

SERMON RECAP: HONOR GOD BY RESPECTING AUTHORITY – 1 PETER 2:13-25

God has blessed us with the wonderful gift of authority. Although it might feel like a mixed blessing, authority properly applied brings prosperity and security. Conversely, authority improperly applied is destructive of freedom and prosperity. The Bible tells us all authority is instituted by God and under His authority. Rebelling against God's instituted authority brings pain and problems, not freedom.

For reflection:

1. The Gift of Authority (v.13-17)
 - a. Proper authority allows the culture to prosper
 - b. God institutes authority (Romans 13:1-7)
2. Freedom and Prosperity under Authority (v.18-22)
 - a. Authority in the workplace
 - b. Authority in the church
 - c. Dealing with unjust authority (Matthew 5:10)
3. Trusting the Father's Authority (v.23-25)
 - a. The ultimate judge (Romans 12:17-20)
 - b. Authority that puts others first (Philippians 2:5-8)
 - c. Gentle authority (v.25; John 10:14-15; 1 Peter 2:6-8)

THIS WEEK

DR. CHARLES MCGOWAN PREACHING SUNDAY:

It's our privilege to have Dr. Charles McGowan with us this Sunday. Dr. McGowan is a retired pastor with nearly 50 years of experience, planting new churches and revitalizing existing churches throughout his ministry, and has served as moderator of the General Assembly of the PCA. Most recently, Dr. McGowan has established a ministry that works with churches looking for a pastor to help them as they seek the Lord's leading to the man He desires. His firm will be working with our Pastor Search Committee, and they will be back to meet with many in the church next month. We look forward to our relationship, and to the preaching of God's word this Sunday.

AWANA VOLUNTEER MEETING AFTER WORSHIP:

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with Awana this year! We will have a short organizational meeting after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you cannot make it, please drop Kathy Pickens a note (kdgpickens@gmail.com, 443.571.0977) and she'll follow up with you later. Awana will begin on Wednesday, Sept 25th.

PROMOTION SUNDAY:

The new school year is starting – not only for public/private/home schoolers and college students, but also for our entire family at Faith Church. On September 8th, we'll start off Sunday school in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM with a special time to recognize our new classes and teachers and introduce the children to them. We hope you and your children will be with us – they'll head up to their new classes from there.

Also, for adults – we have 2 new classes that will begin also once the children are off to their classes:

The Apostles Creed - taught by John McCullough in room 211. For centuries the Apostles Creed has been a help to many Christians in their understanding of basic biblical truths and a way to profess one's faith publicly. Many of us can say it by heart, but how long has it been since we investigated the significant depth

in its message. During this quarter we will look at the creed with fresh eyes and delve into its biblical underpinnings, striving to understand how we can apply the truths it states practically in our lives.

Principles for Godly Parenting - taught by Pastor Dan in room 214. Parenting is the most important job we are called to do, and it is one that we are often least prepared for. Godly parenting begins with capturing a child's heart. Addressing behavior is second to addressing the heart. This class will talk about the principles of raising our children with godly wisdom, and biblical principles. The class will be particularly helpful for parents of children of all ages, and grandparents who are involved in the regular care of their grandchildren. The class will use Ted Tripp's book Shepherding a Child's Heart for background support.

NOMINATIONS FOR RULING ELDERS, DEACONS, AND WOMEN'S COUNCIL:

Nominations will open on September 1 for men to serve in the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon, as well as for women to serve on the Women's Council (our advisory committee that reports to the Session). Forms will be available on the tables in the lobby starting this Sunday. They must be filled out, signed by the person nominating and the nominee, and turned into the church office or any member of Session no later than midnight, September 30. Please pray about whom you believe God is calling to serve in these important roles.

For our current Ruling Elders, Dan Lehman and Leon Stauffer are ending their first term (and are eligible to be nominated for a second term). For the current Deacons, Matt Huber and Gary Shirk are both completing their second term (and thus not eligible for re-election this year – thank you to Matt and Gary for your service!). For the current Women's Council no one is finishing a term this year, but of course additional women can be nominated.

OTHER NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ASPIRE - WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 6th, 2019! Aspire is a one-night women's retreat filled with learning, laughter, fellowship, music and worship. This event will be at Keystone Church in Paradise PA from 5:00-8:00 PM. The Social/ Outreach committee is organizing this event and hoping many women will attend. Consider inviting family, friends, co-workers too! The guest speaker will be author and speaker Melissa Spoelstra. Tickets are normally \$35, but if 10 women sign up as a group in advance the cost drops to \$30! We need to book the group by Sept 22nd. If you're interested, contact Beth Jackson (bethjackson48@gmail.com, 518.365.2174).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES FOR THIS FALL:

We will have 2 studies this fall for our women. Please note that we need you to sign up soon, so we can get books ordered:

Thursday Morning: Ladies of any age are invited to join a Ladies Bible Study which will begin Thursday, September 26th. We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. This year we will be studying the book Spiritual Mothering: The Titus 2 Model for Women Mentoring Women by Susan Hunt. There will be a room for children younger than kindergarten and a room for kindergarten and up. Please contact Jennifer Denning at jdenning@ddenning.com or 717-847-7266 for more information or info on how to sign up. Deadline for book orders is September 3rd.

Monday Evening: Another option for Ladies Bible Study this fall will be Monday Evenings at 6:30-8:30 PM at the home of Gladys Thompson, in Quarryville. We are looking at Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur. We will learn about God and application for our own life through the lives of these women. Starting date is Sept. 23rd. Please contact Donna Shirk at donna.shirk@gmail.com or 717-333-2692 with any questions or for more info. We'd love to have you!

FIRST MOPS MEETING IS THIS WEEK:

The new MOPS year begins this Friday, September 6th! Whether you are a soon-to-be mom, first-time mom, or seventh-time mom, you are welcome. Whether you are an adoptive mom, young mom, seasoned mom, foster mom, stepmom or any other type of mom, please come! See Carrie Shuman for details. And to help these Moms take full advantage of fellowship and time in God's Word together, we need some people who would help with childcare on a Friday morning once or twice a month. If you can help, please talk with Carrie or give the church office a call.

GREETERS MINISTRY:

The Social/Outreach committee has started a Greeter's Ministry. The LifeGroup leaders are signing up people to greet on Sunday mornings between 9:00 and 10:30. For those who are not in a LifeGroup and are interested in this ministry, there will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk. For more information please contact Beth Jackson- 518-365-2174 or bethjackson48@gmail.com.

LIFE GROUPS BEGIN:

The new year for Life Groups is here! What is a Life Group? It's a group of about 8-12 people who meet regularly to grow deeper in Christ by His grace with each other. How does that happen? By studying the Bible – not only understanding it but helping each other to bring it to bear specifically in our lives; by praying with and for each other, sharing challenges and rejoicing in God's work; and often in fellowship by sharing a meal. Think of the many "one another" commands in Scripture – Life Groups are where we begin to learn more of Christ's grace in living these out. Most groups meet every other Sunday (beginning Sept 8 or 22) in people's homes. If you don't have a Life Group, we can help you. Call the church office, or see either Pastor Dan or Andy, and we'll help you connect with one!

OUR ANNUAL HUFFNAGLE PARK WORSHIP SERVICE:

We'll worship in the park again this year on September 22nd, at our usual time (10:30 AM). There will be no Sunday school this week. After worship we'll have a picnic. The church will provide hot dogs, condiments, rolls, and water. Please come for worship, fellowship, food, and fun. Invite your family and friends! There will be games for the youth and access to the park for children of all ages. Please bring the following:

- A side dish or dessert to share
- Chairs or blanket to sit on for your family (there will be a limited number of chairs there for those who don't have lawn chairs/blankets)
- Paper products for food and drink for your family

NEEDLE WORKERS:

Our Needle Workers group will resume meeting at 12 noon Thursday, September 26th at the home of Carolyn Raber, 221 Slate Lane, Quarryville. Pa. Bring salad or sandwiches to share for lunch, and stay to knit or crochet baby items (mostly blankets) for faith based social service agencies. Patterns and yarn are supplied if desired. All skill levels are invited! Questions? Call Carolyn at 717-786-6840.

ADULT CHOIR AND HAND BELL CHOIRS STARTING UP:

Whether you can sing, or whether you can ring, or both – we have a choir for you where you can help praise God in our worship! The Adult choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 19th at 8:00 PM. Contact Sam Broomell (717.723.7003) if you'd like to join. And the Hand.Bell choir will start rehearsals on Sunday, September 15th at 5:00 pm. Contact Lisa Lehman (717.575.5405) for more information.

GRIEFSHARE:

A FREE GriefShare support group will be held at New Hope Community Life Ministry on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, beginning September 23, 2019 and continuing through December 16, 2019. The facilitator will be Elaine Campbell, MA, LPC, CCTP, a counselor at New Hope. This support group is for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Please register by Sunday, September 22 by email at newhope248@epix.net or phone at 717-786-2802. For more information, please visit www.griefshare.org.