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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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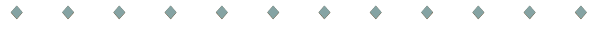
SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

Don't Let 'Em Get Your Goat

By Phil McIntosh



This past Sunday morning we discussed sheep in our sermon. In this week's article, we're discussing goats. Our world discusses and experiences this animal in some varied, and interesting, ways. For some, a goat is just a goat, the little horned animal who sometimes inhabits farms. Others know about goats from things they eat, like goat cheese, or barbecued goat, or even a curry. In other ways goats are used as a moniker for extraordinarily talented and successful people, be it sports or some other vein of life, who are referred to as "GOATs". In this form goat stands for "Greatest Of All Time". For football fans it is frequently utilized to describe Tom Brady, the quarterback of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers who won multiple Super Bowls with the New England Patriots; while in basketball it's a fight between LeBron James and Michael Jordan, with argument lines largely dividing on the fault line of the age of the individuals arguing. Maybe you have your own opinion of "the GOAT" of country music, jazz, journalism, public service, military commanders, and etc. Then there's a usage of the word "goat" as a name by which some are called who aren't necessarily friendly or amicable in their interactions with others (e.g. referring to people as "an old goat").

Be that as it may, we return to the line which heads this article. The word "goat" is used in that old phrase, wherein people are told not to let the goat they own be taken by someone else. Do you remember the first time someone told you, "Don't let 'em get your goat"? Perhaps you were young, and it was a grandparent or parent or an old family friend who was offering some free advice. Maybe you thought, "What goat; I don't have a goat." It is possible that you are reading this and today is the first time you have *ever* heard the phrase. The phrase means to not allow others to get the better of your emotions. It means you shouldn't allow people to agitate you (the 21st century term would probably be 'gaslight') to the point that you react poorly and lose control of your emotions. It means that we should stay in control of our persons and overcome negative, childish, rude, insulting, or otherwise immature comments intended to provoke a response. I have to admit, plenty of people in my life have gotten my goat; there are numerous occasions when I have allowed people to rope my goat, saddle it, and ride it around like it was the prize-winning bronco at the state fair. Maybe yours has too.

Ok, so what? Someone gets the better of us; it's a part of life, and we all must endure such attacks by others. While that is true, there is a spiritual aspect to the discussion. With the nefarious intentions of others still comes the individualistic responsibility and ownership of how one reacts. *You cannot control what people say to you, but you can control how you respond.* When you are judged by the Lord Jesus (*Acts 17:31*) it won't be an acceptable answer to simply respond with, "Well, so and so, said this to me first and...". We each will give an account of the things *we* have done

(2 *Cor. 5:10*). It is *our* works that will be judged alongside the standard of God's word (*Rev. 20:12-13*).

Therefore, it benefits us to work on controlling our mind, temper, words, and reactions, regardless of the external stimuli. Our pristine example in life, the mold of whom we must melt our lives and pour into, is the Lord Jesus Christ. We should make it our goal in life to become as much like Him as possible. How did He respond when people were attempting to "get His goat"? One, He knew what was happening and responded with power (*Mk. 12:15*). He also, though, controlled His response. Peter said that when Jesus was reviled, He did not revile in return (*1 Pet. 2:23*). There is more in the New Testament that can guide us through this though other than just the example of Jesus. Since the entirety of the New Testament comes from God, then we are free to examine all of it to guide our lives (*2 Tim. 3:16-17*). One verse of significant value to our discussion is found in Paul's letter to Timothy, wherein he tells him not to (ecclesiastically or spiritually or verbally) attack someone too quickly and not to "share" in their sins (*1 Tim. 5:22*). This verse can be used to inspire us to resist falling down to someone else's level. Just because someone sins in how they interact with you, that does not allow or afford you to stoop to sin also. There are other texts we could discuss, but let me sum up with the words of Paul to the Lord's church in Ephesus:

"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil." -**Ephesians 4:26-27**

The Christian must exercise continual control over their own vessel so as not to open the door for sin. Repaying vitriol and insult with grace might not be the easiest thing to do, and it might take decades to perfect it, but it is the response God wants us to offer and it's worth it (*Rom. 12:17-18*). Don't let the world or the Devil "get your goat."

Ladies



1st Breakfast Brunch & Workday of 2023!



Ladies, join us on Saturday, January 21st, at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

It's a potluck-bring your favorite brunch dish!

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, January 15th, at 5 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods.



PICTURES



If you do not see your picture on the picture board, please see Zack Petties or Victoria Polanco to have one taken.



ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023:

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** TIM MATTER
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** JAMES SEAY
- ♦ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** KEITH RUMMEL
- ♦ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**



VISITOR INVITES: Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the visitor brochures located in the foyer!

- PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION:**
- ROGER DEEM & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
- ROGER DEEM & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** TIM MATTER & ROGER DEEM
- ♦ **NURSERY:** JOSEPHINE SPEAR

January Nursery Schedule

- +Brenda Sellers
- 8-Josephine Spear
- 15-Nichole Williams
- 22-Amanda Petties
- 29-Natalie Fisher
- *Substitute or Assist:
Victoria Polanco

*We are in need of more ladies to help in the nursery. If you would like to be on the nursery list, please contact the office. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READING

**“Old Age Isn’t What It Used To Be”
Psalm 90:7-10**

- “⁷ For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.*
- ⁸ Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.*
- ⁹ For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.*
- ¹⁰ The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”*

January Cleaning Calendar

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

1-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby	15-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella	29-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda
8-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	22-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim	

