

Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4, 2018 - "Unsung Heroes - Week 9: Barnabas - What's in a Name" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Acts 4:32-37, Acts 9:26-27, Acts 11:22-26, Acts 15:39-41

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Our unsung hero this week is: Joseph...who has his name changed to Barnabas
 - It was a common to practice to give someone a new name
 - To reinforce or solidify something about them
 - Bar-Nabi (Barnabas is just an english version of that name)
 - Bar = son or daughter of
 - Nabi = generous, encourager, exhorter
- What is your new name? Son of _____, Daughter of _____
- Barnabas was someone who came alongside and called great things from others
 - He was a cousin of Mark, and came from wealth
 - Owning land was imoortant...so selling his would have been more risky than now
 - It also would have been very encouraging to the early disciples (someone supporting them and their ministry)
- Acts 9:26-27
 - After Saul (name changed to Paul) is converted from a murderer to a follower of Jesus he wants to join the disciples
 - But the disciples were afraid (Paul had murdered followers of Jesus before converting)
 - But at a critical moment in church history...
 - Barnabas stands up for Paul
 - He believed in Paul when no one else did
- Acts 11:22-26
 - The disciples were scattered from Jerusalem but they took their faith with them
 - Gentiles were becoming believers...
 - Barnabas saw the gifting in Paul and invited him to Antioch to pour into the church and some ways launch some of Paul's church planting ministry
- Acts 15:39-41 (Paul and Barnabas really became ministry partners)
 - Paul and Barnabas disagree about bringing Mark along
 - Barnabas encourages the one who needs it most (Mark)
 - He chooses Mark (generous and encouraging)
- Barnabas live up to his name and is a hero because he came alongside others
- ****Asking the Lord for your new name or encouraging someone you know with a new name****
 - Ask the Lord what your new name should be or a word/name he wants you to give someone else
 - Try searching google for the bar-_____ names (try searching the greek word for _____)
 - Encourage someone in your c-group, family friend group with a new name

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Have you ever thought about what your new name would or could be? Share your thoughts with the group
2. How is God calling you to encourage and come alongside others?
3. How can you call great things out of the people in your life? What would that look like?
4. Talk about an experience when you had someone call something great out of you?
5. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Genesis 21 Tues: Genesis 22 Wed: Genesis 23 Thurs: Genesis 24 Fri: Genesis 25

Songs from the weekend: [Again I Say Rejoice - Israel Houghton] - [Raised to Life - Grace Original] - [Holy Spirit - Bryan and Katie Torwalt] - [Sinking Deep - Hillsong Y&F]