

# living for Jesus

with Brent Hunter

**Friday June 16th @ 6:30 PM**

**The Sanctity of Life ( How to understand and discuss abortion issues with others.)**

**Saturday June 17th @ 9 AM session one:  
**Fishing vs. Hunting: Tips for Sharing Jesus effectively****

**Saturday June 17th @ 10 AM session two: Using your own spiritual journey to introduce Christ to others.**

**Sunday June 18th @ 9:45 AM: How to Develop a Strong Spirit (Lessons from Samson)**

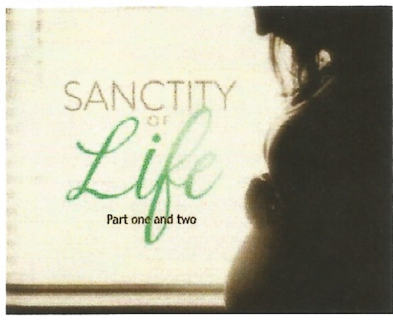
**Sunday June 18th @ 10:45 AM: The Dead Sea Scrolls: The greatest archaeological discovery of all time.**

**Sunday June 18th @ 5 PM: The Blessing and Power of Forgiveness**

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# The Sanctity of Life

## Every Life is a Precious Gift

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Friday: 6:30 PM  
Scripture Reading: Prov 6:16-17

Date: June 16, 2023  
Speaker: Brent Hunter

#### Introduction

- A. The sanctity of life is such an important topic and long overdue!
- B. Not everything that is legal is necessarily mORAL.
- C. Like Jesus in John 8, we need to consider this subject with grace and truth.

## Notes

#### I. HOW GOD VALUES LIFE. EVERY LIFE MATTERS TO GOD.

- A. "God created us with the breath of LiFE" (Gen 2:7).
- B. "From my mother's womb, you have been my God" (Ps 22:10).
- C. "You created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13).

#### II. WHAT ABOUT THE SCIENCE? BIOLOGISTS SAY LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION.

- A. The Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that the fetus has no legal rights until the third trimester.
- B. The key issue revolved around "viability."
- C. What about "my body, my choice?" Remember I Cor 6: 19-20.

#### III. WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE (Ps 139:13-16).

- A. A preborn baby's heart is beating within three weeks.
- B. At six weeks a baby's brain is giving off brain waves.
- C. At eight weeks, the baby can develop the hiccups.
- D. At ten weeks a baby has unique fingerprints!
- E. He or she is a unique individual who has never existed before.

#### IV. WHAT IF I HAVE ALREADY HAD AN ABORTION?

- A. Jesus forgives us of both our sin and our shame (Rm 8:1, 10:11).
- B. You will be able to see your baby in heaven (2 Sam 12:23).
- C. One day you can use your experience to minister to others.

#### AN APPEAL TO THOSE WHO MAY BE CONSIDERING AN ABORTION.

- A. I plead with you to choose life, and not death for your baby.
- B. Consider other options like adoption.
- C. Consider the blessing of our own Jennifer Green and Laura Smith.

#### Conclusion:

- A. It is not a choice, it is a baby. Choose life!
- B. Happy Mother's Day!

#### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS

shame life

womb

moral

viability

adoption





# TIPS FOR SPIRITUAL FISHING

## Building a Friend Bridge

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 9:00 A.M.  
Scripture Reading: Daniel 12:3

Date: June 17, 2023  
Speaker: Brent Hunter

#### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Jesus said, "Come follow me and I will make your fishers of m\_\_\_\_\_ " (Matt 4:19).
- B. Following Jesus and fishing go together!

#### I. HUNTING VERSUS FISHING.

- A. Hunting is more aggressive while fishing is more g\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Hunting is based upon confrontation while fishing is based upon attraction.
- C. Hunting uses one size fits all while fishing you try all kinds of lures.
- D. In hunting, the animal has no choice but in fishing, it chooses to take the bait.
- E. When hunting, one must be a skilled shot, not so when fishing.

#### II. THREE KEYS TO SPIRITUAL FISHING

- A. One must identify their own pond (Acts 1:8).  
-- The person most on my heart today is: \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. I must learn to t\_\_\_\_\_ like the fish in my pond.
  1. Make a list of the common ground you have with the person in 2A, above.
  2. Make a list of the questions that will show you care and draw him/her out.
- C. Remember that fish *get hungry at different times* (Col 4:5).
  1. How receptive or open are they to the gospel?
  2. We must remember that coming to Christ is a *process*.
  3. The parable of the soils shows four kinds of receptivity (Matt 13).

#### III. EXAMPLES OF LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTIVITY FROM THE BIBLE.

- A. Some are stubborn-hearted and far from righteousness (Isa 46:12).
- B. Some are far away and some are near (Eph 2:17-18).
- C. Paul planted and Apollos watered but God gives the i\_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor 3:6-7).

#### IV. HOW TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP.

- A. Become aware of the unbelievers God has placed in your life.
- B. Commit to p\_\_\_\_\_ for them.
- C. Show you care and be ready to share with them!

#### V. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Be creative! \_\_\_\_\_.

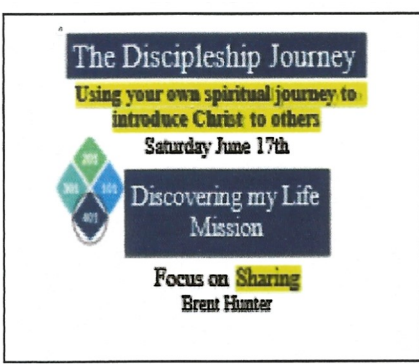
#### CONCLUSION:

- A. What will you do with the rest of your life?
- B. Who will be in h\_\_\_\_\_ because of you?

## Notes

### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS

think	gentle
increase	pray
men	heaven



# HOW TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL

## Sharing my Spiritual Journey

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Saturday Morning: 10:00 am  
Scripture Reading: I Peter 3:15

Date: June 17, 2023  
Speaker: Brent Hunter

#### INTRODUCTION:

- A. How confident are you in communicating the **g**\_\_\_\_\_?
- B. We need to grow more effective in talking about our spiritual journey.

#### I. THE BIBLE IS FULL OF PERSONAL SALVATION ACCOUNTS

- A. "I will tell what He has done for my soul" (Ps 66:16).
- B. Many **b**\_\_\_\_\_ in Him because of the woman's testimony (John 4:39).
- C. "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20).
- D. Jesus said "we testify to what we have seen" (John 3:10-11).
- E. "Make known amount the nations what He has done" (Ps 105:1).

#### II. THE VALUE OF YOUR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

- A. Unique: No other pathway to God exactly like yours.
- B. **P**\_\_\_\_\_ : You can share from your heart.
- C. 100% yours: You are the greatest authority on your own experience.
- D. **M**\_\_\_\_\_ : People love to hear personal stories and they remember them.
- E. Relational: People connect with experiences.
- F. Effective: People will be impressed when they see scriptural evidence.
  - 1. "Always be prepared to give an answer" (I Peter 3:15).
  - 2. "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16).

#### III. FOUR PARTS OF YOUR STORY

- A. What my life was like before I met Christ.
- B. How I realized I **n**\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
- C. How I committed my life to Christ.
- D. The difference it has made in my life.

#### CONCLUSION:

- A. Let's not be like the 95% of Christians who say they never share their faith!
- B. We are to be prepared to give an answer for the hope within us. *Are you?*
- C. Are you ready to follow Jesus in faithfully confessing Him before others?

## Notes

#### Word Bank

gospel

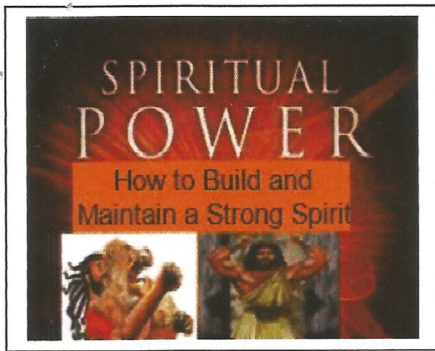
Personal

Memorable

needed

believed





# BUILDING A STRONG SPIRIT

The most important need for 2023 and beyond!

## INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Bible class 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Reading: Eph 3:16-19

Sunday July 18, 2023

Speaker: Brent Hunter

### INTRO.

- A. By studying Samson, we learn how to avoid weakening our spirits.
- B. Strengthening our **s**\_\_\_\_\_ in the "inner man" is key (Eph 3:16-19).

### I. THREE ATTITUDES THAT WEAKEN MY SPIRIT.

#### A. **Indulgence weakens my spirit.**

1. Samson, in three chapters, goes through *three women*.
2. In Judges 14:2-3 he sees a Philistine woman and says, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well."
3. The first trap that weakens your spirit is when you make decisions based on **p**\_\_\_\_\_, rather than principle.
4. Any area of your life that is *undisciplined* will weaken you!
5. To be strong in spirit, I must **discipline my desires** (I Peter 4:1-2).

#### B. **Resentment weakens my spirit.**

1. Samson lived his entire life in a continual state of anger, disappointment, resentment, and bitterness.
2. Samson reacts **v**\_\_\_\_\_ to most everything.
3. In Judges 15, he kills 30 men to get even on a bet.
4. To be strong in spirit, I must **control my reactions**.

#### C. **Carelessness weakens my spirit, (Judges 16:1-20).**

1. Anytime you get careless with your time, health, money, or your words, you are headed in the wrong direction.
2. Anytime you get careless with your commitments, it is trouble.
3. Samson took a *Nazarite vow* (Num 6:1-20) from birth (Judges 13:5). He is careless and violates his vow often.
4. Samson is enticed by Delilah and gives up his **s**\_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 16).
5. To be strong in spirit I must **develop good habits**.

### I. THREE HABITS THAT WILL STRENGTHEN MY SPIRIT.

- A. A daily quiet **t**\_\_\_\_\_ with God will give you direction (Ps 25:4).
- B. Get together with brethren every week (Heb 10:25).
- C. **G**\_\_\_\_\_ generously and liberally as you purpose in your heart (2 Cor 9:7).

### CONCLUSION:

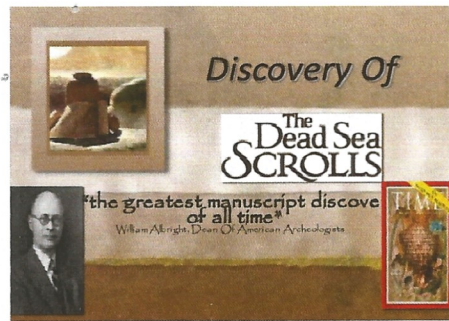
- A. Which of these weaknesses (traps) are you most likely to fall into?
- B. Which ones of these three **h**\_\_\_\_\_ do you need to commit to now?

## Notes

### Word Bank

pleasure	Give
time	secret
spirits	habits
violently	





# THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

## The Greatest Archaeological Find Ever

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:45 a.m.  
Scripture Reading: I Peter 1:24-25

Sunday, June 18, 2023  
Speaker: Brent Hunter

#### INTRO.

A. "The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever" (Isaiah 40:7-8).

B. This is God's promise! Is it true and verifiable? Yes! The Dead Sea discovery proves it!

#### I. THE DISCOVERY. 1947 discovered accidentally by two Bedouin shepherd boys looking for a lost goat.

A. Discovered in 1947 by two Bedouin shepherd boys by accident.

B. Hailed "the greatest manuscript find in all history" by *William Albright*.

#### II. THE SITE.

A. Northwest corner of the Dead Sea, 15 miles east of Jerusalem.

B. The Q community consisted of religious zealots who studied and copied the scripture and wrote commentaries.

#### III. THE CONTENTS

A. Altogether 800 manuscripts with copies of all the OT books except Esther and many fragments of NT books.

B. These predated up until 1947 the oldest manuscripts by 900 years!

#### IV. THE SIGNIFICANCE

A. Disproves the "Documentary Hypothesis" which claims that the torah was written after the exile, and that the later part of Isaiah is fraudulent.

B. Demonstrates the accuracy of textual t over the years and that the copy of a copy nature of the scriptures did not change the message.

C. Destroys the idea that the beliefs of the NT were developed over hundreds of years.

D. Like Jesus and the apostles, the E believed they were living in the last days, and that the Scriptures predicted the coming of a Messiah who would be pierced and then resurrected.

E. Validates the accuracy of both the Old and New Testaments and the prophecies contained therein.

#### CONCLUSION:

A. The texts of both the Old Testament and the New Testament are reliable.

B. We can see the promise of God is t that "the grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of God shall stand forever" (Isaiah 40:7-8)!

C. This makes all the more important Jesus telling us, that "the word that I spoke is what will judge" in the last day (John 12:48).

D. So let's trust and obey and stand firmly on the p of God!

### Notes

### ANSWERS:

Essenes

forever promises

true

transmission

Qumran





# THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

## The Ultimate Blessing

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Evening 5:00 PM  
Scripture reading: Eph 4:32

June 18, 2023  
Speaker: Brent Hunter

#### INTRODUCTION:

- A. "For thou, Lord, art good and r\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive" (Ps 86:5).
- B. The truth "sets us free" from the burden/guilt of our sin (Jn 8:32).

#### I. WHAT IS THE DIVINE STANDARD OF FORGIVENESS?

- A. He will "hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19).
- B. He will "remove our t\_\_\_\_\_ as far as the east is from the west" (

#### II. WHAT ARE THE TWO DEFINITIONS OF BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS?

- A. "An attitude of heart which restores the offender to the former state."
- B. "To cease to feel r\_\_\_\_\_ against, or to seek payback."

#### III. FORGIVENESS IS A COMMAND, AND NOT OPTIONAL.

- A. "Forgive one another, even as Christ has forgiven you (Col 3:13).
- B. "If your brother sins, rebuke him; if he repents, forgive him (Lk 17:3).
- C. Forgiveness is c\_\_\_\_\_ on repentance (I Jn 1:9, Acts 2:38).

#### IV. WHAT ARE THE HORIZONTAL IMPLICATIONS OF ALL THIS?

- A. One can forgive and not forget the sin happened (Heb 8:12, Isa 43:18).
- B. We can "*distinctly remember that the sin ever happened.*"
- C. Even if someone does not show remorse, our attitude must be to hold no malice or bitterness in our hearts against them (Acts 7:60, Matt 5:44).
- D. Forgiveness is to be **un**\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 18:21ff).
- E. If we won't forgive others, GOD won't forgive us (Matt 6:15)!
  - 1. We receive mercy based upon how merciful we are (Matt 7:1-2). "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matt 5:7).
  - 3. This is a matter of heaven and hell!

#### CONCLUSION:

- A. Our sins against one another are small in comparison to the sins we have committed against God (Matt 18:23-35).
- B. Remember the g\_\_\_\_\_ rule, how have you felt when someone has refused to forgive you (Matt 7:12)?
- C. Oh Lord, increase our faith and help us to truly forgive others, even as we have been forgiven by God

#### NOTES

#### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

resentment  
transgressions  
conditional  
unlimited  
ready  
golden