

Joshua's Sword and Joseph's Compassion

Joseph and Joshua lived about 430 years apart, but a comparison of their lives makes for interesting observation. Both men lived for 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 number 2 position in the powerful nation of Egypt behind Pharaoh (Sensret I & II). Joshua rose to the number 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 of evil. Each man was a type of Christ and they 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 Romans 8.35-39 and Ephesians 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: Bible Authority: Pressing On, But Not Ahead**
- Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.
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- **Hymns: 615** He Keeps Me Singing; **57** Great Is Thy Faithfulness; **334** 'Tis Midnight And On Olive's Brow; **552** Have Thine Own Way; **801** Where No One Stand Alone

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 5th.**
- **Ladies Class** will resume the second or third Tuesday, September 8th. Sandy will facilitate the lesson from pages 105-111 of our study book. Please invite friends!
- Our usual **3rd Sunday Potluck** will take place on Sunday, September 20th.



- The **5th Sunday Regional Singing** will take place today at 4:30pm at the Horseheads Church of Christ.
- **We have classes for children!** Cindy and Megan Patrick have decorated classrooms, planned lessons and taught lessons already! Thank you, ladies! **We can use help!** Teachers, crafters, organizers and other kinds of helpers would be greatly appreciated. Let's make the best of having children amongst us as the result of the huge effort that went into the VBS!
- Arthur and Sandy attended the weekend lectures of **Polishing the Pulpit** in Sevierville, TN last week. Thousands of Christians from several states and countries were in attendance.

PRAYERS...

- Darlene Elsbree is taking a second round of medicine to completely clear up her ear infection, as the first medicine didn't take care of it all.
- We are thankful that Emily Barry, Arthur and Sandy's daughter of Palmer, AK, has got a job driving school bus. Also, that Aidan arrived home safely last week and is now reunited with his mom and his dog, Zoe.
- Pray that Ron Moulton, who was baptized in the Susquehanna River a couple weeks ago, stays strong in the faith, and that we can each take responsibility for encouraging him.
- Pray for our children's classes that are getting started and for the teachers.
- 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.
- 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, Tom's mother in SC, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She recently had surgery, and they think they got it all. Cindy and Ryan have traveled to her home to help her this week. They will be joined by Tom and Megan next week.

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.