## Misunderstandings can lead to slanderous rumors

 $Joshua\,22{:}16, 18\ ``How\,could\,you$ break faith with God like this? . . . If you rebel against the Lord today, tomorrow he will be angry with the whole community.'

People will never understand your methods until they understand your motives. Ancient Israel faced a mammoth internal misunderstanding. Seems Joshua had sent two and a half tribes to their promised land. Along the way, they built a memorial.

The other nine and a half tribes came upon the altar and immediately accused them of building an idol. This whole chapter is a lesson in mending misunderstood meth-



A pastor friend of mine shares a story that occurred with a friend of his (another pastor) on a snowy day in northeastern Pennsylvania. It presents a comical case study in misunderstanding.

Dave and his wife were headed to the grocery for some "storm food." The street by their home in Clarkes he coaxed. Summit, Pa., was steep.

## Pianists practice in front of audience

#### By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News Young pianists got to practice their skills in front of a friendly audience Monday night at the Goodland United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. sponsored by Thetis.

Thetis, the Goodland Federated Women's Club, has been sponsoring students for the district and state piano contests for ten years. The district contest will be in Hays on Saturday, March 4.

Nathan Brady, a sophomore and son of Scott and Mary Brady, started the program with "Puck Op. 71 No. 3" by Grieg. Kathy Wood, a freshman and daughter of Brent and Jennifer Wood, followed with "Bourlesq" by Mozart.

Junior Jillian Parker, daughter of Lauren and Geralyn Parker, played "Prelude in C Op. 12, No. 7" by Prokofiev. She was followed by senior Tiffany Thomas, daughter of Chuck and Jan Thomas, played "Sonata Hob. XVI: 1" by Haydn.

Next senior Samatha Philbrick, daughter of Brady and Jane Philbrick, played "Etude in D minor Op. 1 No. 4" by Listz. She was followed by Lea Shores, junior daughter of Nancy Shores, who played "Sonata in D" by Haydn.

Other students who will go to the contest are Brennan Clouse, a freshman and son Ken and JoAnn Clouse. who will sing "Alma Del Core" by Caldara; Kerri Bellamy, a junior and daughter of Randy and Susan Bellamy, will sing "Der Schme Herling" by Von Schlegel; Jena McCall, a senior and daughter of Steve and Susan McCall, will sing "Se Florindo e Fedele" by Scarlatti; Shores will sing "Oh: Had I Jobal's



#### Samantha Philbrick

Lyre" by Handel and "Romance" by Debussy; Parker will sing "F des Oiseaux" by Hue; and Philbrick will sing "Bescheidene Liebe" by Wolf. The musicians are students of

Geralyn Parker, Carol Jolly and Pat Ziegelmeier of Colby.

Students competing in the first level will present one solo to try for a certificate. Those in the second level will do two pieces.

If they don't win, they can try for first level again or another category in the first level. Winners go on to the state contest and compete for a certificate and possibly scholarships

The Goodland club helps out the students by paying their entry fees and travel expenses. The club earns its money with the ring toss at the carnival at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Kathryn Wedermyer was the music chair for the club.

'It has really taken off the last three or four years, we have had as many as twelve participate," said Faye Paxton, president.

scended down the hill, Irene said, "I have no desire to ride in the car in such awful conditions."

Fearful, she got out of the car and walked alongside, as her husband, the minister, drove slowly down the icy slope. The road was not all that bad, so David rolled the driver's side window down and kept trying to Snow and ice were in abundance. convince his wife to get into the car. She would have nothing to do with it. For several blocks she walked as

> Eventually, they came to the bottom of the hill. She got in the car, and off they went. No problem, right? Wrong.

It seems that a neighbor had been watching this whole episode and

As Dave de- notified someone in the church what and distributed with justice to all. she had seen. She reported that the pastor and his wife had been arguing all the way down the hill.

> By the time Sunday came, several people had offered to provide listening ears to help them through their time of marital misfortune.

> David finally had to go into the pulpit, tell the whole story, and set the record straight.

> Misunderstandings. The meeting place for malice. Have you ever been the victim of someone's words that weren't true? Have you ever had confusion that had to be confronted? Are you in the middle of a misunderstanding right now?

Philip Keller shares the following insights into the malfunction for an ancient manager: "Joshua's war years were over. The promised land had now been partitioned in peace. The spoils of war had been seized "It was time now for the fighting

men of Israel to return to their tents, rejoin their families, settle down quietly and establish their homes in contentment. This was particularly true for the warriors from Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Mannasah who had been so active in the campaign to conquer the promised land vest of the Jordan.'

But there was a misunderstanding. Before us is an open-and-shut case of people who had not clearly explained their motives; thus, their methods were misunderstood.

The son of the High Priest (Phinehas) sought to get the whole story. His appeal is one that should pervade our approach to misunderstandings. Phinehas had learned a simple principle of leadership:

"Sheep scatter sheep, but shepherds

settle sheep." Getting the truth

settled the matter.

Alan Redpath, the former pastor of Moody Church in Chicago, has stated regarding this settling of the misunderstanding: "What lessons we can learn here. What perils lie in the incompatibility of Christian with Christian....Before you judge, give someone the opportunity to tell the whole story."

Oh, by the way, Dave and Irene have celebrated over 50 years of marriage. Last we knew, she is still afraid of driving on icy roads, and when given the option, she will still walk for 10 blocks down the hill rather than ride in fear on the passenger's side. David still lets her.

May the grace that is available to you at Calvary empower you to work through your misunderstandings. Check us out at calvarygospel.net or e-mail us at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

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