

ASSIGNMENT 13:1

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Two *Real World- Scenarios Paralleling the biblical situation of Philippians 4:13

{The student and the single mother}

In both situations they do not include the elements of a Christian facing hardship because of following Christ faithfully.

They are both enduring hardships externally and scarcity while expressing deep contentment and gratitude for external relational support.

The real world

Central elements: of the original situations of Paul was that of vulnerability and hardships resulting from him following Jesus Christ.

He wrote from the Roman prison facing extreme deprivation and an uncertain future.

The secret of contentment in Paul's trial and tribulation was learning how to live through times of absolute need as well as plenty without losing inner peace

The capacity to preserve came divine empowerment through Christ straightening him not from human sufficiency

Both the single mom and the student their response recognize that their quiet endurance does not come from their own mental toughness but inner reliance on God sustaining grace.

The Original Application and Parallel Scriptures

John 15:5 Jesus notes that people can do nothing apart from staying connected to Him

2ND Corinthians 12; 9-10 But He said to me 'my grace is sufficient for you My power is made perfect in weakness

Isaiah 41:10 I will strengthen you yeah, I will help you and uphold you.

Col1;11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.

In conclusion

They should accept changing seasons

Choose to stay steady when life feels unstable instead of being emotional

Replace anxiety with prayer and guarding thoughts with wholesome Godly ones

Choosing humility and serving others and trust God to give inner peace

Finding joy despite circumstances with Spirit of thankfulness to every request

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Contemporize the parable of the Good Samaritan by retelling the original story in a way that gives a contemporary audience the same impact it had on its original audience.

LUKE 10-31

Parallel Scriptures;

Leviticus 21;1-3 these scriptures only related to death of certain members so the priest might have thought about a man being death or about to die which might cause him to be unclean and a procedure following that for him to cleanse himself.

Leviticus 5:2-6 same the consequences requiring reporting and sacrifices to be brought and confessing the sin proved to be another ordeal

Matthew 10;5 Jesus instructing them not to go nowhere near the gentiles may have been taken out of context

Numbers 5:2 relating to the unclean and the dead

Luke 9:51-56 Jesus model or response to hatred of foreigners and love constrained by ethnic boundaries. He also challenges the cross social, political and cultural structure that help divide everyone in need.

Contemporary world: -

A traveler is mugged and beaten and left half dead on a lonely street at night

-A religious leader passed by and did not want to involve himself. This could mean him being there for a while as the ambulance and the police maybe called and may be required to give a statement and maybe be a suspect too.

People who were passersby also chose to look away and did not want to be involved instead of helping. They were afraid that danger may still be lurking around or did not want to be probed by the police in case they suspect him of being involved.

-A church member who is expected to have compassion and empathy as a Christian looked at the same victim kept walking may because of being highly digitalize in this era instead of slowing down and take notice just walk pass did not want to be involved .it could be the same reason as others may be hurt in the process of helping or did not want to face the fact he could be questioned about the situation.

-an unassuming member of the ostracized community had deep empathy. Decided to stop giving first aid used his personal transportation, took him in to the local hospital as a next of kin and also paid for his medical expenses and promised to come back to cover

for the rest of future expenses resulting from his injuries, that is justice and mercy right there. It was a relief program for this man.

FIRST TIMOTHY 6;10a “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil”

Interpretative journey of this verse including application process –

QUESTION1

Summary of the original situation and the meaning of the text for the biblical audience

The apostle Paul writes to Timothy warn the Ephesians against false teachers who viewed godliness as a means for financial gain. This meant obsessive craving for wealth which eventually resulted in destroying spiritual fidelity and invites ruin

Society in the Greco-Roman world prized status wealth and upward mobility which had infiltrated the believers then.

-Distinction on greed and aggressive craving for money does not condemn money or wealth itself but as a source of corruption.

-spiritual departure over dependence to God and resulting in inner grief and self-inflicted spiritual pain.

Question 2

Differences between the biblical situation and our situation

1-Time, culture, economic audience play an important part in this situation

Paul wrote this letter in the 1centuryAD

2- specific audience; -were directed to Timothy and the local church of in Ephesus rather than directly to our specific contemporary communities or hometowns.

It does apply to us as well as the trend as pastors of other churches hold this prosperity gospel and confusing the believers connecting financial status with godliness And then #3 the role in leadership Timoty was a young pastoral leader facing teachers who treated godliness as a means for financial gain while modern leaders hold diverse every everyday roles in secular jobs

Question 3

Cross the principal principilizing bridge list the theological principle communicated by the passage

An obsession with wealth corrupts morality which produces and breeds all kinds of moral evil

Materialism functions as spiritual displacement trust human and affection away from God

Contentment is rooted not possessions but in God who gives peace and satisfaction rather than the accumulation of material assets

Question 4 How does the theological principle fit with the rest of the Bible

Throughout scripture loving wealth over God is consistently identified as a spiritual trap That displaces trust in the creator

The Old Testament proverbs 23: 4 advise us not to wear ourselves with riches and stories like Achan in [Joshua 7] shows how coveting material wealth brought destruction...in his life and defeat in the children of God so this evil effect fellow Christians.

The teachings of Jesus taught that people cannot serve both God and mammon [Mathew 6:24] Th parable of the rich fool [Luke 12:16-12 mirrors Paul about storing up treasure on earth

Rest of the New Testament Hebrew 13;5 Teachers us the antidote principle is to be content with what we have. James warns the wealthy against misusing power and hoarding riches [James 5;1-6]

Question 5

A- how should Christians today live out their theological principle

Observe how the principles in the text address the original situation

-Difference today we are not Church of Ephesus we don't live in the 1st century our current economic situation is not the same.

-Every believer who reads this verse may not be a pastor or a leader as Timothy was but may just be an ordinary Christian mum or student or unemployed father. Christians should not pursue career Type of self-gratification. Yes we should pray more and seek godliness contentment and love of Christ by reading studying and abiding in the word of GOD in the Bible.

B] Parallel situation in my world

-Tension between absolute divine truth and culture

-Modern truth demands theological and moral standards bent to fit individual preference that is compromise

- Biblical parallel: -The nation repeatedly fell into the trap of adopting Canaanite religious practices alongside instead of God 's provision .

- Theological principle; -God's character never changes Malachi 3;6 Hebrew 13;8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

C-Real World Scenario or Contemporising

Modern World: - try to mix pieces of different world views creating a personalized spirituality that ignores sin judgement and repentance.

Mostly like the evangelicals and some of the protestant keep only nine of the ten commandment and deem them as being replaced but the new commandment

These nowadays corruption is not frowned upon as in the olden days stealing is the form of surviving, evading taxes is the norm.

The narrative depicts greed as the root sprouting the theft, deception betrayal and ultimately it ends in judgement.

Biblical Parallel; - the kings of Judah often tried to worship the Lord whiles simultaneously maintains altars to the local idol Baal

-Theological Principles: -The New Testament warns against trying to serve two masters calling believers to distantly separate from the umbilical world views

Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed to the renewing of your mind Then you will be able to test and approve what Gods will is-His good, pleasing and perfect will." And James 4;4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world becomes enmity against God?

Contentment and the love of Christ is the key

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