

Ancient Words---Joshua's Sword, Joseph's Compassion

Joseph and Joshua lived about 430 years apart but a comparison of their life makes for interesting observation in the Ancient Words. Both men lived 110 years, and both men were chosen by God to fulfill a specifically designed plan.

- Joseph chose to be with God and led 70 of his family from Canaan to the land of Egypt. Joshua chose to be with God and led approximately 2 million of his family from Egypt to Canaan.
- Joseph's power was exhibited by his love and forgiveness with compassion against an enemy which would extend to the life of Jesus. Joshua's power was exhibited by his strength and courage with a sword against an enemy which would also extend to the life of Jesus.
- Joseph rose to the No. 2 position in the powerful nation of Egypt behind Pharaoh (Senusret I & II). Joshua rose to the No. 2 position in the powerful nation of Israel behind Moses.
- Joseph acted as a precursor to the law of Moses, and Joshua acted on behalf of the law of Moses.
- Joseph conquered his enemies with the sword of compassion; Joshua conquered his enemies with the sword of bravery.

Joseph became a peacemaker, in spite of the evil that rose against him, in order for his family to become a nation. Joshua became a fighter against the evil that prevailed against God, in order for his family, now a nation, to occupy and rid the land of promise from evil. Both men were a type of Christ and serve as inspiration to this very day that in Christ alone great achievements can be realized.

Paul, the author of Romans and Ephesians, embodies the Godly virtues of both Joshua and Joseph as he proclaims in Rom 8.35-39 and Eph 6.10-17: *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?.....No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*----This is Joseph!

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand..."----This is Joshua!

The words from the Ancient of Days remain true and powerful for everyone who makes the choice to serve the One and Only Creator through his One and Only Son, Jesus.



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WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



- **Today's Sermon:** TBA - Eric Cimichowski will preach today
- Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.
- Bulletins are archived on the website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 5th.**
- **Ladies Class** will resume the second or third Tuesday in September. TBA



We had a wonderful time last week at the Valley Cities VBS, and we are hoping to see many of the kids and their families back here today as we continue to study the Word, worship God and enjoy sweet fellowship.



We are so thankful to the many brothers and sisters who traveled to Sayre to help us with this effort. It is said that life takes on meaning when a person sees themselves as a part of something bigger. We at Valley Cities church of Christ have definitely experienced the effect of that principle and it is because all of you who have poured your hearts into this effort have done so because you are part of something bigger.

- Eric Cimuchowski from the Endwell, NY church will be preaching today for Valley Cities while Arthur and Sandy are away in TN. They will be attending Polishing the Pulpit and visiting family.
- Aidan, Sandy and Arthur's grandson, has returned to Alaska this week. We will miss him.

PRAYERS...

- Darlene Elsbree and Rhonda Washburn were both sick with painful ear infections last week. Thank the Lord for antibiotics!
- Please pray for Emily Barry, who has decided not to move back to the Northeast. She will remain in Wasilla, AK and Aidan will travel home next week if all can be arranged by then.



- Ron Moulton was baptized in the Susquehanna River last week! That makes him the first new brother in Christ since we have been meeting here in Sayre. Praise the Lord for his decision.
- Pray for Katie Grissies, the friend of Tiffany Cantrell from Prattville, AL, who is pregnant and has cancer.
- Pray for Michelle Klein in Tunkhannock who is slowly recovering from a debilitating case of Lyme disease.
- Amy Palmer, from Kittanning, is a young woman who recently gave birth and then had a severe epileptic seizure and lapsed into a coma. After three weeks, her ventilator was removed, and although very weak, appears to be making a recovery.
- Rhonda Washburn's friend, Brenda Clair's son, Phillip, of East Midfield, PA, is continuing to have tests on his liver to determine the cause of the golf ball sized non-cancerous tumor he has.
- Suzie Temple, who came from Milton, FL to knock doors, has a sister-in-law with secondary breast cancer that has spread to her lungs and brain.
- Pray for the efforts of the brethren from Kittanning as they knock doors and conduct the VBS here in Sayre. May we have a big impact on this community!
- Darlene Elsbree has a choice of two surgical procedures to correct some problems she has been dealing with. She will make a choice by mid October and have surgery in mid November.
- Marilyn Patrick has been diagnosed with colon Cancer and is investigating options, including surgery.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.