

# KESSID SERMON NOTES



## Sermon

"How Dragons Die"

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(Vs) Rom. 12:21 – *"Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good."*

(Vs) 1 Cor. 1:26-29 – *'For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being boast in the presence of God.'*

### **We can see this call to "Step Out" within some of the very first stories about God and His Children!**

- Abram (Vs) Gen. 12:1-2...
- God asked him to go to a place and people he didn't know...To face situations filled with problems and challenges he was not prepared for.
- God reminds him, as He's now reminding you, "You Step Out! I'll do the rest!" (Vs) Gen. 22:17
- So, Abram, like Peter last week, steps out into a darkness he doesn't know and is unprepared for.
- He takes on this posture of, "You are my God and that's enough!"

### **Years later, Abram's son Isaac has grown up hearing about the God who Overcomes.**

- Isaac now faces his own unknown challenges.
- The God of Abram takes him outside and speaks to him (Vs) Gen. 26:3,4
- Again, God says, "Step Out & I'll do the rest! I'll Overcome!"

### **Every Christ follower is called in this same way...**

(Vs) John 16:33 – *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

- "We Step Out... And God (Jesus) does the rest, He Overcomes!"

**So now that we understand it's Jesus that defeats all of our Dragons and Dandelions... and that He is the great Overcomer!**

- Why isn't it all just easier?
- Why can't we just all step out like Abram & Isaac and proclaim...?
- "You are my God and that's enough!"
- I'm going to suggest that for many, it's because...

**"We don't understand, and so don't choose to receive and then live out the Dragon & Dandelion killing power of Christ in our lives."**

**Let's process this a bit together!**

- Question: What is it that Jesus Christ brought into this world that still causes so much drama?
- The Bible is very clear around what Jesus represents!

*(Vs) John 1:14 – "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

*(Vs) John 1:17 – "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."*

- So, Jesus Christ embodies "Grace & Truth"
- Why would this cause so much angst for so many people for so many generations?

**Illustration: Jesus and a Broken Person**

- (Vs) John 4:7-15 – "A woman from Samaria came to draw water..."
- Jesus approaches her busted story. He starts by asking for what she has - Her water, "Worth & Value."
- He knows this woman is in need of something more than physical thirst - She is in a great and lonely place! – Grace!
- Grace always makes clear – "The problem is seldom the problem."
- So Jesus says, "Just step out and give me what you have, I'll do the rest!"
- He then invites her to step through Grace into life giving Truth!
- (Vs) John 4:16 – "Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."
- Suddenly, all of that Shame and Pain come flooding into her mind... "She's not prepared" or "She doesn't know enough."
- But instead she decided to just speak honestly and "Step Out" into the truth! (Vs) John 4:17a – The woman answered him, "I have no husband."

*(Vs) John 4:17b, 18 – Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."*

- He goes on from here to share with this woman that He is the Messiah...
- The One she knows is going to make all things new! – **Truth!**

**Note: God doesn't want to change your life to keep you from having fun...**

**"God wants you to stop sinning because sin hurts you."**

*(Vs) John 10:10 – "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

**Jesus Overcoming People's Brokenness through His message of Grace and Truth is showcased all throughout His life...**

*(Vs) Matt. 9:10-17 – And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when He heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."*

- This happens the entire time! He continues to eat with the wrong people, talk with the wrong people, do life with the wrong people...

**My Earlier Question: What is it that Jesus Christ brought into this world that still causes so much Drama?**

- This is it! Jesus just wasn't Black and White enough in His teachings and behavior.
- He was Opposing and Embracing, Convicting and Forgiving.

**If Grace was Black and Truth was White... Jesus would be Grey!**

- And this is just too much for most people accept...
- They want a system they can manipulate or win... A way to perform!

**In many ways, the Church is this the worst at propagating this way of thinking...**

- The church is a fortress for Defensive, Prejudicial, "I'll love you If?" kind of behavior!
- The church can no longer be a safe place for this kind of thinking...

**What's your posture to people who hold a different value than you?**

- To those around you that see things differently...
- Consider, in so many ways, it's this kind of Black & White thinking that drove God loving people to hang the very God who loved them from a wooden Cross!
- Jesus Christ was crucified because of the "Grey" He represented...

**Jesus was and is still teaching that this kind of thinking will never Kill the Dragons and Dandelions in our Lives...**

**"Only He who Overcame can defeat the things defeating you."**

- But to do it, Christ requires you to be honest about what & where you are...a broken person in need of Wholeness!

**"True wholeness comes through embracing both the Truth about our lives and the Grace God offers through His."**

**This is how Dragons and Dandelions Die...**

- Like those before us we are being challenged in the same ways...to step out into the unknown and be loved for ALL we are!
- We must step out toward the one who Overcomes!
- You may think, "I'm not prepared", or "I don't know enough..."
- Is it Fear, Doubt, Trauma, Your Name, Sadness, Future, or Failure?
- Today, we're going to bring all that to Him who Overcomes!