

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

The Honor of Being an Armor-Bearer

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John 13:1-4 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. **2** During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, [the son] of Simon, to betray Him, **3** [Jesus,] knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, **4** got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

- **Jesus knew who He was**
- **This is a powerful conviction to have**
- **Jesus knew Who He was in the eyes of God, and He was secure with that**
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- **In a nutshell, Judas wanted more, and he was not willing to take 2nd place to Jesus' leadership**

Then Jesus goes on to wash the Feet of the Apostles:

John 13:12-15 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined [at the table] again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? **13** ***"You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for [so] I am.*** **14** "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** ***"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.***

John 13:16-17 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor [is] one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. **17** ***"If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.***

I am going to speak to you for a few minutes on the Kingdom principle of being content in being second, which refers to the number two position, a supporting role to a leader, an Armor Bearer:

- **That is, the Kingdom honor, power, and authority, that comes from being in second position**
- **That is, the unmistakable glory and honor that comes directly from God for not aspiring to be noticed by man**
- **But rather to be noticed by God**

There is a Movie based on a true and famous battle during the Vietnam conflict:

The Movie is called: "We Were Soldiers"

- **It was about the famous Battle of La Drang**
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- **Where 450 American soldiers were pitted against 2000 Vietnamese combatants who had the upper hand...**
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- The Lead character, which Mel Gibsom played, was Lieutenant Colonel Harold Moore Jr.
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- But the character that really got my attention was played by the actor Sam Elliot
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- Sam Elliot played the real-life officer- Sargent Major Basil Plumly, a legendary soldier and veteran of multiple wars
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- The movie accurately portrays the incredible courage and character of Sargent Major Basil Plumly

Though he was not the 1st in command, his courage was equal to, if not even greater than Colonel Hal Moore, who he so faithfully served 2nd in command to... **Expound**

Saints, this is Biblical, this is Kingdom order:

- Moses, had his Joshua
- David, had his Jonathan
- Jonathan, had his armor bearer
- Elijah, had his Elisha
- Paul, had his Timothy
- Father God, has His Jesus

Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; **4** do not [merely] look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:5-6 Have this attitude in yourselves *which was also in Christ Jesus*, **6** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Grasped; seized – too many Christians seek to seize glory and attain position over man, too few seek the humble but powerful position of being a servant to another.

- I served my senior Pastor as his armor bearer for over 34 years
- I was able to do this because I never had the need to seize title or position
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- I was graced with knowing who I was in the kingdom and understood the honor of servanthood...

James 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore [it] says, "***GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.***"

In the Transitioning Conference When our Pastor was passing the Pastorship over to his son... Expound

Paul had his Timothy- God honored Timothy by having 2 books named after him:

Listen to what Paul says about Timothy:

Philippians 2:19-21 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. **20** For I have no one [else] of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. **21** For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child [serving] his father.

- The Kingdom of God needs more Timothy's, more Joshua's, more Jonathan's... **Expound**

1 Samuel 14:6-7 Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by

few." **7** *His armor bearer said to him*, "Do all that is in your heart; *turn yourself, [and] here I am with you according to your desire.*"

- This is an amazing account of the supernatural grace God gives to Armor Bearer's...

1 Samuel 14:13, 15 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his armor bearer behind him; and they fell before Jonathan, and his armor bearer put some to death after him. ... **15** And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and the raiders trembled, and the earth quaked so that it became a great trembling.

- We need more people like this in the kingdom

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- We have too few armor bearers, too few leaders with the heart of a servant, the contentment of being 2nd

Moses also had to deal with his share of discontented leaders:

Numbers 12:1-2 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses...; **2** and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" *And the LORD heard it.*

Numbers 12:9-10 *So the anger of the LORD burned against them* and He departed. **10** But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, Miriam [was] leprous, as [white as] snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she [was] leprous.

Numbers 16:1-3 Now Korah the son of Izhar,... with Dathan and Abiram,... took [action,] **2** and they rose up before Moses,... **3** They assembled together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

Numbers 16:8-9 Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi, **9** *is it not enough for you* that the God of Israel has separated you from the [rest of] the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them;

- Is it not enough for you...
- Whatever the position God has graced you with in His kingdom, is it not enough for you?

Numbers 16:28, 31-33 Moses said, "By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these deeds; for this is not my doing. ... **31** As he finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them split open; **32** and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who belonged to Korah with [their] possessions. **33** So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

The Apostle John had his Korah:

3 John 1:9 KJV -I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, *who loveth to have the preeminence* among them, receiveth us not.

Preeminence: fond of being first, ambitious of distinction

3 John 1:10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire [to do so] and puts [them] out of the church.

Here is the New Testament Warning to those who love to have preeminence:

3 John 1:11 Beloved, *do not imitate what is evil*, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.

➤ **The need to be first is evil – the willingness to allow God’s order to go His way is good**

Exodus 33:11 Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.