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Giving Up the Savior Complex

Selected Scriptures

I. Abraham Tries to Save Himself (Gen. 12:10-20; Psa. 18:2)

- A. Abraham displays _____ (vv. 10-13)
- B. Sarai paid the _____ for Abraham's sin (vv. 14-16)
- C. God had to come to the _____ (vv. 17-20)

II. Moses Exalts Himself Before the People (Num. 20:8-13; Jms. 4:10)

- A. God told Moses _____ what to do (vv. 8-9)
- B. Moses did what He _____ to do (vv. 10-11)
- C. Because of Moses' _____, he could not bring the Israelites into the land (vv. 12-13)

III. Uzzah Violated God's Law (2 Sam. 6:1-7)

- A. Uzzah was to _____ bring the Ark to Jerusalem (vv. 1-4)
- B. Uzzah took matters into his _____ hands (vv. 5-6)
- C. Uzzah paid for it with his _____ (v. 7)

IV. King Uzziah Thought He Could Do It All (2 Chron. 26:16-21; Jer. 17:9)

- A. Uzziah was _____ to the Lord (v. 16)
- B. Uzziah did _____ respond well to confrontation (vv. 17-19a)
- C. Uzziah was _____ with leprosy and was isolated until his death (vv. 19b-21)

V. Peter Thought He Could Tell Jesus What To Do (Matt. 16:21-23; Isa. 53:10; 55:8-9)

- A. Peter heard that Jesus must be _____ and then raised from the dead (v. 21)
- B. Peter _____ Jesus (v. 22)
- C. Peter was being a _____ to God's plan (v. 23)

TAKE HOME

- How can you **avoid** falling into the "savior complex?"
- Which biblical example of taking matters into your own hands do you **relate** to the most?
- How can **looking** to the resurrected Christ help you walk in obedience and in worship?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. What are some potential signs of having the “savior complex”? Is this something that you have ever struggled with in any area of your life or relationships?

2. Read Genesis 12:10-20. How was it exactly that Abraham tried to be the savior? Who was he trying to save? How did that affect Sarai? What can we learn from this? (Psa. 18:2)

3. Read Numbers 20:8-13. What did Moses do in this passage? Why was this wrong? What was the consequence? How does James 4:10 put it in perspective?

4. Read 2 Samuel 16:1-7. What is going on in this passage? Is what Uzzah did wrong? Why was God so firm about this? How does 2 Samuel 2:2 apply?

5. Read 2 Chronicles 26:16-21. Why was what King Uzziah did so wrong? How was he punished? How does Jeremiah 17:9 apply?

6. Read Matthew 16:21-23. How did Peter try to take matters into his own hands? What did Jesus say to Peter about this? How does Isaiah 55:8-9 apply?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”

- Martin Luther