MEN OF SHADES

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



"Did Again"

By: Pastor Jack Hibbs

"And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father." Genesis 26:18 (NKJV)

WELLS AND ALTARS

From the moment God called the Old Testament patriarch Abraham out of the pagan land of Ur, Abraham became a worshipper. What I find interesting is that when we read about Abraham elsewhere, whenever he dug a well for water, an altar of thanks would soon spring up. Abraham's godly lifestyle and its public display did not go unnoticed by Isaac, who adopted his father's worship practice. (Genesis 26:25)

Isaac's re-opening of wells was the unplugging of waters that the Philistines had stopped up in earlier days. Biblically, the Philistines are pictured as agents of sin, and sin will always stop up the flow of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.

When life's pressures and spiritual neglect stop the flow of God's work in our lives, what are we to do? We must re-open our hearts by digging into the Bible afresh.

REFRESHMENT AND PRAISE

I know that when we grow tired and dusty in spirit, it may seem impossible to be refreshed by new waters of revival. But that sense of despair is a deceptive mirage. It's in the dryness of a spiritual desert that the Source of life-giving water is more needful and even more worthy of our praise. Dig again and feel the Spirit's reviving waters flow over your soul.

Are you in a dry place today? Then re-open the well and worship – build an altar of thanksgiving there. Drink in the refreshment that can only come from the Lord.

Pastor Jack Hibbs is the senior pastor at Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills, CA. His ministry, which includes "Real Life with Jack Hibbs", is seen via YouTube and on the app named for the ministry. The church's website is <u>www.Calvarycch.org</u>.

Men of Shades Devotional

How about writing one devotion to share with the Men of Shades. Share your thoughts on a favorite Bible verse, a story from your life with an application from Scripture, or share a devotion written by a favorite writer that was particularly meaningful to you. Follow the parameters below and then send it to Steve Grissett at s_grissett@yahoo.com.

Choose a favorite verse or verses (2 or 3).

- Write a short devotion of 200 to 300 words max.
- Add a title.
- Add one thought-provoking or reflective question at the end.
- Include a one or two sentence introduction of yourself.

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Community Tailgate Party

Man Church

Men of Shades don't miss the Community Tailgate Party Wednesday, September 29th from 5:30 - 7:30. This will be a night full of free food, games, and fun! Invite your neighbors and friends to join you and we will see you there!.

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Our next Man Church is Sunday, October 24th, and our speaker will be our Minister to Young Adults and Equipping, Bradley Patton. Bradley joined the staff in 2013 and has served in a variety of roles while completing his M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School and is currently the Minister to Young Adults & Equipping. He gives pastoral oversight to Young Professionals, Nearly/Newlyweds, and Young Married couples without kids. He also oversees Adult Discipleship Groups and the Shades Equipping Center – which includes Foundations classes and the Training Institute.

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