

New Testament Church
The Book of John #8 – John 4:43-54– The Nobleman’s Faith
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I The Gospel of John - Why expository preaching and why the Book of John at this time?

- A. Expository preaching brings depth, continuity and helps a congregation study together
 - 1. John reveals Christ as God – (eagle) - “behold your God” (Is. 40:9)
 - 2. The gospels reveal the “four faces” of Christ – king, servant, man, eagle
- B. John, author of John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation was a disciple of John the Baptist
 - 1. One of the sons of Zebedee (Salome his mother), a fisherman with Simon & Andrew
 - 2. ***John began as a critic but learned the balance of truth, grace and love...***
- C. We face a time right now when believers are called to be light in the midst of darkness
 - 1. We are called to be the stability in a time of chaos and increased hatred / violence
 - 2. The Gospel of John is a book that depicts *how to be light in the midst of darkness*
- D. The themes in John chapters 2-4 is how **conversion and growth brings forth fruit**
 - 1. God brings cleansing to the home (Cana) as well as the church (Temple)
 - 2. Regeneration does not erase the past or our problems, but *overcomes* them
 - 3. The daily process of taking up our cross (decreasing) manifests His increase!
 - 4. Jesus ministers to the intellectuals (Nicodemus), and the outcast (woman at the well)

II The Nobleman’s Faith – John 4:43-54 – The Nobleman’s Faith

- A. v. 43-45 - A prophet is without honor in his hometown (v. 44)
 - 1. After spending two days in Sychar (Samaria), he went into Galilee (where Nazareth is)
 - 2. The obstacle of Familiarity – “a prophet is without honor in his own country”
 - a. It is a statement of familiarity where only “miracles” will suffice – not faith in Jesus
 - b. Nicodemus believed from miracles; woman at the well by His word (and all Samaria)
 - c. When he comes into Galilee, he is *received* due to the miracles at the feast
 - d. Familiarity often requires miracles to bless us rather than believing in the Word
- B. v. 46-50 – The Nobleman’s faith – who is this Nobleman? Is he the centurion from Capernaum?
 - 1. Name means someone of royal blood or the servant of royalty – he is not the same man
 - 2. Miracles and Faith in His Word – A sign is revelation of ***faith in Christ (His Word)***
 - b. The first was water into wine – our new life in Christ
 - c. The second is the son of a royal individual near death – power of Christ’s Word
 - d. “Except you see signs and wonders you will not believe” – you is plural, the others hearing
- C. v. 51-53 – Nobleman sought confirmation of the healing of his son – he had walked 25 miles
 - 1. What time did he get healed? Seeking confirmation is not wrong – builds faith
 - 2. Confirmation often helps one *believe*
 - a. Having faith in God’s Word is the beginning – given by God’s Spirit, we become a follower
 - b. Regeneration (born again) comes from God – belief with a commitment to be a disciple
- D. v. 54 – This is the second Sign – in the book – a distinct revelation of Christ’s work in your life
 - 1. Signs (clear revelation) distinct from miracles (power to heal, suspend laws of nature)
 - 2. First water to wine (new life in Christ); second Nobleman’s son (faith in His Word alone)
 - 2. There were two major powers in the background of the story that is applicable today
 - a. Neither the power of church (religious leaders) or state (Rome - gods) can solve root issues
 - b. Rulers of Judea represented the controlled “divine order”
 - 1. How far you could walk on the Sabbath...
 - 2. Whether you could cook an egg laid or the hen labored over on the Sabbath...

“Christ’s Word is as good as Christ’s presence” – Philipp Schaff

“The Signs in the gospel of John are a condemnation of all attempts to effect a reformation in this world apart from the regenerating power of God and the sanctifying power of His law (Word).” – Rushdoony