33 |
| 03 II Chr 34-36 | 13 Esth 7-10 | 24 Job 34-36 |
| 04 Ezra 1-3 | 14 Job 1-4 | 25 Job 37-39 |
| 05 Ezra 4-7 | 15 Job 5-7 | 26 Job 40-42 |
| 06 Ezra 8-10 | 6 Job 8-10 | 27 Psa 1-5 |
| 07 Neh 1-4 | 17 Job 11-13 | 28 Psa 6-8 |
| 08 Neh 5-87 | 18 Job 14-16 | 29 Psa 9-11 |
| 09 Neh 8-10 | 19 Job 17-19 | 30 Psa 12-14 |
| 10 Neh 11-13 | 20 Job 20-23 | 31 Psa 15-17 |
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