

Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21, 2018 - "Unsung Heroes - Week 7: Faith, Love, Forgiveness, Courage" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 2 Kings 5:-1-14 (Read the rest of the chapter too), Ephesians 2:10, Isaiah 50:11, 1 Peter 3:15, Romans 12:21

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Where is God asking you to step out in faith and take a risk?
 - Could be a conversation
 - Maybe a career or job change
- We are God's workmanship, created to do a good work that he has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10)
- 2 Kings 5: CONTEXT
 - Divided kingdom (Israel and Judah)
 - The people drift further and further from God
 - God brings chaos to get them to return to Him (Isaiah 50:11)
 - If you try to do things in your own way or in your own strength your life will be chaos
- 2 Kings 5:1-14
 - There is something for us to learn from all the characters in the story (It would be good to read all of 2 Kings 5)
 - How am I just like these people?
- Who is the servant girl?
 - Most likely lived in a village made up of just her extended family or at least people who all knew her
 - Raids were meant to strike fear into the villagers to prevent resistance
 - She was taken from everything she knew and essentially became a slave
 - Who could blame her if she became bitter or turned away from God?
- In v3 the servant girl shows us
 - **FAITH**...He would cure him (it was not conditional)
 - **LOVE**...Would that my lord (A desire for what's best for others)
 - **FORGIVENESS**...A desire to bless the ones who curse you
 - The sign of forgiveness is your heart's desire to bless the one who hurt you - Doug Kempton
 - The servant girl brings the blessing and models the teaching of Jesus (Luke 6:28,35)
 - God is kind to us (ungrateful, evil) and we are called to be kind to others
 - **COURAGE**...sharing the reason for hope with gentleness/respect
 - 1 Peter 3:15b
 - Tell them why we have hope, not judgement
- Romans 12:21
 - The servant girl overcame her oppressor
 - We transform those around us and bring light into darkness
 - 2 Kings 5:17 → the servant girl's enemy became her brother

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does it mean to you to have unconditional faith? How would it play out in your life?
2. What has God taught you about forgiveness?
3. How is God calling you to practice forgiveness and to bless those that may have hurt you?
4. What is a situation or relationship that God is calling you to share the reason for your hope with gentleness and respect?
5. Where is God asking you to step out in faith and take a risk?
6. What is an area or circumstance that you need to have courage in?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Genesis 11 Tues: Genesis 12 Wed: Genesis 13 Thurs: Genesis 14 Fri: Genesis 15

Songs from the weekend: [Awestruck - Grace Worship Original] - [Tremble - Mosaic MSC] - [This is How I fight My Battles - Upper room] - [King of My Heart - John Mark McMillan]