

THE GOSPEL ON
BROADWAY

Sermon Notes
August 2, 2015
“The Lion King”
Genesis 49:9-10, Revelation 5:5

I. The future king

- A. The opening scene in the Lion King has symbolism of _____ and the birth of Jesus.
- B. The Lion King is a story about a father and his _____.
- C. We need to _____ our children that they are children of a loving God who has a purpose for their lives.

II. Scar

- A. Part of what Scar represents is the _____ side in all of us.
- B. The _____ wants to convince us that we can't be forgiven and that we are people of little value.
- C. The gospel tells us that we have great _____ in the eyes of a forgiving and merciful God.

III. Remembering who we are

- A. _____ forgets who he is and his purpose in life.
- B. We need to be intentional about practicing our spiritual disciplines so we don't _____ who we are and whose we are.
- C. When Jesus – the real Lion King – returns, he will make all things _____ and glorious.

Things I would like to remember about today's message

Asbury Daily Study Guide

Monday: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Americans tend to focus less on their ancestors than some other cultures. Biblical tradition, however, nurtures the belief that the best of our ancestors spiritually lives on in us. We gain through the spiritual strength they offer us. Have you ever felt as though your parents or grandparents were guiding you? In what ways did they influence your faith? Can you see flaws in them that help you to see how much all of us need redemption through Christ? Timothy encouraged believers to exercise their faith to lead others. Are you willing to trust the gifts God has given you, and use them for the benefit of others?

Tuesday Deuteronomy 6:4-12, 20-25

We hear words that should be repeated every day throughout our lives. —Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.- Do you have any practices that you repeat every day to help you to keep God in the forefront of your life? Are there any spiritual practices that you have been meaning to follow to strengthen your faith? (Some of the spiritual disciplines are prayer, worship, Christian fellowship, fasting, Bible study, and Holy Communion.) Would the summertime be a good time to start?

Wednesday: Titus 3:3-8

Are you one of the many who can relate to these passages? Was there a time in your life, even recently when you were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures? Or are you one of those who have felt that you were always a pretty good person? Do both groups need God's forgiveness and grace? Can God erase our past from our minds? Can he prepare the way for a better future, despite our past?

Thursday: Luke 15:11-24

Who really is the prodigal son? If we stray far from God, will he always welcome us home? Why would God do that? What do we have to do to go home? If you, or anyone for that matter, were at or near the bottom, do you think you would feel God's call to come home? Would you be comforted by his call? Does everyone respond to God's call, or can we ignore it? What might be the result of ignoring that call?

Friday: John 14:1-3, Revelation 21:1-5

We hear Christ's promise of a new home for all of us, giving us hope. Then, in Revelation 21:1-5, we are given a vision of what that home might look like upon his return. Do you have hope for a life to come after this one? Do you have a vision of what that life might be like? What is your vision of your heavenly home? How does your hope affect the way you live your life now?

MOVING FORWARD

As Christians we're called to remember who we are. We, like Simba at the beginning of the film, have been marked in baptism as children of God. We belong to him. We're called each day to remember this and allow it to shape our lives. Don't forget to practice your spiritual disciplines so you never forget who you are.

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) baptism, B) son, C) teach.
- IIA) dark, B) accuser, C) worth.
- IIIA) Simba, B) forget, C) new.