

Shadrach Youth Ministry

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“Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” (Ex. 20:12)

When we think of this commandment, we often think of obedience to our parents. However, it goes deeper than an outward act! To honor is to treat with respect. That means not mocking them or saying things with a bit of scorn in your voice. It means a ‘Yes, Sir’ or ‘Yes, ma’am’ type of attitude. Not only the nuances of your voice, but even the expression on your face is one of respect. Not talking negatively about them behind their back. *Honor* your father and mother, and it will be well with you; not just ‘obey, and it will be well with you’. Honoring also includes going above and beyond the call of duty and doing what you know pleases your parents even when you are not asked.

Then...when you are a parent, train your child to give you respect as well. This is so important that in the New Testament (Titus 1:6) it even says that a man should not be an elder unless he has his children in his household under control. That’s one of the verses that we like to ignore or take exception to nowadays! There are too many gifted people we want to use yet, who don’t know how to manage their household! The place to look for a good church leader is in the home. If he can keep order in his home, then he can be trusted with a flock. We can attract people with our gifts, but it takes something more to disciple effectively.

Learning honor and teaching honor are very important. As Exodus says, your days will be long on the earth if you honor your parents; and as Titus states, teaching your children to honor is part of the ‘home test’ for a Christian. Honor your parents. When you become a parent, train your children to honor you and your spouse. It will go well with you!! –Karin

BEST THINGS –Michael Dietz

The seemingly best things that God gave to me were a number:

1) When Jim Nelson spoke to us a little about his experience with the car window, it spoke volumes to me. I am so quick to judge people by the way they look or act, saying things like, “How can people do something like that...” Like Pastor Morey said, “Liar!” I understand completely why certain people do certain things...I was one of them not too long ago! Jim went on to say how God has helped him to pray for those people who broke his car window. So, instead of casting judgment on people, I have, many times now since I have been home, been casting prayers upon people, in my heart, picking up on a little bit of the burden that Jesus feels for their souls. It has been good.

2) Challenged, well more than challenge, for by God’s grace I have been putting it into practice, to memorize more Scriptures, not only for my benefit, but to help in witnessing and in prayer, and to encourage others (that is a big one – other Christians like to hear Scripture from other believers when they are in a place of trial or difficulty...I know I do!)

3) “God is obligated to the prayer of an obedient heart.” ~ Pastor Michael. Many, many times in prayer, praying for my family, the Holy Spirit has whispered to my heart, “Okay, you want your mother to be saved, your father to be reached, your sister to live in victory, YOU obey me.” When I heard this from Pastor Michael, it was like it hit home, and my heart heard it. Oh may God help me to be faithful!

4) The discussion that we had with the boys, particularly the second, really helped my heart. It really helped me to see that, and I knew this for Pastor Michael has expressed this to me before, but it helped me to see that I can be open with him about ANYTHING. The devil hates a relationship between a layperson and his pastor. May God help the young men.

5) Sister Rouintree said something that really helped my heart: “Prayer is often made by those who don’t feel like it.” I believe that she meant most intercessory prayer. She believes it and so do I.

I have also been challenged by God to witness more, which, by His grace, I have been doing. I also have a burning desire to get out more and do some door to door things, etc.

1 Timothy 4:12 says, “Let no one despise your youth but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” This scripture is becoming more real to me as well after this last retreat.

Dear Karin,

Praise the Lord! What a blessing it was to do the assignments and to go to the camp. It was a life-changing event. It was God’s will for me to go to the youth camp. Since that day God told me to go, I had been anticipating to go to the camp. I treasured every moment. I was really thankful for the schedule. I got up at 5:30 am each morning and spent the rest of the day with the Lord. The location was perfect, too; the mist in the early morning, the quietness, and the green of the mountains helped me to concentrate.

I am thankful for all the sermons and hymns. From time to time, I review the notes I took. The prayers and encouraging words from the pastors helped me with my struggles. I was especially thankful for the talk with Esther.

I was also thankful for eyes to see Pastor Robert’s facial expressions of love for God when he was leading us singing hymns.

Praise the Lord for giving Pastor Schultze a vision to start the Shadrach youth camp. What a blessing to be a Shadracher. A shirt with the Shadrach logo is my favorite shirt. That’s a true “brand name.” Praise God again for his grace.

I am thankful for the warm welcoming from the girls. They helped with my first “trusting jumps.” It was a new experience for me. I was also thankful for all the food and those kind staff. In conclusion, everything was beyond my imagination. God is awesome.

*In Christ,
Mai Kwok*

One of the Best!! God really helped me this year at Shadrach. Prior to the retreat, I felt the Lord calling me to go higher with Him and the retreat helped to confirm that call. Also, it was a high privilege to be around the youth that are striving to walk with God. It greatly encouraged my heart. In addition, Blanche Rouintree's message about faith was very stirring. She was healed before her symptoms went away...we can sure apply that to areas of prayer because the Word of God may say something and our physical eyes can't see it in reality, but if we claim the Word, then we have it. Truly, I can say that this year was one of the best Shadrach retreats that I've attended.

Praise the Lord! -Becky

The first part of the Shadrach week was predominantly about us Shadrachers getting right with God and surrendering ourselves to Him. The second part of the week focused on getting a burden for souls; this included hearing sermons on this subject, praying for loved ones and the lost, and going on a witnessing trip to a nearby town.

I really enjoyed the sermons by Michael Hubbard. They were about the story of David and Goliath. Pastor Hubbard expounded on different verses; for example, when David came to the Israelite camp, all that

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the other Israelites could think about was how terrible Goliath was or how much reward one would get if one could defeat him. Instead, David had righteous indignation at Goliath's insults toward the army of God (Israel). Pastor Hubbard also told some inspiring stories about people he knew.

One of my favorite things about the retreat was getting time to talk or be with different people one on one. I got to talk individually with Nicky Farmer, Esther Morey, and Robert Morey, and I got a personal witnessing lesson from Pastor Schultze! -Tim Bailey

1st Trimester Assignments:

Intoxicated by Babylon, servanthood and witnessing reports are due September 30th

Work on memorization

If you have not ordered tapes or CDs of the Shadrach Retreat '06 and you would still like to, please contact us soon. The cost is \$30 (includes shipping).

Quote: "Ah, tolerant generation, who pays the prophets and fondles them who are sent unto you...woe. Cursed be your Judas embrace. Damned be your friendliness...it lays shattering condemnation on your prophets.... Damned be this cool tepidity.... Father, make of me a crisis man. Bring those I contact to decision. Make me a fork [in the road], that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me." -Jim Elliot

Topped Off

Nichole Smith

I was really thankful to have been able to go to Shadrach retreat this year. I know that there had been some definite growth during the year, and the week retreat topped it all off. I'm really excited about all that God is going to do this year. I will try to highlight some things that helped me during the week:

> Rev. Rouintree gave a message on keeping the victory. He said to persist and prevail. He also said keeping the victory isn't dependent on what gifts you have or don't have. > Mrs. Rouintree gave a message on believing and standing on the promises of God. Start strong, keep your pace, and don't look back. > Pastor Schultze preached on the entertainment spirit. He said we can't take the world's supplements - if we do, we will lose the victory. He gave the illustration of going to a dumpster and looking for something good when God has something far better for us that will strengthen us spiritually. > The service I got the most help out of was Pastor Robert Morey's. He preached about the condition of the heart. He said we need to monitor our heart and see where it's at. One thing that really helped me was when he said that the failures that reoccur indicate a deeper root problem somewhere that needs to be dealt with. Once that area is dealt with, the areas that stem out of that problem will be fixed. God really did a work in my heart and took a huge "giant" out of my heart that had been growing for a long time. Praise the Lord! (I recommend that you get the tape if you weren't there.) Another point that he made was that if you meet someone else's need before your own, often your answers will be unlocked. > Pastor Michael Hubbard preached about reaching out to others. One thing that helped me was when he said to stop focusing on yourself and get busy doing what God wants. God looks for the acts of obedience.

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