

LESSON 44

Egermeier's Story:

Page 161 – Abimelech Makes Himself King

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Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.” NASB

Scripture: Judges 8:31-12:7

Teaching Resource:

Bible Study Guide for All Ages Lessons 278-280

Object Lesson: Joey and Sam are friends who go to the same school. The way they obey their parents and teachers is very different. Joey is always thinking about what he wants for himself. He often ignores what adults ask him to do; and when he plays with his friends, he always pushes them to play the games he wants to play. His teachers and parents often say no when he asks to do things, and his friends don't always want to play with him.

On the other hand, its important to Sam that he obey his parents and teachers. He also likes to have fun with his friends; but unlike Joey, he sometimes plays games his friends want to play even though he might want to play something else. Because he lets his friends play games they want, they let him choose the game to play other times. Sam has learned that by obeying his parents and teachers, he doesn't get into trouble much and he often gets special privileges because he obeys. He also has many friends because he takes time to consider what they want.

Joey and Sam live their lives differently. This is what the Bible talks about as their "walk." The way we choose to walk, or live our lives, has different results. How do you think Joey and Sam are different as far as their happiness and reputation? Which walk would you rather follow and why?

Doctrinal Emphasis: The Christian Walk, Part 1

Key Theme: *The way we walk refers to how we think and act in everyday life. The Christian walk is different than a worldly walk.*

Next week we will look at the life of Samson, and we will conclude a two part series on the Christian Walk at that time. For the children who are able to look up Bible verses, here is a list of the places in the epistles of the New Testament that refer to the idea of the Christian walk: Romans 6:4, 8:4; I Corinthians 7:17; II Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 5:16, 25; Ephesians 2:10, 4:1, 17-32, 5:2, 8-9, 15; Philippians 3:17-18; Colossians 1:10, 2:6; I Thessalonians 2:12, 4:1; I John 1:6-7, 2:6; II John 6

After you have looked at several of the passages with the class, ask them if they can tell you what this “walk” means. See if you can lead them to a definition of the word that would be something like this: The Christian walk referred to in these passages is the Christian’s daily, everyday life, their manner of living, their normal behavior pattern, the way they go about life.

Tell the children that we are going to “interact with the text” today. Go through the passages and make a list of the things that these passages tell about the Christian Walk:

Romans 6:4 - It is characterized by newness of life.

Romans 8:4, Galatians 5:16, Galatians 5:25 - It is according to the Holy Spirit, not according to the flesh.

I Corinthians 7:17 - There is individuality; the manner is that which the Lord has given to each.

II Corinthians 5:7 - It is by faith—not by what we see or feel but by what we believe.

Ephesians 2:10 - God has already prepared good works for us to do in our walk.

Ephesians 4:1ff - It is to be worthy of our calling and is described in verses 2 and 3

Ephesians 4:17-32 - This is a key passage on the Christian walk.

Ephesians 5:2 - It is to be in love like Christ.

Ephesians 5:8-9 It is to be in light, which is described in verse 9 as goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Ephesians 5:15 - It is to be characterized by wisdom.

Philippians 3:17-18 - It is to be like the apostles.

Colossians 1:10 - It is to be worthy of the Lord.

Colossians 2:6 - We are to walk in Christ, which is described in verse 7 as what we have learned about Christ.

I Thessalonians 2:12 - It is to be in a manner worthy of God.

I Thessalonians 4:1 - It is a manner that is to be learned and is to be pleasing to God.

I John 1:6-7 - It is to be in the light just as Jesus is in the light.

I John 2:6 - It is to be in the same manner as Jesus.

II John 6 - It is according to Jesus' commandments.