




What Will
Your
Tombstone
Say?

Acts 13:36



- Here lies an atheist—all dressed up and no where to go!
- Here lies John Yeast—Pardon me for not rising!



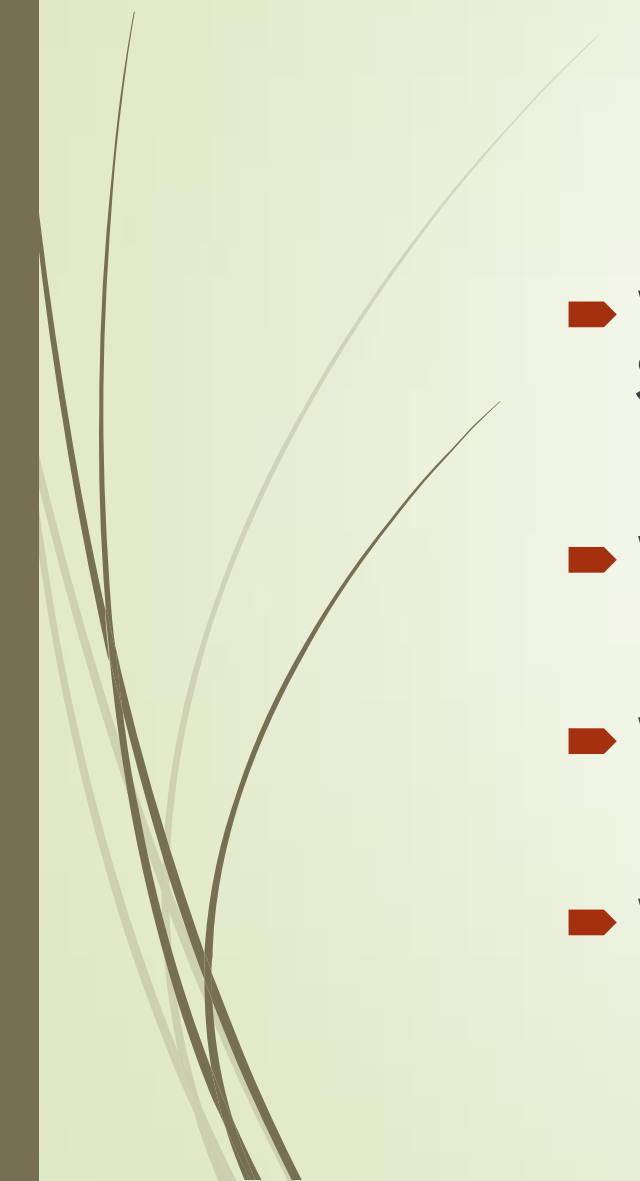
In Acts 13:36, Look at What Paul Says
About David


***“Now when David had served
God’s purpose in his own
generation, he fell asleep…….”***

***Are You Serving God’s Purpose
For You In This Generation?***



Usually When We Think About David:

- We think about David as a King, a Soldier or a Statesman
 - We think about David and his best buddy Jonathan
 - We think about David and Bathsheba
 - We think about David and Goliath
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Isn't It Significant That, At This Time In Scripture, When the New Testament Church Was Beginning, The Apostle Paul, While Speaking About Israel's Greatest Earthly King, Says That "When David had Served God's Purpose in His Own Generation, he fell asleep."



Observations


David Wasn't a Perfect Servant!

- **We see him in scripture when he failed God**
- **We see him in scripture when he committed adultery**
- **We see him in scripture when he lied to Uriah**
- **We see him in scripture when he committed murder**

But He is Still Called a Man

After God's Own Heart

Acts 13:22



David's Main Character Trait Was That Of a Servant!

- He served his brothers
- He served his father
- He served King Saul when Saul both loved him and hated him
- He served the nation of Israel
- He served God



If You Thought Being a Servant Was An Insignificant Way To Act, Look How Jesus Thought! Matthew 20:26-28

“..... Whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

So When Others Look At Your Life, Do They See You As Being a Servant?



Objection!

Some may say, “I could be a servant; but at my job, I’m the manager, I’m the supervisor, I make sure everyone else is doing their part!”


But does that keep you from being a servant?


From God’s perspective, if you are the leader in any situation, you are the LEAD SERVANT!



Did Jesus Practice What He Preached?

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men....”





.... And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name..."

Philippians 2:5-9




***In God's Relationships,
Anyone Who Survives
Will Have To Die First!***



In Order to have a relationship with Jesus,
YOU have to die, Matthew 16:24-25

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for My sake will find it.”





In Order to Have a Quality Marriage
As God Would Have It, **You Have To Die!**


Ephesians 5:25

***“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ
also loved the church and gave himself
for her,....”***

Question:

**If the Husband is the head of a
marriage, who leads out in the death
march (who dies first)?**

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- Who should initiate the reconciliation when things are tense at home? (Remember who did it for you!)
 - Who exemplifies the transparency of cell phone messages, bank accounts, and internet searches?
 - Who directs issues that come up in the home to spiritual answers? (Biblical Principles)
 - Who should initiate application of the fruits of the Holy Spirit when dealing with each other (love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)?




Wives Are Not Off The Hook!

1Peter 3:1-2


- ***“Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won, by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear (reverence)”***



Question:



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The Plan Of Salvation



Hear the Gospel	Acts 15:7
Believe the Gospel	Acts 15:7
Repent Of Sins	Acts 17:30
Confess Christ	Acts 8:37
Be Baptized	Acts 8:38