

# Jesus wasn't soft; it takes strength to follow him

For a week during the two summers we lived in Rapid City, I could sit out on my back deck and listen to the rumble of Harleys making their way into the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

One year we loaded up the family and decided to walk the streets of Sturgis.

It was quite an experience, not necessarily a bad one, but let's face it, I had just graduated from Bible college, and I don't think too many of my professors would have been visiting the tattoo shops.

There were some incredible bikes there. You know, I hold the opinion that if Jesus would ride a bike, he would ride a Harley. I also think He would ask you this question: "Will you ride with Me?"

Whether you can see Him on a



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bike or not really isn't the point; just understand that Jesus is a man's man. He isn't a softy. He isn't passive. He is a man worth following.

What does it take to follow Jesus? It takes faith, and faith is a lifestyle (Hab. 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 11:6). It is something you live by and code of conduct, if you will.

Unfortunately, there are too many people who have one of two approaches to faith. They either enshrine their faith as a code of reli-

gious articles they adhere to, but the conduct of their life doesn't display it.

Or they have a glass box faith. They keep the faith in a glass box that has a hammer attached to it. The sign over the box reads: "In case of emergency break glass."

That is a crisis faith that loses the awe and romance that is available with a daily relationship with God. You see, friend, God has bigger things planned for your faith than most of us imagine or think. He just isn't talking about mental ascent.

Biblical faith becomes an active part of the words you speak, the ac-

tions you take and the battles you fight.

Faith is like a muscle, the more you work it, the stronger it gets. If you don't work it, then in the words of Hans and Frauns, "you will become a flabby man."

I love studying the characters in the Bible and learning from them and, hopefully, applying biblical truths to my life. This Father's Day weekend I want us to look at Joshua real quick.

In Numbers 27:15-18, Joshua is chosen by the Lord to help lead the people of Israel to the place God has for them. God has a great place for you too. You learn some things about this mighty man, and I want to share them with you.

First, Joshua was a warrior (Exodus 17:9). The first time he is men-

tioned in Scripture, it tells us that he is a warrior. He was a conqueror. He didn't just sit back.

Guys, what are you fighting for? How important is faith in Almighty God in your household? How are you fighting for your family? You see, Joshua knew what God had promised for him, and he wasn't going to sit back and let the enemy say otherwise.

We also know that Joshua was a servant (Exodus 24:13). Do you want to be a super dad? Then be a servant. Serve your family, serve your employer, serve the Lord. Jesus modeled that for us in Philippians 2:1-11. Almighty God wasn't too big to stoop, are you?

Finally, Joshua was a lover of God (Exodus 33:7-11). Do you want to be good dad? Better yet, how about

a great dad? Don't sell yourself short — you deserve such a title.

Then practice His presence. Joshua loved the presence of the Lord. He loved the secret place. Trust me, being in His presence will help you, it will change you, it will refresh you.

Guys, I want to wish you a happy Father's Day, but most important, may we as men make our heavenly Father happy!

Check us out at calvarygospel.net or e-mail us at calvarycolumn@stel.net.

Steve Rains is the pastor at the Calvary Gospel Church, Fourth and College. Services are held at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Call the church at 890-3605.

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**April 27** — Anita S. Jobert, \$138.75 for improper parking. Melvin Ray Saunis Jr., \$210 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

**May 2** — Timothy F. Buck, \$126 for speeding.

**May 3** — Tony Lee Gjervold, \$95 for over weight load.

Paul Robert Soper, \$60 for over weight load.

**May 4** — Brandon T. Gordon, dismissed for not carrying driver's license and \$10 for no seat belt.

**May 5** — Alan M. Keller, \$156 for speeding.

Michael M. Renery, \$144 for improper parking.

**May 6** — Jose D. Bedolla, \$126 for speeding.

**May 7** — Darlene Johnson, \$138 for speeding.

**May 8** — Robert S. Aho, \$144 for speeding.

Velvet S. Busch, \$132 for improper parking.

Andrew T. Counterman, \$144 for speeding.

Jeffrey R. Hess, \$144 for speeding.

James R. Ottem, \$180 for speeding.

L. V. Robinson, \$144 for speeding.

Douglas A. Warriner, \$120 for speeding.

**May 9** — Tyra D. Drager, \$192 for speeding.

**May 10** — Charles M. Cooper, \$204 for speeding.

Joseph R. Edelman, \$216 for speeding.

**May 11** — Zachary A. Khavari, \$120 for speeding and dismissed for no liability insurance.

Creig T. Smith, \$228 for speeding.

Hector M. Vega, \$210 for motor

carrier safety rules and regulations and \$62 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

**May 12** — Daniel Abebe, \$138

for speeding.

William J. Lantz Jr., \$168 for speeding.

**May 13** — Keith D. Cooper, \$126

for improper parking.

Jeffry M. Trujillo, \$120 for speeding.

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Sunday: 4 pm

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Evening Service: 6 pm

### Bible Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Michael Estep  
Fifth & Broadway  
890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Morning Service: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

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Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

### United Methodist Church

**Brewster:**  
**Pastor:**  
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**Minister:** Rev. Bob Winters  
Worship Service: 9 am CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

### First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
**Pastor:** Rev. Ted Amos  
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**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

### First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman  
899-3631  
**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Informal Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am

### Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter)  
and prayer: 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Travis Blake  
Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
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Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
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104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  
**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg  
**Sunday:** Worship: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth group  
meets at 7 p.m.  
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### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Pastor:** Scott Grimshaw  
**Sunday:** Christian eduction/fellowship:  
10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

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401 Caldwell  
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