



GOD IS LOOKING FOR SOME "REAL" DANGEROUS MEN



A sermon from Job 29

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My subject today is: God is looking for some dangerous men. My text is from Job 29:17, where Job said:

"And I broke the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth." (KJV)

The Hebrew word translated jaws in this verse is the word grinders. Job didn't say he broke the front teeth out of wicked people. Job said he broke their jaws. Job was a good man, but Job was also a "dangerous man" when it came to dealing with "bullies." And that's the kind of man God is looking for today.

WELCOME TO COUNTRYSIDE

If you are a first time guest here at Countryside, you are probably wondering by now, "What kind of place is this? What have I gotten myself into?"

You see women passing out tickets and a church having a drawing and giving out prizes on a Sunday Morning.

Then the pastor gets up and the first sermon you hear him preach is about God looking for men who can kick people and break their jaws.

You are probably wondering if we handle rattlesnakes too. Just relax. We don't. My message is based entirely on the Word of God. Let me give you the background for this message.

BACKGROUND FOR THIS MESSAGE

I had been thinking about this message for several weeks when my son, Bill, called me and asked if I had read the article about men, written by Rick Johnson, which appeared in the June 2009

issue of the Home Life magazine.

I said that I had not read the article and I asked him what the article was about. He told me there was an article in this issue by Rick Johnson titled "Real Men are Dangerous."

As Bill began telling me what the article was about, I became excited and said, "I've been preparing a message along those very same lines and I know the perfect Scripture to base that on and that Scripture is Job 29." Bill exclaimed, "That's the exact Scripture verse Rick based his article on." I couldn't believe my ears.

Believe me when I tell you I am not trying to plagiarize someone else's message, but I promise you that I had been thinking along the very same lines. I must admit, however, that Rick Wilson's article is better than my message on the same subject.

While you are turning to the 29th chapter of the book of Job, Let me read a paragraph or two from Rick's article on page 17 of the June issue of Home Life.

REAL MEN ARE DANGEROUS

- "Society certainly has a profoundly skewed perspective of what it means to be a man - - mostly dependent upon wealth, power, toughness, sexual conquests, and the accumulation of material goods."
- "Then, there's the cultural push to feminize males. It is no wonder that so many guys are confused today."

- “Without someone to show us how a real man faces life and solves problems, or to at least provide a valid definition of manliness, we are left to ourselves to figure out these and other mysteries of life on our own - - with decidedly mixed results.”
- “But I’m optimistic that authentic masculinity does exist. In fact, it’s taking hold in this country.”

GODLY MEN ARE ATTRACTIVE

- “Have you ever noticed that you are naturally drawn to a certain type of man? You like being around him.
- When he walks into the room you automatically notice him you see something invigorating, and compelling.”
- “It’s exciting and even a little dangerous to be around him.”
- “He’s calm but confident, relaxed but prepared, bold but compassionate.”
- What you are drawn to is authentic masculinity.
- “It’s rare, but it’s out there.”

LET’S LOOK AT OUR TEXT FROM JOB 29

Now, let’s turn to the book of Job, chapter 29. When we think about Job we usually think of a man covered with repulsive sores, sitting in ashes, with no money, no children, no friends, and a wife who had grown tired of hanging around the hospital ICU and who was then advising her husband to cuss God, pull the plug, and die.

But in chapter 29, Job is recalling the days when he was “in his prime.” The days when he sat on the County Commission. The days when he was strong and healthy and was one of the most admired men in the city.

JOB DESCRIBED HIS LIFE BEFORE HIS TRIALS

Introduction (Job 29:2-11)

2. Oh for the days when God took care of me.

3. When he lighted the way before me and I walked safely through the darkness.
4. Yes, in my early years, when the friendship of God was felt in my home;
5. When the Almighty was still with me and my children were around me;
6. When my projects prospered, and even the rock poured out olive oil to me!

1. Job was “real.” He wasn’t a “phoney.” Job was respected by everyone in his community (Job 1:1)

There was a man named Job, living in the land of Uz, who worshiped God and was faithful to him. He was a good man, careful not to do anything evil.”

(29:7-11)

7. Those were the days when I went out to the city gate and took my place among the honored elders.
8. Young men saw me and stepped aside, and even the aged rose and stood up in respect at my coming.
9. The princes stood in silence and laid their hands over their mouths.
10. The highest officials of the city stood in quietness.
11. All rejoiced in what I said. All who saw me spoke well of me.

2. Job was extremely rich but he cared about poor people (12-13a)

12. For I, as an honest judge, helped the poor in their need, and the fatherless who had no one to help them.

13. I helped those who were ready to perish and they blessed me

3. Job encouraged widows who had lost their husbands (13b-14)

13b. And I caused the widows heart to sing for joy.

14. For all I did was just and honest, for righteousness was my clothing.

4. Job helped people who couldn’t help themselves (15).

15. I served as eyes for the blind and feet for the lame.

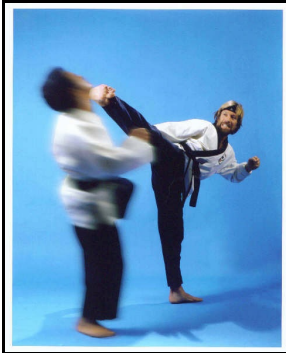
5. Job stood up for people who had nobody to

look out for them (16).

16. I was a father to the poor and saw to it that even strangers received a fair trial.

6. Job was "dangerous." Job knocked the teeth out of "bullies" (17).

17 I broke the jaws of godless oppressors and made them release their victims.



The Living Bible says: "I knocked the fangs out of the godless oppressors and made them drop their victims."

7. Everyone was blessed by Job's advice (21-23).

21. Everyone listened to me and valued my advice, and was silent until I spoke.

22. After I spoke, they spoke no more, for my counsel satisfied them. 23. They longed for me to speak as those in drought-time long for rain.

8. Job's very presence encouraged People (24-25).

24. When they were discouraged, I smiled and that encouraged them. And lightened their spirits. 25. I told them what they should do, and corrected them as a chief, or as a king instructs his army, and as one who comforts those who mourn.

THIS IS THE KIND OF MAN ALL OF US SHOULD TRY TO BE.

When I first began working on this message I was going to speak on "the man I want to be." but the more I thought on it, I began to desire this to be the kind of men I want all the men in our church to be.

BACK TO RICK JOHNSON'S ARTICLE

I like the way Rick Johnson explains it on page 17 of his article.

- "Here's the deal! An authentic man is fierce, passionate, noble - - and dangerous. Extremely dangerous. But it is a good danger!
- You may not see this passion on the exterior, but it's bubbling under pressure just beneath the surface, forcing it's way into every area of his life."
- He has a spiritual longing for adventure.
- He has a longing for a battle to fight that is bigger than himself.
- Like a modern day gladiator, he stands in the ring facing the challenges of life with courage and passion.

(I like this part)

- He uses his God-given warrior spirit to fight for justice and equality.
- He stands for something.
- He lifts up others to help them achieve their potential.
- He makes sacrifices

POEM: GOD GIVE US MEN

God, give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready
hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without
winking!

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking;

For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.

By Josiah Gilbert Holland

MY CHALLENGE FOR TODAY

God is looking for some men who will stand up

for Him like Job did in his day. Our church needs men like that. Our homes need men like that.

Gainesville needs men like that.

America needs men like that.

I want to be a man like that.

What about you?

How many men in this church will come down here to the front and stand by me on this Father's Day? By coming you are saying that your goal this year is to be a man like Job.

LET ME SPELL IT OUT!

1. I am looking for men who will stand up for God, Jesus Christ, and the Bible no matter who likes it or what it costs.

2. I am looking for men who will be "real." You will be the same on Monday as you are on Sunday.

3. I am looking for men who will love their wives, and their daughters and treat all women with respect.

- Women are not property like they are in all Muslim countries.
- Women are not "squaws."
- I want men who will open the doors for women of all ages and races.

Example: I was proud of my son, Bill, last week. I had asked him to meet me at the Post Office in Newberry. His truck was there but he was not. I walked inside and there he was helping a Mexican woman (Marguarita) address a package. She was sending clothes to her mother who was in Mexico and Marguarita could not speak or write English).

4. I am looking for men who will love their daughters and tell them so. I want men who will put their arms around their daughters even if they come home with green hair and have just had an abortion.

5. I am looking for men who will be faithful to their wives and will not watch porn or flirt with other women.

6. I am looking for men who will support their families and the children they bring into the world.

7. I am looking for men who will love their church and be faithful to it. The church is the bride of Christ and an unfaithful church member is as bad as an unfaithful wife.

8. I am looking for men like Job who will stand up for the poor, the weak, and those who have no one to help them.

9. I am looking for men who can be tough and mean, but can be gentle and are not ashamed to show their emotions. You must be man enough to tell your wives, your daughters your sisters that love them, and also man enough to say "I was wrong and I am sorry!"

10. I want men who will patiently teach their sons to be masculine.

- How to wrestle. (We plan to teach this in PE).
- How to catch and clean fish.
- How to gig frogs from an air-boat and then clean them and cook them when you get home.
- How to "fix things." (cars, mowers, etc.)
- How to clean and cook wild game (road kill).
- How to shoot a gun accurately.

11. I am looking for men who are "man enough" to ride a wild bull, yet humble enough to pray."

12. I am looking for men who are willing to serve their country and die if necessary.

Let's make this a Father's Day we can remember. Some of us may not even be alive next Father's Day. Let's stand up for what is right today.

GOD! GIVE US MEN!