

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Philippians 4:4-9](#).
- B. Paul says to do three things and they are: "learned," "heard," and "seen" in him and practice such.
- C. Xian leadership is not only listening to what Paul says, but it is watching what Paul does. We are to be a living illustration of what to do.
- D. This morning, four episodes in the life of Paul to see his leadership.

I. PAUL IN LYSTRA.

- A. Scripture text: Acts 14:8-22.
- B. Paul was so strong, that even after being stoned and left for dead, he reentered the city to make more disciples. He went back to finish his sermon!
- C. Paul showed his "red blooded guts" in such a move. He did not fold under pressure.
- D. Many in the world today are living, fighting and dying for causes. Causes that have not one fraction of the importance of Xianity. Yet, we in the church are stopped and discouraged so easily and quickly.
- E. Leadership is being able to look danger and despair straight on and overcome. Is there any courage in your Xianity?
- F. "What you have received, learned, heard and SEEN in me... do."

II. PAUL WITH FELIX AND AGRIPPA.

- A. Scripture text: Acts 24:10ff; 26:1-28.
- B. After being in prison, Paul is dragged before Agrippa and says he is thrilled to death to make his defense.
- C. Leadership is the ability to ride with the punches. Leadership is the ability to come up with the right answer when everything is going wrong.
- D. Paul is so strong with his lesson to Agrippa and the end of it he extends the invitation! Paul is a man of conviction in the midst of doubt.
- E. "What you have received, learned, heard and SEEN in me... do."

III. PAUL IN PHILIPPI.

- A. Scripture text: Acts 16:22-34.
- B. After being beaten with rods and in a cold, dark dungeon with chains at midnight Paul wants to sing songs! So he and Silas sing a duet so bad that it brings on an earthquake!
- C. After all that, when the earthquake hits, Paul refuses to let the other prisoners escape and kept the guard from committing suicide. Before the night was over he had converted an entire household.
- D. Leadership comes from an exhilaration way down deep that is infectious and contagious.
- E. Leadership is not a hammering in and domineering of power and absolute authority but is a lifestyle so convicting while at the same joyful, meaningful, and so exciting that everyone wants to be a part of it.
- F. "What you have received, learned, heard and SEEN in me... do".

IV. PAUL AT SEA.

- A. Scripture text: Acts 27:1-44.
- B. Paul told them the ship's journey would be a difficult one (27:10). And sure enough it was. Paul even got the ship's captain to jump overboard and all were saved.
- C. In the midst of no hope for survival (27:20) Paul said, "cheer-up, keep your courage, and do not be afraid."
- D. That's leadership! In the midst of doom, gloom, despair, and destruction Paul still had a deep well of joy and peace that passes understanding that he was just beginning to dip into.

- E. "What you have received, learned, heard, and SEEN in me... do."

CONCLUSION.

- A. What made Paul tick? What made him such a good leader?
Philippians 1:21 probably explains it best. The German Bible says it this way, "X is my life, death is my gain."
- B. There is absolutely no fear in a life like this! Do you know a better philosophy than this for a leader?
In the case of:
1. Being stoned in Lystra.
 2. Before Felix & Agrippa.
 3. In prison in Philippi.
 4. A shipwreck at sea.
- If I live I have Christ, and if I die I have gain!
- C. If I am enjoying X on earth, heaven will be better because death will remove all those things that pull me down. The question is, "Am I enjoying X on earth?"
- D. You are hard pressed to decide in life as whether to live or die, you will be a leader to be reckoned with!

INVITATION.

- A. Remember Paul's words as recorded in Ac. 26:29.
- B. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.