



2020 FORGED MENS CONFERENCE

1 PET. 1:7 THAT THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH, BEING MUCH MORE PRECIOUS THAN OF GOLD THAT PERISHETH, THOUGH IT BE TRIED WITH FIRE, MIGHT BE FOUND UNTO PRAISE AND HONOUR AND GLORY AT THE APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST:











SPEAKER BIO: PASTOR MARK TROTTER

MARK WAS BORN AND RAISED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. HE PASTORED FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FOR 25 YEARS, AND SERVED AS THE TEACHING PASTOR AT NORTHWEST BIBLE CHURCH IN HILLIARD, OHIO FOR EIGHT YEARS. IN 2016, MARK MOVED HIS BASE OF MINISTRY TO ONE BAPTIST CHURCH IN DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA, FOLLOWING HIS HEART'S DESIRE TO WHOLLY DEVOTE HIS MINISTRY TO THE THINGS FOR WHICH HE IS PASSIONATE - NAMELY, THE REPRODUCTION OF DISCIPLES/CHURCHES, AND THE TRAINING OF PASTOR'S AND LEADERS FOR MINISTRY, BOTH OF WHICH HE DOES NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

MARK AND HIS WIFE, SHERRY HAVE TWO GROWN CHILDREN, JUSTIN AND HIS WIFE, MORGAN, AND JACIE AND HER HUSBAND, JUSTIN. THE LORD HAS ALSO BLESSED MARK AND SHERRY WITH SIX PRECIOUS GRANDCHILDREN.

FORGED MENS CONFERENCE - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 8/7/20

-  6:00 PM - MEAL**
-  7:00 PM - MAIN SESSION 1 BEGINS**
 -  WELCOME AND PRAYER – PASTOR JOE MCKAIG**
 -  WORSHIP – CODY HEAD & WORSHIP TEAM**
 -  SESSION 1 – PASTOR MARK TROTTER**
 -  9:00 PM - CLOSING**
 -  CLOSING SONG – CODY HEAD**
 -  PRAYER/CLOSE – PASTOR JAY SCHUG**

SATURDAY 8/8/20

-  8:30 AM - DOORS OPEN/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
-  9:00 AM - MAIN SESSION 2 BEGINS**
 -  WELCOME AND PRAYER – PASTOR SETH KEENUM**
 -  WORSHIP CODY HEAD & WORSHIP TEAM**
 -  SESSION 2 – PASTOR MARK TROTTER**
-  10:30 AM – BREAK/FOOD/SNACKS - BARS AND CRACKERS**
-  10:45 AM - MAIN SESSION 3 BEGINS**
 -  SONG – CODY HEAD & WORSHIP TEAM**
 -  SESSION 3 – PASTOR MARK TROTTER**
 -  PRAYER/CLOSE – PASTOR RANDY COPELAND**
 -  SESSION 3 END ~ 12:30PM**



Session One
Friday, August 7, 2020

Men's Conference
Speaker: Pastor Mark Trotter

- ◆ Introducing the THEME of the Men's Conference 2020...
- ◆ Establishing the CONTEXT of Samson's Story...

TWO KEY PHRASES IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES

- 1) "...there was no _____ in Israel, but every man did that which was _____ in his _____ eyes." (Judges 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25)
- 2) "And the children of Israel did _____ in the _____ of the _____." (Judges 2:11; 3:7; 3:12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1)

Note: When a man does that which is _____ in his _____ eyes...
He inevitably ends up doing what is _____ in the _____ eyes!

TONIGHT'S MESSAGE

INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING SAMSON'S "STORY" (Judges 13:1-5)...

1. He was the PRODUCT of a _____ . (Judges 13:2-3)
2. He had the PRIVILEGE of being _____ for the LORD'S SERVICE from his very birth. (Judges 13:5)
3. He POSSESSED the _____ of the very _____ of God upon his life. (Judges 13:25; Judges 14:5-6; Judges 15:14-16)
4. He was PROVIDED a " _____ " that was absolutely filled with UNENDING _____ and _____. (Judges 13:5)

NOTE: What Samson had the potential to do with the "BEGINNING" God gave him was only LIMITED by Samson's own _____, and the _____ of his own heart to be SURRENDERED to God's PLAN and PURPOSES through him!

INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING OUR "STORY"...

1. We were the PRODUCT of a _____ . (Ephesians 2:12-13; 1 Peter 1:23)
2. We were given the PRIVILEGE of being _____ for the LORD'S SERVICE from our very birth. (1 Corinthians 6:11)
3. We POSSESS the _____ of the very _____ of God upon our lives. (Acts 17:28; 2 Cor. 6:16; 1 Pet. 5:8; 1 John 4:4; Romans 6:13-14)
4. We have been PROVIDED a "_____" that was absolutely filled with UNENDING _____ and _____. (2 Cor. 5:17)

NOTE: What we do with the "BEGINNING" God gave us is only LIMITED by our own _____, and the _____ of our own hearts to be SURRENDERED to God's PLAN and PURPOSES through us!

HOW SAMSON'S STORY ENDS...

Judges 16:30-31-

NOTE:

- Samson's story ends with him buried beneath the RUBBLE of his own _____ - _____...
And his _____ coming to pull him out of it.
- The question is,
"_____ did he get _____?"

The KEY PRINCIPLE to LEARN...

1. Where you end up in life is determined by the _____ in which your _____ are _____.

Proverbs 4:26-

Judges 14:1-

Judges 14:5-

Judges 16:1-

Judges 16:31-

Galatians 6:7-8-

Psalm 119:59-

The VITAL LESSON to APPLY...

1. I must be certain that I fully comprehend that the real determining factor of where my steps will take me in the next _____ years will be based on where I choose to place the _____ of _____ in my life on a _____.

- David said in...

- * Psalm 119:47-48-

- * Psalm 119:97-

- * Psalm 119:113-

- * Psalm 119:127-128-

- * Psalm 119:140-

- * Psalm 119:159-

- * Psalm 119:163-

- * Psalm 119:165-

- * Psalm 119:167-

- ◆ Where are the men in the 21st century who genuinely _____ the Word of God?

- Jeremiah said in ...

- * Jeremiah 15:16-

- ◆ Where are the men in the 21st century who actually _____ on the Word of God on a daily basis?

- Job said in...

- * Job 23:12-

- ◆ Where are the men in the 21st century who would rather have the _____ food of the Word of God in their soul, than the _____ food they stuff in their face?

- Ezra said in...

- * Ezra 9:4-

- ◆ Where are the men in the 21st century who know what it is to _____ at the Word of God?

ACTION STEPS



By God's grace and by the power of His Spirit within me, I determine to...

- ◆ _____ my _____ toward the Word of God every day for the remainder of this year. (Psalm 119:59)

- ◆ _____ my _____ with all of my heart through the pages of the Word of God. (Deut. 4:29)

- ◆ _____ what it is to _____ the Word of God, and to _____ at His Words. (Ps. 119:47-48; Ezra 9:4)

- ◆ _____ to God whatever God reveals to me through His Word that needs to be _____ in my life. (Ps. 119:48)

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION...

GETTING STARTED

1. What Scripture, statement, or principle in Session One hit you right between the eyes and dropped you to the mat?
2. Can you honestly say that your FEET are presently POINTING toward the Word of God?
3. Can you remember a time in your life when your FEET were POINTING in the wrong DIRECTION?
 - a. What were the consequences in your life?
 - b. What caused you to TURN your FEET in the right DIRECTION?

GOING DEEPER

4. Prior to the message delivered in Session One, how would you describe your relationship to the Word of God?
 - a. Like David, can you honestly say you LOVE the Word of God?
 - b. Like Jeremiah, can you honestly say you FEAST on the Word of God on a daily basis?
 - c. Like Job, can you honestly say you would rather consume the SPIRITUAL FOOD of the Word of God more than your PHYSICAL FOOD?
 - d. Like Ezra, do you know what it is to TREMBLE at the Word of the Lord?

GETTING PRACTICAL

5. At the conclusion of Session One, did you determine to take all four of the ACTION STEPS?
6. Look at the four ACTION STEPS on the last part of the Session One notes. Which one do you think will be the most difficult for you?
7. How will you hold yourself accountable to the decisions you made today?



Session Two
Saturday, August 8, 2020

Men's Conference
Speaker: Pastor Mark Trotter

GOD'S CALL UPON SAMSON TO BE A "NAZARITE"

◆ The CALL (Judges 13:1-5) —

◆ The EXPLANATION (Numbers 6:1-6) —

• Three Major "DON'Ts" of the Nazarite Vow:

1. Don't associate with _____ in any way, shape or form.
2. Don't associate with _____ in any way, shape or form.
3. Don't _____ your _____.

Note: In other words, a Nazarite was to be "separated" _____ the _____.

• The Typical Nazarite Vow:

- * It was made _____ by a man or woman, for a specified period of time, of a person's own _____. (Numbers 6:2, 4a, 5a, 6, 8)

Note: In Samson's situation, God called him to be a Nazarite from the moment of his _____, and it was to extend throughout his _____.

(Judges 13:5)

Also note: So that Samson's "separation" would never be _____, God even instructed his mother to abstain from anything and everything related to _____ and/or _____ throughout her entire pregnancy.

(Judges 13:4)

- The Real Purpose of the Nazarite Vow:
 - * Though there were definite “DON'Ts” associated with the vow that were intended to keep a person separated from the world, being separated from the world was never an _____ in itself. It was simply a _____ to another _____! That end was to be “separated” _____ the _____. (Numbers 6:2, 5, 6, 8)

Note: You cannot be separated _____ the _____...
without being separated _____ the _____.

- * The purpose of being a Nazarite was never really about:

1. Not drinking _____...

But being _____ by God _____.

2. Not associating with _____...

But totally being _____ to _____.

3. Not cutting your _____...

But possessing _____ manifestations or evidences of _____ and _____.

◆ The COMPROMISES of Samson Concerning His Calling and Separation—

1. He COMPROMISED his separation from _____. (Judges 14:10)

2. He COMPROMISED his separation from _____. (Judges 14:5-9)

3. He COMPROMISED his separation concerning his _____. (Judges 16:15-19)

The KEY PRINCIPLE to LEARN...

2. The Nazarite vow of Numbers 6 is an Old Testament picture of the New Testament believer's call to _____ and _____. Samson's life (Judges 13-16) is a vivid illustration and reminder of how we can _____ God's incredible _____ on our lives.

The VITAL LESSON to APPLY...

2. I must make certain that, like Samson, I do not _____ the point, or _____ the point of God calling me to salvation and sanctification.

GOD'S CALL TO SALVATION

- God's intention in saving me through the work of His Son wasn't simply to bring me to a _____, but to a _____. (John 14:6)
- God's intention in saving me through the work of His Son wasn't simply so I could _____ I am going to _____ when I die, but so I could _____ the _____ and the _____, and for all of _____. (John 17:3)

GOD'S CALL TO SANCTIFICATION (The Believer As A "Nazarite")...

- Ephesians 5:17-18-
I am not to be controlled by _____ (or any other substance or thing), but to only be controlled by the _____ of God who is in me.
- 2 Corinthians 6:14-18-
I am not to _____ that which is _____ (anything that has to do with the system of death), but be totally connected in a relationship with the life of my _____ and _____.
- 1 Peter 2:9/ Galatians 5:22-23-
I am to possess the _____ manifestations and evidences of the Spirit of God's strength and power on my life, that sets me apart as _____ to the people of this world.

The KEY PRINCIPLE to LEARN...

3. The Christian life is not really so much about what I “_____”...but what I actually “_____.”

The VITAL LESSON to APPLY...

3. I must make certain that I operate in the Christian life with the understanding that I am to be separated _____ the _____, SO THAT I can be separated _____ the _____. (Matt. 12:43-45)

FIVE KEY WAYS TO BECOME THE SANCTIFIED MAN GOD HAS CALLED ME TO BE...

- a. Definitely _____ EVIL...
But concentrate on _____ RIGHTEOUSNESS.
* Hebrews 1:8-9
* Psalm 97:10
* Psalm 119:113
* Psalm 119:163
- b. Definitely PUT _____...
But concentrate on PUTTING _____.
* Romans 13:12
* Ephesians 4:22-24
* Colossians 3:8-14
- c. Definitely don't walk in the _____...
But concentrate on walking in the _____.
* Galatians 5:16
* Colossians 3:5
* Romans 8:13
- d. Definitely don't _____ yourself...
But concentrate on _____ God.
* 2 Timothy 3:1-2
* Mark 12:30
- e. Definitely reckon yourself to be _____ unto _____...
But concentrate on reckoning yourself to be _____ unto _____.
* Romans 6:11

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION...

GETTING STARTED

1. What Scripture, statement, or principle in Session Two hit you right between the eyes and dropped you to the mat?

GOING DEEPER

2. To this point in your Christian life, do you think that your focus has been on keeping yourself separated FROM the WORLD, or being separated UNTO the LORD? (Explain.)
3. Why do you think Samson compromised all three of the prohibitions of God's calling on his life to be a Nazarite?
4. What are the lessons we can learn from Samson's compromise?
5. Though you may have been a Christian for years, what is at least one NEW thing you learned from Session Two about God's purpose in calling you to salvation and sanctification?

GETTING PRACTICAL

6. In one sentence or paragraph explain how you believe your life will be different because of the things God showed you from His Word in this Session.



Session Three
Saturday, August 8, 2020

Men's Conference
Speaker: Pastor Mark Trotter

INTRODUCTION- Your "Domino Trail"...

Judges 13:1-5

1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.
2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.
3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.
4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:
5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

The KEY PRINCIPLE to LEARN...

4. God gives to us everything we need to fulfill His divine _____ for our life. That is no guarantee, however, that we will actually _____ it. Like Samson, what we do with the " _____ " God has given us, is up to _____.

The VITAL LESSON to APPLY...

4. I must be certain that I live my life with the constant spiritual awareness, that from God's vantage point, it is not how I _____ the Christian life— but how I _____ it that really matters. God will hold me accountable for how I _____.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER CONCERNING MEN'S "BEGINNING" vs THEIR "ENDING"



THE TRACK RECORD FOR THE "GREATEST" MEN WHO EVER LIVED...

- The most _____ man in the Bible (_____)...
Was overthrown by a desire to be with a _____!
- The man with the greatest _____ for God in the Bible (_____)...
Was overthrown by a desire to be with a _____!
- The _____ man in the Bible (_____)...
Was overthrown by a desire to be with a _____!
- The _____ man in the Bible (_____)...
Was overthrown by a desire to be with a _____!



THE TRACK RECORD FOR THE "VAST MAJORITY" OF MEN THRU-OUT HISTORY...

- Of the _____ men age 20 and above who were delivered out of the bondage of Egypt in the exodus (a biblical portrait of salvation), only _____ FINISHED WELL!
- Of the _____ leaders mentioned in the Bible, only _____ FINISHED WELL!
- Of the men who BEGIN in the ministry, only _____ in _____ FINISH WELL!



THE "DEATH-BED" GOAL OF EVERY MAN (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)

To say with Paul...

- "I have _____ a good _____,"
- "I have _____ my _____,"
- "I have _____ the _____."



THREE KEY THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT “FINISHING WELL” FROM PAUL’S EXAMPLE

“I have fought a good fight”

I cannot “FINISH WELL” without...

1. WINNING the FIGHT with the enemy “_____ - _____ - _____.”
(This has to do with my _____.)

“I have finished my course”

I cannot “FINISH WELL” without...

2. FINISHING the COURSE God _____ for me.
(This has to do with God’s _____ and _____ for my life.)

“I have kept the faith”

I cannot “FINISH WELL” without...

3. KEEPING the FAITH that was _____ to me.
(This has to do with God’s _____ and sound _____.)

SOME "STRANGE" VERSES ABOUT WHERE SAMSON'S STORY ENDS

◆ Where His Story ENDS In The OLD TESTAMENT...

What's a " _____ " like you doing in a place like this?

- * Judges 13:5-
- * Judges 16:21-25-

◆ Where His Story ENDS In The NEW TESTAMENT...

What's an " _____ " like you doing in a place like this?

- * Hebrews 11:31-32-

Note: Not every person made it into the "Hall of Faith" because they were " _____ ."
They made it in because at least they had a moment in time when they were
" _____ of _____ ."

The KEY PRINCIPLE to LEARN...

5. God is more loving, forgiving, merciful, and _____ than any of us ever imagined. So there is _____ for " _____ " like us!

The VITAL LESSON to APPLY...

5. I must make certain that I do not allow my _____ in the Christian life to _____ me. If I will respond properly to God's incredible love, forgiveness, mercy and grace, I can be _____, and still do well at the _____ of Christ!

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION...

GETTING STARTED

1. What Scripture, statement, or principle in Session Three hit you right between the eyes and dropped you to the mat?

GOING DEEPER

2. Pastor Mark gave some sobering statistics about the “finish” of most Christian men. If you were going to try to explain that to a lost person at work, or to your children or grandchildren, how would you explain why it is that so few Christians finish well?
3. One of the things that was noted in today's message was that finishing well isn't just a matter of what you DON'T DO, but what you actually DO. Do you think you've functioned in your Christian life with a healthy understanding of that?

GETTING PRACTICAL

4. Which of the following statements best describes your life in terms of your BEGINNING and your potential FINISH:
 - a. Unless something changes in my life, I will most likely end up under the rubble of my own self-destruction just like Samson.
 - b. Unless something changes in my life, I will probably not commit any life-ruining sin, but on the other hand, I probably won't fulfill God's plan concerning His mission either.
 - c. Unless something changes in my life, by God's grace, I will most likely fulfill His mission for my life, and be able to say with Paul, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”
5. If your answer to the above question was "a" or "b," do you feel that something changed in your heart and mind to move you to letter "c"?
6. How will your life be different because of the things God showed you from His Word in this Retreat?

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