

WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

October 25, 2020 Acts 21, 26-28

OPENING QUESTION

Do a quick search on Jonathan Edwards vs. Max Dukes. They lived about the same time (1700s), but left VERY different legacies throughout several generations. Does your story and legacy really matter?

A Character to be Emulated - Acts 21:8-14; 26:4-7

- If you want to predict behavior, look at character.
- Paul's distinguishing mark was loyalty - that is, faith.
- Paul said, "imitate me," but he meant, "imitate me, as I imitate Christ."

1. Is loyalty really the same as faith? Who are you loyal to? Does that mean you are faithful?
2. How is your personality different from your character?

A Story that Continues - Acts 26:12-20

- If you want to predict the direction of someone's life, look at their story.
- Who are their heroes, what are their experiences, their choices?
- Spiritual disciplines without a story leads to religious people waiting to die.
- ALL of your story matters to God!

1. Are you proud of your story or ashamed of it? Or both? Join the club.
2. How do you use your story to further God's Kingdom, no matter what it is?

A Depth that Withstands Hardships - Acts 27:24-25; 28:28-31

- Paul's quote of Isaiah (Acts 28:26-27) is not in the book of Isaiah, so he must have been prompted by the Holy Spirit.
- Paul uses the metaphor of a farmer-soldier-athlete, meaning endurance, patience, discipline, and hardship.
- Everybody hurts - this is your story. What are you going to do with it?

1. What hardships have you endured, whether they were in your control or out of your control? How are they part of your story?
2. How do you rate yourself in the areas of patience and discipline? God is not finished with you yet!

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CLOSING QUESTIONS

Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week's sermon and Scriptures?

Obey

Are you willing to let God use your story for His glory? What legacy are you leaving for those people in your life? Does Paul provide a model for us in this passage?

Pray

Choose one or two particular applications from this message and pray that God will reveal to you how your story is unique and can be used for His glory. How can you pray for one another in this area this week?