

personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

1 Samuel 21:1-6

21 Now David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech was afraid when he met David, and said to him, "Why *are* you alone, and no one is with you?"² So David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has ordered me on some business, and said to me, 'Do not let anyone know anything about the business on which I send you, or what I have commanded you.' And I have directed *my* young men to such and such a place."³ Now therefore, what have you on hand? Give *me* five *loaves* of bread in my hand, or whatever can be found."⁴ And the priest answered David and said, "There is no [a]common bread on hand; but there is holy [b]bread, if the young men have at least kept themselves from women."⁵ Then David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly, women *have been* kept from us about three days since I came out. And [c]the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in effect common, even though it was consecrated in the vessel this day."⁶ So the priest gave him holy

Then we see that Mary was triggered by the recent events in episode 5 to return to her past life at a bar in Jericho. We said that is where she felt "familiar or comfortable" in her pre-saved life.

We said that sometimes we may find ourselves in the same position. After accepting Jesus and overcoming some sin or habit from our past, something happens to trigger us into falling right back into it because it is what we know or when we thought we felt comfortable.

We noted that just as Mary was triggered into falling back to her old life, memories of her father's words from **Isaiah 43** and of her friends who cared about her, helped to trigger her to leave her bad situation at the bar.

Simon and Matthew found her a short time later full of regret and shame for failing Jesus. Saying that she couldn't go back to Him after what she had done. She says, "He already fixed me once...I broke again. I can't face Him".

When this happens to us, it's easy to feel ashamed and not worthy of God's love and forgiveness. Of course, the enemy will be right there supporting our feelings of unworthiness. This is when we really need to go to God and our supportive Christian friends rather than hiding from them.

Matthew admitted to Mary that he was a bad person and reminded Mary of all the examples of the good she had done because Jesus saved her. She was saved to do those good things just as we are saved to do good things. Simon and Matthew were finally able to convince her that she needed to return to Jesus with them.

It's important for us to have Christian friends like Simon and Matthew who truly care about us, who won't give up on us, who encourage us, and who will help lead us back to God when we stray.

Through their interactions, Matthew also began to live his purpose of helping others rather than living only for himself and Simon began to see Matthew as a person or maybe even a friend rather than just a "Tax Collector".

Back at the camp, we see all of the Disciples being worried about various things and confused as to what it was they were doing. They ask, "why doesn't Jesus just bring Mary back?" and "why doesn't Jesus just make food appear?" We said that while they were confused and worried they were still learning and committed to following and trusting Jesus in faith.

bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the Lord, in order to put hot bread *in its place* on the day when it was taken away.

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We said we often find ourselves doing the same thing when we don't understand what God is doing in our lives or why He is doing it. That's when it's even more important for us to trust that God knows what He's doing and to have the faith to continue to follow Him because it is during these times that the enemy will easily jump right in and help to convince us to start doubting God.

We looked at **Isaiah 55:8-9** as a reminder that God's thoughts and God's ways are well beyond what we can even imagine.

We talked about how Shmuel and Yanni were determined to stop Jesus and have Him arrested for breaking Shabbat law and how they seemed to be completely uninterested in the miracles they had personally witnessed Jesus perform.

God's **4th Commandment** is to Rest on the Sabbath from our work (just as He did). The Pharisees then decided they needed to create laws to define what is work and what is rest and also devise the punishment for breaking them.

We took a look at **The 39 Melachot** to see the 39 categories of hundreds of laws that the Pharisees created with regards just to "resting" on the Sabbath.

We said that the Pharisees seemed to be more focused on outward appearances and following laws. Jesus is focused on what's in our hearts and what is the purpose of God's law.

We said that we'll see Jesus speak more about this in part 2, at 9:30am Sunday.

Upcoming Events

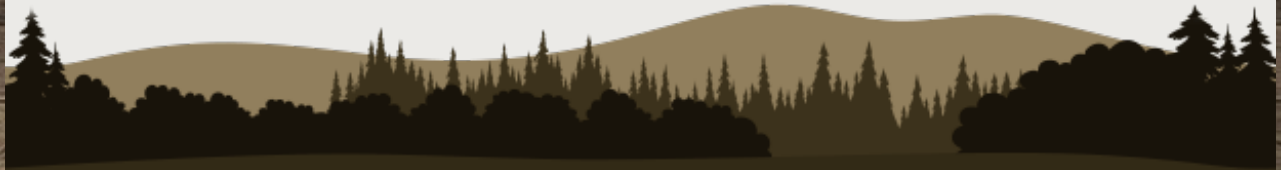


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