

The Gospel of the King A Tree, a Temple, and a Lesson We Can't Forget

Mark 11:12-25 (ESV)

The Fig Tree ... *Cursed by Jesus, but why?*

God gave it a _____ that it did not _____.

It made pretense of a _____ it did not _____.

The cursed tree is a visual parable of _____ ...

¹⁰ Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers.

- Hosea 9:10

The cursing of the tree is a parable of _____ ...

¹³ When I would gather them, declares the Lord, there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree; even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has passed away from them."

- Jeremiah 8:13

The Temple ... *Condemned, but why?*

God gave it a _____ that it did not _____. (Jeremiah 7:1-15)

"Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord." (v. 11)

God's _____ was _____.

It made pretense of a _____ it did not _____. (Isaiah 56:3-8)

"... my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered." (v. 7-8)

God's _____ was _____.

The Fig Tree ... *Withered to its roots*

The "tree" was not _____ because it was _____. It was _____ because it was _____.

Jesus simply _____.

Like the Temple it represented, when the fig tree no longer fulfilled its purpose and delivered on its promise, it no longer had a _____.

The Future ... *Not on this mountain*

God is _____ – _____ Him.

God is _____ – _____ to Him.

God is _____ – _____ like Him.

My response today:

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Collection Sunday: November 15

Pack a shoebox and send good news and great joy around the world. Shoeboxes are now available in the Fellowship Center Foyer and church office.

Calvary Family Fun Night

Sunday, October 25 | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | ROC Gym & Parking Lot

Bring your families and lawn chairs out to enjoy some good fellowship, food, and fun together as a church family.

Food: popcorn, snowcones and s'mores will be free and BBQ plates will be \$3/plate.

Games: cornhole, badmitten, jump house, open gym, 4 square, 9 square in the air

Teaching Women to Teach

All women who currently teach any age group or just aspire to teach are invited to join in this training as we learn together how to rightly handle the Word of truth. The next class is Monday, November 2, 5:30-8:00 in the Chapel. A light dinner will be provided promptly at 5:30. You must register by email: calvarydothanwomen@gmail.com.

Created to Lead - Men's Discipleship

Created to Lead is a men's discipleship emphasis to develop leaders within the church, their homes, workplace, and communities. The 4 weeks of elder-led training will serve as a catalyst for further development in smaller men's discipleship groups. The three sessions remaining for Created to Lead will meet on Wednesdays, October 28, November 4, and November 11 in the Chapel at 6pm. Email men@calvarydothan.com to RSVP or request more information.

Membership Matters

Membership Matters is divided into two consecutive (mandatory) sessions. This means attendees of the second session will only be those that attended the first session. The next Membership Matters classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings, November 1 and 8, at 8:30 am during Life Group in the Office Building Conference Room. Call Angie in the church office to register.

Community Ministry Opportunity

As the body of Christ, we have another opportunity to serve the neighbors of our city through the Love Dothan initiative. On Saturday, November 7, the opportunity to serve will benefit the residents of the Harmondale neighborhood. The coordination point for volunteers will be Jerry Lee Faine Elementary, located at 1901 Stringer Street. Work hours are 8am-12noon.

Cleanup will be the primary focus of our service to the residents of this neighborhood. Bring useful tools such as chainsaws, pole saws, lawn mowers, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, lopping shears, and work gloves.

If you are interested in volunteering, email tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office no later than Thursday, October 29.

Consider Becoming a Mentor

We are looking for those who have an interest in becoming a mentor for students at Girard Intermediate School. God can use mentoring not only to transform the life of a child but to transform you as well. If you have a desire to journey down the road of mutual transformation via mentoring, contact Tommy at tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

Calvary Kids Volunteers

Calvary Kid's Ministry has an urgent need for Life Group volunteers. If you are interested in serving or for additional information, email zach@calvarydothan.com or call/text 334-733-6326.

One of the most memorable sermons I've ever heard was given by a pastor I worked under years ago while I was a student ministry intern. His message was titled, "*If You've Gone Out of Business, Take Down Your Sign!*" The imagery of that sermon sticks with me to this day. Most of us have probably had the experience of driving across town, making a special trip, or going out of our way to go to a restaurant we fondly remember, a favorite store, or any place we once visited and enjoyed only to find that once we get there, it is now closed. You know the disappointment of approaching that pleasant sign in the distance, only to find that its appearance is deceptive. "Gone out of business" is written right under it.

Dr. Free used that experience as an analogy of the lives of so many so-called Christians. We "advertise" that we are believers, but when people get close enough to us to see any evidence, they end up only being disappointed. And if our lives show nothing of Christ, then we should take down our sign!

This spiritual false advertising happens all the time today. Someone driving aggressively cuts you off in traffic ... maybe even flips you off ... and as they pass, you see the Christian fish on the back of the car, or some bumper sticker about their faith or a Bible verse. Someone proclaims on their social media bio that they are Christians or are "followers of Jesus", but the majority of their posts and pictures tell a different story. And maybe closer to home, some of us have friends and coworkers who know we go to church, and perhaps even *where* we go to church, and that we claim to be Christian. But the way we talk or make jokes, do business, carry on relationships, handle stress, deal with conflict, etc. leaves little to show of Christ in our lives. They might be hungry for truth or just a bit of hope that their lives can really be different, but far too many find far too little of that far too often in us.

But brightly, boldly displaying Christ to this world lost in darkness in our *raison d'etre* – the most important reason for our existence. 2nd Corinthians 5:20 tells us that "... we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." You see, if we claim to be new creations in Christ, then the world has a right to expect something of us. People should expect to see the growing new Christ nature in us. They should be able to see the developing fruit of God's Spirit from us (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control). When they get close to us, or look for something real of God in us, they should find Him. They should expect that we are changed because of Christ and that we can offer them the Good News of that same, deep, abiding, eternal change.

May our lives be examples of God's goodness, displays of the power of the Gospel, and instruments of Divine reconciliation! Let's purpose to not disappoint with a life that promises something but has nothing to offer. Let's show Christ and give Christ!

- Pastor Paul

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

October 25, 2020

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
 Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest Guest
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male Female

- Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

October 25, 2020

What's Your Salvation Story?

Over the next several months, we will be sharing short testimonies from our members on all our social media platforms. We'd love to hear how God saved you! Here's what we'd like you to do: video a short (about 5 minutes) story about how God changed your life and made you new. Email it to justin@calvarydothan.com. Then, we'll share it on our website and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. so that others may hear of the goodness of God!

Call to Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary, there is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

October 18

Life Group: 288
10:00 Worship: 334
Hispanic Church: 123

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given October 18: \$44,767
Given Y-T-D: \$1,995,578
Y-T-D Required: \$2,161,384.68
Global Mission Offering: \$35,828
Adoption Assistance Fund: \$6,475

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, October 25:

2 Sam 10, 2 Cor 3, Ezk 17, Ps 60-61

Monday, October 26:

2 Sam 11, 2 Cor 4, Ezk 18, Ps 62-63

Tuesday, October 27:

2 Sam 12, 2 Cor 5, Ezk 19, Ps 64-65

Wednesday, October 28:

2 Sam 13, 2 Cor 6, Ezk 20, Ps 66-67

Thursday, October 29:

2 Sam 14, 2 Cor 7, Ezk 21, Ps 68

Friday, October 30:

2 Sam 15, 2 Cor 8, Ezk 22, Ps 69

Saturday, October 31:

2 Sam 16, 2 Cor 9, Ezk 23, Ps 70-71

Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Fellowship Center

Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (Preregister at calvarydothan.com)

Children, Grades 1-5, ROC

Students, Grades 6-12, Sanctuary

No Adult Choir

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline.
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at info@CalvaryDothan.com or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, October 25:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, October 31:

Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483

Sunday, November 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 1

10:00 am

The Gospel of the King

The Authority of Christ

Mark 11:27-33

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 8

10:00 am

The Gospel of the King

The Righteous Judgment of God

Mark 12:1-12

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 15

10:00 am

The Gospel of the King

Christian Citizenship

Mark 12:13-17

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30am Life Group

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,
Chapel

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM
94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

"... in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

- 2nd Corinthians 5:19-20



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