

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



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Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

WORD FOR THE WEEK

BUILDING A MEMORABLE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

Glory be to God for His mercies upon us and our households! We are grateful to Him for giving us the grace to gather together once more. We do not achieve whatever we are or have today by our energy or intelligence, but we are what we because the grace of God is bestowed upon us. Our good fortune, good health, children and happiness results from our relationship with our Maker; nothing comes our way by accident, but our joy is divinely inspired. For this reason, it is imperative to acknowledge divine presence through a divine relationship in everything we do or wherever we find ourselves.

We shall conclude our study on relationship by considering the topic: “*Building a Memorable Family Relationship*”.

Text: *Jeremiah 35:1-10, 18-19*

The Rechabites belong to the Kenites, who accompanied the Israelites into the Holy Land and dwelt among them. They were a nomadic people known for their strict rules of abstaining from wine, from building houses, from sowing seed, and from planting vineyards. Because of the Israelites’ historic disobedience, God promised to bring disaster upon the nation (*Jeremiah 35:17*). But God commended the family of the Rechabites and gave them a promise. There are many things to learn from this family, including the following:

- (1) **Obedience and steadfastness:** (*1Sam 15:18-20, Hebrews 10:23, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 1 Corinthians 16:13 and James 1:12*): The Rechabites stood firm against being assimilated into the culture of the time. They were commended by God for their obedience to their father. The Rechabites are an example of steadfastness. God desires His people to live in obedience and steadfastness to Him.
- (2) **Faithfulness:** (*1Samuel 26:23, 2 Chronicles 16:9 and Proverb 28:20, Luke 16:10, Matthew 25:21*): Their faithfulness must have led to the exceptional quality of the Rechabites in obeying their ancestor. This is emphasized in the text when God promises that they will be rewarded by never failing to have a man to stand before Him. If the Rechabites faithfully obeyed laws that were merely man-made, then how much more should Israel obey laws that were given by God himself! One lesson we, as believers, can learn from this is not to be forgetful hearers of the words and instructions of our Father in heaven.
- (3) **They honored their father** (*Mal 1:6-10*): The Rechabites had their father in great honor, which was the reason they were not ready or willing to disobey his instruction. Worthy of note again is that the person who presented wine to the Rechabites was Jeremiah the prophet who they knew to be a man that heard from the Lord. However, this fact and the respect that these men had for the prophet did not make them decide to follow his instruction which was contrary to the one their father had given them. They politely and respectfully declined his offer and gave him their reason for doing so.

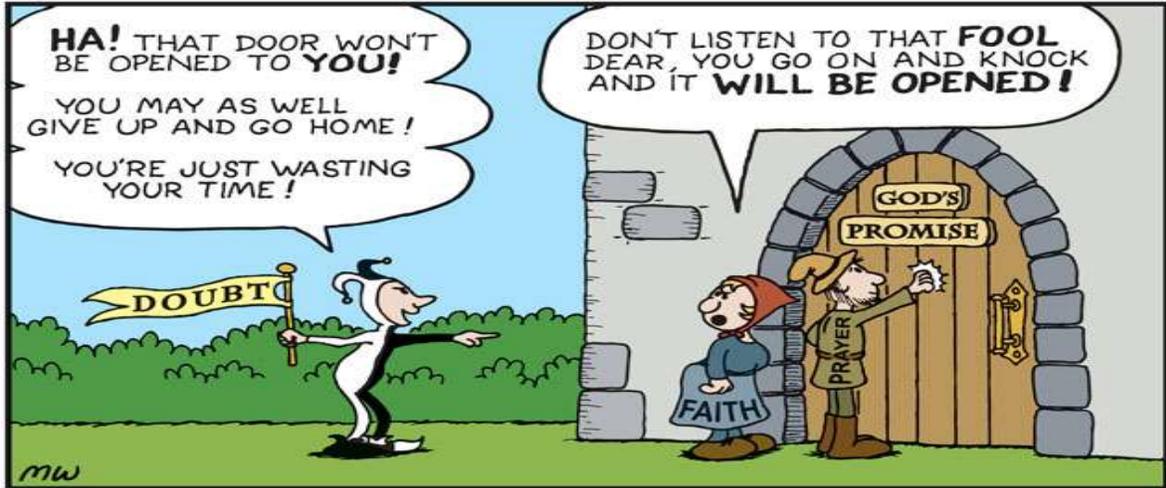
God is calling on the church to repent and be different. “*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ...therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.*”

God tests integrity and blesses those who are faithful. The Rechabites are a godly example to the Church today. Shalom!

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

- MATTHEW 7:7 NIV