

Today's Message: **DETERMINED!**
Luke 9:51
Series: Journey thru Golgotha
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Don't we all want to be determined? But determined to do what?
To be rich...To be famous...To be "successful"

What can we learn about determination from Jesus?
Journey thru Golgotha—the cross is not the end, but a checkpoint!

After revealing He was the Messiah...After the Transfiguration...

Luke 9:51 (ESV) When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 50:7 (ESV) But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. –The Messiah

PURIM—ESTHER: A STORY OF DETERMINATION

- King Ahasuerus (486-464 BCE) of Persia
- Drunken Party
- Vashti refuses to be displayed and is banished
- Beauty Contest—Queen Esther chosen (Mordecai older cousin / guardian)
- Mordecai discovers a plot to assassinate the king
- Haman (King Agag) hated the Jews—Plotted to have them destroyed
Haman cast lots (*purim*) to determine the date of the Jewish extermination
- Mordecai tells Esther to intervene

Esther 4:13–16 (ESV) Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

- Esther prepares banquet and goes to the King
- The King and Haman are invited to the banquet
- Esther invites them again the next day
- Haman plans to hang Mordecai on a stake 75' tall
- The king couldn't sleep and reading the royal records realizes Mordecai saved his life and was never rewarded
- The next morning Haman is told to honor Mordecai
- The King and Haman come to the 2nd Banquet
- Esther tells the King that Haman has planned to kill her and her people

- The King has Haman hanged on the stake he made for Mordecai
- Esther and Mordecai write a law that the Jews can defend themselves
- The Jews are delivered from genocide!
- Purim commemorates this great deliverance by the providence of God.

Esther and Mordecai are a study in determination!

Jesus was determined—to do His Father’s will

Matthew 20:17–19 (NLT) As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him. ¹⁸ “Listen,” he said, “we’re going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. ¹⁹ Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead.”

John 5:30 (ESV) “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.”

John 4:34 (NIV84) “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

John 17:4 (NIV84) “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”

John 19:28–30 (NLT) Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. ³⁰ When Jesus had tasted it, he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Paul determined to finish his assignment

Acts 20:24 (NLT) But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Philippians 3:13–14 (NLT) No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

2 Timothy 4:6–7 (ESV) For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

SO WHAT? Are you determined to fully do your Father’s will?
 How many times does your will overrule His will?
 What would the Lord have you surrender to His will today?

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NLT) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.

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1. YOUTH SUNDAY—6-8PM at Harris' (16369 Drayton Way, Fortville). See Pastor Jerry for more info.

2. HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY—9TH-12TH GRADES--Thursday nights 6-8pm at Cynthia Brown's home (14079 Clifton Ct, Fishers IN 46040). See Jerry Ackerman for more info or text him at 317-919-7171.

3. YOUTH NEXT SUNDAY (Mar. 27) AT ADRENALINE—4-6PM Youth meet at Adrenaline (10080 E. 121st); Cost \$10; Friends are Free. Grades 6-12.

4. LADIES BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAYS—9:30am at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers; 131st & Cumberland). Studying the book of Hebrews. Hebrews study guide \$10. See Laurie Abell (317-432-6851) or Kathy Stump (317-292-7632) for more details.

5. 2022 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR—OCTOBER 18-29, 2022. Cost of the tour will be approximately \$3,800 per person (double occupancy). A deposit of \$500 will hold your spot. For more information, please write Pastor Gary at gary@garystump.org. Vaccine Mandates have been lifted for travelers to Israel.

6. "BIBLE ANSWER MAN"—Each week we have a segment in the service where we answer your Bible questions. If you have a particular Bible question, write it on the back of your Prayer Card and we will try to answer your questions.

7. ONWARD PASSOVER SEDER—Good Friday, April 15th @ 6:30pm at the Delaware Township Community Center. Invite your family and friends to this wonderful celebration of Messiah in the Passover. Dinner included. Cost is FREE. Limited space. Email your confirmed reservations to Lynda Pendleton at Lynda@anythingcantalk.com