



FIRST CHRONICLES

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“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them... “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household” –
Matthew 10:5a, 24-25

Last month, I wrote about how there is risk in going on mission and evangelizing others—that we will meet resistance when share the Gospel. And as I wrote that article, I had a voice in the back of my head saying, “if you meet resistance when sharing the Gospel, you’re doing it wrong because the Gospel is GOOD news. Who can get angry at, offended by, resist, or reject good news?” This is an example of one of those thoughts we need to take captive and reject. We need to do this for a few reasons.

First, Jesus teaches that we will be mistreated because of him. When we are sent out on mission, we are participating in Jesus mission in the world. Just as Jesus was sent by God (Matt 10:40), so we are sent by Jesus. Right after telling his disciples that they would face persecution for proclaiming the Gospel, he shows them the reason they would face it. It wasn’t because of them. It wasn’t because of how they presented the message or how they acted. They would face resistance, rejection, and persecution because of Jesus. Because they went out in Jesus’ name and sought for others to follow him as they were, they would be met with hardship. The people were literally saying that Jesus was the devil. Jesus—who was perfect, sinless, did nothing wrong, God-in-flesh—that is the One they rejected. And if they would do that for Him, they’ll do it for us.

Secondly, that little voice in my head put the focus on me and not on Christ. It was trying to get me to focus on how I presented the Gospel and tried to put the onus on me to do it in such a way that it wouldn’t offend anyone. But the Gospel is offensive—to tell people that they are sinners in need of a Savior is innately confrontational. To try and avoid that is to water down the Gospel in favor of my comfort. It is to deny the power of the Gospel to change people’s lives—as if a less challenging message could transform lives or is even the message that Jesus died and rose again to secure.

We can sometimes trick ourselves into thinking we’re safe in our life bubble and that to go outside of that bubble is to risk rejection. But Jesus shows that merely following Him means that we are never safe. The only safety we can experience is in and through Him. He is our refuge and our fortress. While He is our security, He will also be the reason we can be rejected.

That’s why I had to take that thought captive and reject it. Rather than let fear rule my life, I need to accept reality—and to trust in the comfort and peace that Jesus gives us in the midst of that reality. Yes, resistance and difficulty will arise in this life. But we have an eternity to look forward to! To God be the glory.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, February 1 Jim & Sharon Douglass	Sunday, February 1 Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, February 1 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, February 8 Bryan & Rachel Kramer	Sunday, February 8 Donna DeBoer	Sunday, February 8 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, February 15 Darren & Julie Kramer	Sunday, February 15 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, February 15 Kayla Reck
Sunday, February 22 Daryl & Mary Kramer	Sunday, February 22 Breanna Schrick	Sunday, February 22 Abby Kramer



February	5	Gerald den Hoed
	7	Olivia Cottington
	11	Bryan & Rachel Kramer Logan den Hoed Noah Gruis
	14	Crystal deBoer
	15	Stephanie Gruis
	16	Cole den Hoed
	17	Dennis & Gracia Schrick Ava Kannegieter Gayle Wagenaar
	19	Henry Boneschans
	20	Judy Eben
	22	Eli DeBoer Gracia Schrick
	23	Bryan Kramer
	24	Connie Christians
	26	Rhonda Kruse Micah Kramer
	28	Daren Winkowitsch
	29	Mac McDowell

Thank You So Much

Thank you to all of you who made our Christmas Season so enjoyable. The carolers were fun and the fruit basket was so good. God bless all of you.

- Lena & Marcee Ruddy

Thank you to the carolers who came to our home and sang for us, and for the box of fruit and goodies. It is always so enjoyable.

- Harold & Helen Eben

Thank you for thinking of me with all the cards for my birthday! What a joy it is to receive each one of them!

- Clinton DeBoer



From Scott, Colleen and Kids

At the Asha services in London, they have been looking at *Genesis 1-5* and have seen how sin has spoiled the perfect world and all the thoughts in men's hearts are against God. We have also seen the promise that there will be a rescuer, a serpent crusher. (*Gen 3:15*) Going into the Christmas season they are sharing in the Joy, and hope of Jesus birth and his saving sacrifice.

Prayers are asked for the friends who come to Asha services, to the women who come to the ESOL classes and the children and their teachers to not turn away from this message. They also ask for prayers of strength. "We will have joy in our own hearts as we know this amazing grace that comes from Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection!"

Thanks for the prayers, encouragement and support. So grateful for supporting churches and knowing that we are part of Gods family together.

Merry Christmas
With Love,
The Burdsall Family



There will be a baptism class starting in March for anyone interested in being baptized. The location will depend on how many people sign up for the class. Talk to Pastor Jesse if you are interested.

Our next Equip Seminar after "Spiritual Giftings" will be "Other Denominations". It will start at the end of February during Discipleship U. Come and find out more about the similarities and differences we have with other churches.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb			4 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation			
8 SUPER BOWL 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship		10 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	11 9:30 AM Good Sam Worship 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study			
15 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Mixed Choir 6:30 PM Discipleship U			18 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation			
22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Bell Choir 6:30 PM Discipleship U			25 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study			