

Special Sermon Notes

Date: Sunday, August 24 , 2014



Prayer Requests



CHURCH OF CHRIST Sixteenth & Decatur

Sermon Outline

A Failure to Lead

Genesis 3:1-6

11:00 a.m.

A Failure to Lead



I. Why Do We Choose Sin Over Righteousness?

- A. We do not effectively overcome our evil desires.
 - 1. Temptations begin with evil desires.
~ *James 1:14*
 - 2. The seed must first be planted in our hearts.
 - 3. We must humbly accept God's Word. *(1:21)*
- B. We allow ourselves to be enticed.
 - 1. Have we hidden God's word in our hearts?
~ *Psalms 119:11*
 - 2. His word gives us a firm foundation.
 - 3. David allowed himself to be dragged away.
- C. We give sin places to grow in our lives.
 - 1. Unresolved anger can lead us into sin.
(Ephesians 4:26)
 - 2. We do not want to give the devil a place.

II. The First Sin Came from a Failure to Lead.

- A. *Eve was deceived because she needed a soldier.*
 - 1. Where was Adam during the conversation?
 - 2. He was there *"with her!"* (v. 6)
 - 3. He needed to stand up, step up & speak up.
- B. *The Lord was looking for a gap-stander!*
 - 1. God was very angry. ~ *Ezekiel 22:30*
 - 2. The leaders of the people were wicked.
 - 3. The Lord wanted someone to stand in the gap.
- C. *Who will go for the Lord today?*
~ *Isaiah 6:1-8*
 - 1. The man recognized his sin & confessed it.
 - 2. God cleansed him from sin and called him.

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III. There is too Much at Stake if Men Do Not Lead.

- A. There will be a breakdown in the family!
 - 1. We have too many deadbeat dads.
 - 2. There are too many single-parent homes.
 - 3. There is a strong push to redefine family.
- B. There will also be a breakdown in our community.
 - 1. Our world is really changing.
 - 2. We need the Lord to stand in the gap for us.
- C. There will finally be a breakdown in the church
 - 1. Men must mature to become elders & deacons.
 - 2. The church needs faithful men.
~ *2 Timothy 2:1-2*

Special Update

*Our 5th Sunday Friends & Neighbors Day is Next
Sunday, August 31, 2014*



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