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Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8*

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Assumptions

-Renn Ferguson

We often overestimate our ability to determine how a certain situation will play out. We also often overestimate our ability to understand what others are thinking or what their motives are. This in short is called making assumptions. Assumptions are guesses with no proof or evidence. This way of thinking often leads to friction and contention. There are multiple biblical examples that lay this out.

Abraham was a man of God. He was even called a friend of God (2 Chronicles 20:7, James 2:23). That does not mean he was perfect. When we look at scripture, we see that he was far from it. On multiple occasions in



Abraham's life, he made assumptions about entire nations and peoples. The first of these such occasions is found in Genesis 12. Shortly after the initial call of Abraham (or Abram as he was then known) a famine struck the land. He and his family then went to Egypt. Notice verse 11 of that chapter, "when he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, 'I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let

you live. Say that you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.'" As the record progresses, we see that Pharaoh took Sarai into his home and dealt kindly with Abraham. However, God sent plagues on the house of Pharaoh. Pharaoh then calls Abraham and asks him why he lied. There is no recorded answer from Abraham on this occasion. However, when we read the other account, we learn why Abraham lied. This time, he did the same thing to Abimelech. When Abimelech confronts Abraham he says, "I did it because I thought, 'There is no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.'" (Gen. 20:11).

Abraham assumed that both Pharaoh and Abimelech would not honor his marriage to Sarah. So, he lied. Pharaoh had plagues sent on him and Abimelech had God appear to him and threaten him with death. We must never make assumptions about others. This often leads to some sort of conflict. Rather, we should judge righteous judgment (John 7:24).

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**L2L Keepers
Culinary Nutrition
January 21, 12:30 PM**



2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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**The Persecuted Church
and the Conversion of Samaritans**

Acts 8:1-24

- I. The Persecution Spreads.
- A. Saul ravages the church- v. 1-3, Acts 26:9-11
 - B. The blessing of persecution- v. 4, Genesis 50:20, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Revelation 3:17
- II. Samaritans Receive the Gospel.
- A. Philip- v. 5, 1, Acts 6:5, 21:8, 8:12
 - B. Samaria- v. 5-8, John 4:9, Luke 24:47
- III. The Conversion of Simon.
- A. Simon the sorcerer- v. 9-13, Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 19:29
 - B. Simon the Christian- v. 14-25, 1 John 1:8-10, 5:16-17

Worship Service

- Announcements
- Song:
- Song:
- Prayer
- Song:
- Lord’s Supper and Contribution
- Song:
- Scripture Reading: Acts 8:1-4
- Sermon
- Song:
- Song:
- Prayer

Acts 8:1-4

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SAMARIA
BURIAL
CHURCH
AGAINST
EXCEPT
STEPHEN
PERSECUTION
REGION
WHO
WENT
DRAGGING
WORD
SCATTERED
DEATH
CARRIED
JUDEA
WOMEN
PRISON
COMMITTING
JERUSALEM
PREACHING
HOUSE
SAUL
DEVOUT

Acts 8:1-4

- 1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.
- 3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.
- 4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

What must I do to be saved?
Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.
Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10