

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

November 12, 2017

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Acts 21:1-14

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *You've Got To Stand For Something Part 4*

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

### Announcements:

**A belated Veteran's Day thank you** to all our veterans. Thank you for your service to our country.

**Next Sunday** we will resume our study of II Timothy, picking up where we left off in II Timothy 3:13.

**New address:** Al Cwik, 138 Cardinal Drive, Beecher, IL 60405.

**Midweek Bible Study** will resume November 22.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone

## **I Samuel 24:1-12** *You've Got To Stand For Something 3*

We all benefit from the stand that our founding fathers took 241 years ago when they declared our independence. The stand they took differed, however, from the stand David took. King Saul was envious of his popularity and tried to kill him three times (ISam.18:6-16). But when David had a chance to kill him, he cut off his skirt instead (ISam.24:1-4) to show he could have killed him if he wanted to.

But rather than feeling good that he hadn't given in to vengeance, David felt badly that he'd dared lift his hand against his king (ISam.24:5,6). He wouldn't let his men kill Saul either (v.7-12). Think about that! This was a king who wasn't acting like a king should act. He was trying to murder an innocent subject for no reason, and murder was against the Law he was supposed to be upholding. Most people would say he had a right to kill the king, but David said it not only wasn't a good idea, God "forbid" it (24:6). So David forbid a man to kill Saul again later (26:8,9).

If you ever wonder what we should do if the government starts killing us for no reason, God recommends you do what David did. Run and hide if you can, but don't try to harm our leader or his representatives in the law. Nowhere in the Bible does God ever recommend rising up against a ruler, no matter how unjust. Our founding fathers did this, but God says we are to "fear thou the Lord and the king: *and meddle not with them that are given to change*" (Pr.24:21). Our apostle says the same thing (Rom.13:1,2).

Whenever pastors teach this, people ask about Nazi Germany. But perhaps the reason so many Jews didn't resist arrest when the unjust Nazis were killing them is because they knew what their Scriptures say about such resistance, that God forbids it. The stand they took was the same one that David took when he refused to lift a hand against an unjust king who was trying to kill him.

It is the stand we should take, for it was the same stand the Lord took when an unjust king condemned Him. The Lord told Pilate that the power he had to kill Him *was a God-*

*given power* (John 19:10,11). He refused to resist Pilate's unjust, illegal power because He knew He worshipped a God who knows how to *use* the power of an unjust government to His glory, and He did. Do you know it?

Years after David, some other rulers took a wrong stand by rebelling against Nebuchadnezzar (IIKi.24:1,20). This came back to bite them 70 years later when the Jews tried to rebuild Jerusalem and some troublemakers told the king the Jews were rebellious (Ezra 4:15). The king checked and learned it was true, those kings *had* rebelled (4:17-21) and the building was stopped—for 15 years!

Instead of rebelling they should have been *praying* for their conquerors, for in their peace the Jews would have peace (Jer.29:4-7). This is why we pray for leaders (ITim.2:1-4). Daniel *refused* to quit praying for Babylon (Dan.6:10). He always prayed before the open window so the king would know he was praying for him.

When Babylon released the Jews, only 50,000 took a stand and went home (Ezra 2:64,65). It's easy to get comfortable in captivity, even the captivity of sin (Rom.7:22,24). When it happens to us, we must take a stand and recover ourselves (ITim.2:26) as the 50,000 Jews did.

When they returned to Jerusalem, another king overruled the king who stopped the work and ordered that the temple be funded and go forth unobstructed (Ezra 6:3-10) *so they could pray for him* (v.11). He knew they would because Daniel and others never hid their prayers for the king. So obeying and praying for our rulers not only keeps them from interfering with us, it garners good will. Similarly, not only did Mordecai not rebel against the king, he saved his life (Exther 2:21-23). This garnered him good will after the order was given to exterminate the Jews (Esther 3:6; 6:1-3) and it helped him save the seed of the Messiah.

It is always wrong to speak evil of leaders in government (IIPe.2:10), and the best way not to speak those words is not to think them (Eccl.10:20), since thoughts lead to words—which lead to actions.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart*

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

*Myrtle Harrison*

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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