



Asbury Church



July 21, 2019
Sermon Notes
"BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY"
Proverbs 16:18-19

I. An unlikely star

- A. Bohemian Rhapsody is a 2018 biographical drama about Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of the British rock band _____.
- B. In scripture, we see God use the _____ likely people to accomplish his will.

II. Misfits

- A. Queen describe themselves as "four _____ who don't belong together, playing for other misfits."
- B. Jesus welcomed the _____.

III. Pride comes before a fall

- A. Freddie tells the band he has a new _____ deal worth \$4.0 million and he doesn't need them anymore.
- B. Solomon says if you are not seeking first the Kingdom of God, it's like you are chasing after the _____.

IV. Tough love

- A. Mary Austin speaks the truth in _____ to Freddie to try and get him to change.
- B. Nathan spoke the truth to David in such a way that David became immediately _____.

V. Reconciliation

- A. Freddie asks the band to _____ him and they agree to get back together and perform again at 'Live Aid.'
- B. Jesus says if you want to be right with God, you need to be right with _____ first.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

Bohemian Rhapsody is a biographical drama about Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of the British rock band Queen. The band reach unparalleled success in the 1970's but Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, eventually shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Having suffered greatly without the collaboration of Queen, Freddie manages to reunite with his bandmates just in time for Live Aid. While bravely facing a recent AIDS diagnosis, Freddie leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music.

Monday: I Samuel 16:1-7

In this passage, David was chosen and anointed as the future King of Israel when he was around the age of a middle school student. God chose him based upon his heart not his outward appearance. To what extent do you think our culture looks at outward appearance as a qualification for leadership instead of the heart?

Tuesday: Luke 5:12-16

In those days, people with the disease they called leprosy were isolated and shunned. The last thing others would do was to touch them for fear of catching it themselves. Yet Jesus touched the leper and healed him. Under what circumstances are people shunned today? How hard is it for others to reach out to these people who are “different”?

Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 2:4-11

At the end of his life, Solomon realizes that if you are not seeking first the kingdom of God, it's like chasing after the wind. What are some practices that help you seek the kingdom of God first?

Thursday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7

After David committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband killed, Nathan spoke the truth to David in such a way that David became immediately repentant. Have you ever had to confront a friend about a pattern of harmful behavior in his or her life? Did you find it very difficult to do?

Friday: Matthew 5:23-24

Jesus made it clear that if we want to be right with God, we must first be right with others. Do you find it difficult to ask someone to forgive you? What is the one relationship in your life that needs reconciliation? Take one step this week to make that happen.

MOVING FORWARD

Freddie Mercury was the least likely person to be a rock star and in scripture we see God use the least likely people to accomplish his will. Queen describes themselves as misfits welcoming other misfits and scripture tells us Jesus welcomed the outsiders. Freddie let success and fame destroy himself and his relationship with others. Scripture reminds us that pride goes before a fall. With the help of his friend Mary, Freddie gets his life together and reconciles with the band. Jesus tells us if we want to be right with God we need to be right with others first.

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) Queen, B) least.
- IIA) misfits, B) outsiders.
- IIIA) solo, B) wind.
- IVA) love, B) repentant.
- VA) forgive, B) others.