



SERMON NOTES

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Week 1 (July 4, 2021):
"Harriet"

Luke 4:18-19, Micah 6:8

- I. **The Sin of Slavery**
 - A. 'Harriet' is a 2019 biographical movie about the life of _____ Harriet Tubman.
 - B. Some people supported slavery by taking _____ verses out of context.
 - C. Rev. Green tells Minty "_____ is your enemy, trust in God," as she prepares to escape from slavery.
- II. **The Cost of Freedom**
 - A. The Declaration of Independence reminds us that we are all created _____ and have the God given right to be free.
 - B. Following Christ requires _____ and going outside your comfort zone.
- III. **What Does the Lord Require?**
 - A. Like Harriet, we have to pray, listen for God and read scripture to _____ God's path for us.
 - B. We should always be on the side of the oppressed, the least, and the lost just like _____ was.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

'Harriet' is a 2019 biographical movie about the life of abolitionist Harriet Tubman. The movie depicts Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes, whose courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. And her story points us to the gospel in so many ways.

Monday: Luke 4:16-19, Galatians 5:1

Scholar N. T. Wright said what Jesus meant in the Luke passage is that he "has not come to inflict punishment, but to bring the nations God's love and mercy. That was a central theme in Israel's own scriptures, yet...Jesus' claim to be reaching out with healing to all people... was not what most first-century Jews wanted or expected." How does it shape your life mission to recall that Jesus loves and invites all people, not just those a lot like you?

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 1:8-10, Acts 18:9-11

Rev. Green told Minty "Fear is your enemy, Trust God." Paul wrote to the Corinthians about a crisis in Asia in which he was afraid he might not survive (cf. 2 Corinthians 1:8-10). People who change the world don't quit. Where is God calling you to persistence and hope in the face of problems right now?

Wednesday: Revelation 2:17, 3:5, 12

After Minty escaped to freedom, she chose a new name 'Harriet Tubman.' Scholar William Barclay wrote about Revelation 3:12, "Jesus Christ will mark his faithful ones with his new name.... when Christ has conquered all, his faithful ones will bear the badge which shows that they are his and share his triumph." When did you first take Christ's name as your "badge" of identity? How does it shape your life?

Thursday: Hebrews 12:1-3, 22-25

Harriet decided to risk her life and go back to the South to free more slaves. She believed her success was to hear God's voice more clearly. Is it possible for even good activities to become so numerous and demanding that you end up running your race in a distracted fashion? Our calendars can so easily overflow with good things. How do you choose priorities to keep your life focused, rather than letting even good things overwhelm you? What is one change you could make this year that you believe would keep Jesus in clearer focus for you?

Friday: Acts 22:27-29, Galatians 3:26-29

Do you need a simple definition of "privilege"? Harriet had one: "You were born free. You never had the stink of fear and running for your life." In what ways has Jesus freed you from the slavery of prejudice and privilege? How do you use your gifts, time and talents to expand God's freedom-giving work?

MOVING FORWARD

Harriet Tubman risked her own life to free hundreds of slaves. She listened to God's calling for her life and made tremendous sacrifices to free the oppressed. Like Harriet, we will need to make sacrifices if we are to follow Christ. And like Jesus and Harriet, we should always be on the side of the oppressed, the least, and the lost. What is one thing you can do this week to help the oppressed?

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) abolitionist, B) Bible, C) fear. IIA) equal, B) sacrifice.
IIIA) discern, B) Jesus.*