AfterThoughts February 21, 2021

Sermon Title: Divine Death Threats Scripture: Exodus 4:24–26

This week, Pastor David continued the sermon series from Exodus by looking at Moses' disobedience to the command to circumcise his son.

Going Deeper:

- 1. By not circumcising his son, Moses showed he had clearly grown distant from his spiritual heritage. Describe a time in your life when you were distant from your spiritual heritage. What was the result?
- 2. Pastor David shared that the reality and consequence of sin is non-existent in our culture and is only whispered in churches in North America. Most of us tend to deal with our sin by either justifying it or ignoring it. How have you found these statements to be true?
- 3. Pastor David spoke of our tendency to magnify God's love and minimize the consequences of sin. In what ways have you resisted that tendency and acknowledged God's hatred of sin?
- 4. In this Old Testament picture of our own salvation, Moses' life was saved because of someone else's obedience. When we trust Jesus as our Savior, we are covered by His blood. Have you trusted Jesus for your salvation? If so, with whom do you need to share this good news?

Additional Discovery:

"This episode, possibly abridged from a fuller, clearer, version is extraordinarily puzzling because the motive for God's attack is unclear, the pronouns are ambiguous, and Zipporah's remarks are enigmatic." ~ Jeffrey Tigay, Emeritus Ellis Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Literatures at the University of Pennsylvania.

Genesis 17:14
Romans 3:23
Colossians 2:11–12

Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh precious is the flow That makes me white as snow: No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this I see -Nothing but the blood of Jesus! For my pardon this my plea -Nothing but the blood of Jesus! This is all my hope and peace -Nothing but the blood of Jesus! This is all my righteousness -Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

 \sim Ephesians 3:20-21

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