

Series Introduction: *Ephesians 3:20*

8 Obstacles that keep us from seeing what we should see

Have a vision for - Focusing On

More to See this Summer *Luke 15:11-32*

06/23/13-06/30/13

Obstacle #1 - Our Past

Moses - *Exodus 1,2*

Paul - *Philippians 3:13*

Exodus 3:4,10

Luke 15

A. Jealousy keeps us from what is Right

Genesis 4:7

B. Bitterness prohibits us from Rejoicing

C. Bitterness has Repercussions

Observations

In spite of our past God still wants to use us

1. Past Acknowledged

2. Pain drives us to God

3. Prayer and God's Power moves us past pain

If we are ever to see properly this summer and beyond we must forget about the past.

Look Past What You See

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Acts 17:22-28; Psalm 139:7-11

Introduction

People want to see more

People do not know where to look

Obstacle #2 Our Sight

A. People are searching for something

- Paul comments on the many altars and the reason for

them

1. Looking to Religion
2. Lack of Security
 - unknown
 - untrue
 - unaware

B. People are stopped from seeing God

1. Attitude
2. Action

Luke 12:19

Psalms 139:7-11

1. Out of Fellowship
2. Overcome by Society

Colossians 3:23

C. People are shown a solution *Romans 1:20,21*

1. Purpose was Corrupted
2. Purpose is Clarified *Acts 17:27*
3. Purpose of Concern *Acts 17:25*
4. Purpose to Change *Acts 17:31*

Examples:

- Moses
- Samuel
- Amos
- Joseph
- Daniel
- Matthew
- All Disciples
- You and Me
- *Exodus 3:2,3*

D. People have Sure Evidence to see

1. Answer to Prayer
2. Unexpected and Unexplainable needs met

3. Perfect Timing
4. God Reaching the World

Stones in Our Sandals

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John 3:1-3; Matthew 14:22,23

Introduction:

When the pain and discomfort of moving is less than the pain and discomfort of staying. We will move!!!

Obstacle #3 Staying in Our Comfort Zone

I. Two Examples of Moving Out of our Comfort Zone

A. Nicodemus

John 3:1-7

John 7:45-53

John 19:38-42

B. Peter

Matthew 14:22,23

II. Three Reasons We Stay in Our Comfort Zone

A. Fear

Numbers 13:27-32

Numbers 14:1-4

B. Focus

Nicodemus & Peter

C. Failure

Peter

III. Conclusion

Comfort zones give the illusion of security, yet all it takes for

Reminder Eye Checkup

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Acts 4:36,37; I Peter 4:7-11

Introduction:

I Timothy 2:3-6

Matthew 28:19,20

Mark 16:15

Luke 24:47,48

Acts 1:8

Matthew 9:35-38

I Peter 4:7-11

Obstacle #4 - Our Vision

I. The Developing Good Vision

Acts 4:32,36-47

1. Prayer

2. Love for Each Other

3. Hospitality

II. The Expanding of Good Vision

Acts 9:26-28

God transforms us

God transforms others

III. The Value of Good Vision

Acts 15:36-41

Matthew 26:42

II Timothy 4:11

James 4:17

IV. Concluding About Good Vision

God has every right to check your vision

You will sail if you see!!!

Take Away the Relationship Barrier

Part 1

Matthew 5:23,24

I. A Priority Luke 9,10

A. The Samaritans Plight

B. The Jesus Picture

Luke 10:27-29

John 4:39-41

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II. A Proclamation Acts 10,11

Acts 10:9-16

A. God explains to Peter about relationships

Acts 10:19,20

B. God expects us to act on His teaching

Acts 11:1-3

Acts 11:18

C. We extend it forward

III. A Personal Identity

II Corinthians 5:17-20

Galatians 3:28

Acts 8:25

Conclusion

God made people not us

Jesus died for all

We need to reach all

Part 2

Colossians 2:8,21-23

I. Internal Relationship Barrier - Proposition

II. Inquiries

A. What is our purpose

Isaiah 43:7

I Corinthians 10:31

Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20

B. What is our perspective

Heavenly or worldly

1. Worldliness Defined

Colossians 2:8,21-23

a) Worldliness believes that you are what you do

b) Worldliness believes that you are what you know

c) Worldliness believes that you are what you have

- d) Worldliness believes that you are what you look like
- e) Worldliness believes that you are what people say and think about you

2. Way it Happened

- a) God _____
- b) Satan _____
- c) Satan _____
- d) Satan _____

C. What should we be presently

1. Salt Matthew 5:13-16

Joshua 1:8

Joshua 24:15

I Kings 18:21

Matthew 16:26

Mark 8:36

2. Light

Romans 12:2

Romans 8:29

D. What should we be producing

Matthew 3:8

Colossians 1:10

Romans 15:28

Romans 1:13

I Corinthians 16:15

Galatians 5:22,23

Conclusion

Jesus sums it up

I Corinthians 14:24,25

Are We on God's Page

Mark 1:21-28

Mark 6:30-32

Obstacle #7 - Too Busy

I. Disorganized to Organized

A. Disorganized

Hebrews 4:12; Proverbs 3:5,6

Joshua 24:14-24

a) The Importance of Serving God

b) The Organization to Serve Him

B. Decision: Yes or No

Exodus 18:13-21

Luke 10:38-41

C. Doing

II. Dominating

1. Discern

2. Develop

Mark 1:21-34

III. Determination

1. Prayer

2. Quiet Time

IV. Direction

Example of Jesus

1. Prayer

V. Devoted

A Church must pray

Colossians 4:2

VI. Conclusion

A church that sails out must spend time with God

Looking Up

Mark 10:35-38; John 13:1-17

I. Introduction: Society and Stas

Obstacle #8 - Making Our Own Plan

II. Showing the Plan of God John 13:1

- A. Real Questions
- B. Real Example
- C. Real Christian Life
Matthew 26:36-38
- D. Sorrow John 11:35,36
- E. Struggle Matthew 26:39

III. Scriptural Passion

John 13:2-5

- A. Jesus Love
 - 1. In His Service
 - 2. In His Teaching
 - 3. In His Death

B. Judas

IV. Service Position

John 13:6-9

- A. Seen in the World
- B. Seen in Christ Philippians 2:3-8
 - 1. Act of Salvation - Acts of Service
 - 2. About Others
 - 3. Acted Because of Caring
 - 4. Action Teaches

John 13:12-16

V. Summary Points

- 1. Jesus Teacher
- 2. Jesus Example
- 3. We Learn and Do John 13:17

Take Her to Sea

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Matthew 17:20,21; Matthew 28

I. Introduction:

- 1. Key - What we do with what Jesus has done
- 2. Story - What in the world have they done to Jesus

II. Sailors or Stayers

Matthew 23:27

Luke 11:44

III. Showers or Stoppers

Matthew 5:14

IV. Savior or Situation

Matthew 28:18-20

V. Conclusion: Choice

1. Sail

2. Stay