
Upcoming Events

PYCD Annual Conference and Combined Sunday Service, August 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun)
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Weekly Schedule

Tues, Aug 17th (Mesquite) Ladies Prayer @ Sis Susan Job's res. (7 PM)
Wed, Aug 18th (Lewisville) Area Prayer @ Joseph & Lillykuty's res. (7 PM)
Fri, Aug 20th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, Aug 20th (Metro) Prayer Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)
Sat, Aug 21st (Metro) Fasting Prayer @ Metro
Three Sessions (10:30 AM - 7 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Paraguay (Latin America)*

- Paraguay was in Spanish possession until 1811. During the 20th Century it survived through dictatorships, wars with its neighbours and military rule. Since 1993 the country has held free elections and is moving slowly towards democracy.
- Most Paraguayans are a mixture of Spanish and native Guarani origin and speak both languages.
- Most Paraguayan Protestants are in immigrant European or Korean communities and live isolated from the majority of the population. Pray that these Christians would develop a vision to reach out to the Spanish/Guaranis.
- Pray that newer churches would have a greater understanding of the what the Bible teaches us about wealth, servant leadership and discipleship.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=192

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"...for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity." (Ps 98:9)

Welcome

“Heroes do the unexpected” (2Kings 5: 1-14)

Praise the Lord. It gives us immense joy to welcome you all into the house of the Lord.

Last few days we have been busy with the hero headquarters as we were learning what heroes do and how God singles them out for accomplishing his purposes in His world.

These heroes were unnamed people who by their choices and decisions made a difference in the situation and thus changed the course of a person, city or even nation. These heroes were ordinary people who were at the right place and right time for God to accomplish his plans. So today God is calling us also to rise to the occasion and make things happen. One among these heroes is an unnamed girl who speaks once and is mentioned twice but she brought such a dramatic change in her situation by her simple decision.

The main character of our story is a young girl taken captive by the raiding Arameans from among the Israelite territory and now serving in the house of Naaman the chief commander in the army of king of Syria. In her captivity this young girl has lost her family and probably she has become an orphan. Her whole world came crashing down with her captivity and in essence she lost her freedom. She is in among a people who even abhor her faith and her lifestyle. She is in fact held captive against her wishes in the house of the one who had control over these raiding bands. What could possibly be her reaction when she realizes that the chief commander is a valiant man, held in high honor but is a leper? What could be your response in such a situation? Humanly speaking we may say yes it serves him well for what he has done. She could probably find satisfaction in his suffering.

But this is where our hero comes out with an altogether different response. She recognized the potential of an ordinary moment to do something unexpected. She held a powerful knowledge that could possibly open the door to Naaman’s healing. She learnt that she cannot remain in bitterness and anger at her situation and blame her circumstance for all her woes. She learnt to rise above the situation and deal with the situation in a different way. She could have doubted God’s power in this situation. She could even have bargained for her freedom or asked for money to share this valuable information. But she chose to release Naaman’s family into a sphere of blessing. She chose to forgive her captor and refrained from living a life in bitterness and rage. She chose grace instead of vengeance.

She is signaled out by God to be a hero because she chose to do the unexpected. We all may have our Naaman’s in life. It could be the person whom you may not stand out or tolerate. What is your approach to them? Are you in bitterness and anger towards them? Can you forgive them and move on? Can you do the unexpected and release the grace of God into the lives of such people who may not deserve that at all? That is what Christ did for all of us and what he offers us all as we come to him.

In Christ Alone,

Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes