

Reclaim

- ❖ Reclaim: to retrieve or recover (Oxford Languages Dictionary)

- ❖ We wouldn't have to reclaim so much if we would hold on to what God's Word told us to:
 - Tradition
 - Is not problematic when based upon the Word, heart and principles of God – 2 Thes. 2:15
 - Becomes a problem when lay aside God's Word – Mark 7:8; Col. 2:8
 - Make the Word ineffective in your life – Mark 7:8-13; Mat. 15:2-6
 - Becomes problematic when is vain – 1 Pet. 1:18
 - What is the tradition referred to in 2 Thes. 3:6? (Read KJV and AMP)

- ❖ We let go of things which we don't understand or appreciate their value
 - It took Samson becoming blinded to the world to appreciate his consecration – Judges 16:1-22
 - He did not have control of his lusts
 - Delilah wasn't Samson only problem
 - Felt invincible, irreplaceable, uncorrectable, wiser than he actually was – Pro. 14:12
 - Don't fall asleep playing games God hasn't anointed you to play

- ❖ We let go of things which we don't understand or appreciate their value
 - Our reputation – Pro. 22:1
 - Our witness – 1 Pet. 3:15; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8
 - Man, your wife – Pro. 18:22; Eph. 5:25
 - Woman, your husband – Eph. 5:21-33
 - Our children – Psalm 127:3-5
 - Your purpose – 2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 8:28; Psa. 138:8; Pro. 19:20-21

- ❖ You cannot reclaim what:
 - You never possessed – Rom. 10:1-4
 - You won't admit you have lost – Psalm 51:1-12
 - You have no desire to reclaim – Isa. 1:19-20; Rom. 1:28
 - You are not willing to repent to reclaim – Acts 2:38

Reclaim – It's Bigger Than You

- ❖ You and I are always more than we see
 - What or who we represent – 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:6-7; Mat. 5:13-16; Phil. 3:17; John 13:35
 - Those that are attached to us and in fellowship with us – Col. 3:16; Rom. 15:1

- ❖ When we don't understand our impact and sphere of influence, we can make poor decisions that impact others attached to us
 - Think about Adam and Eve. What if... Gen. 2:17
 - Think about Jephthah. What if... Judges 11:30-39
 - Think about you. What if...

- ❖ There are some things that we are called to do that are simply bigger than us
 - Parents – Eph. 6:1-4; Mat. 21:15-16; Pro. 22:6
 - Children – Deut. 5:16
 - Church – Heb. 10:25

- ❖ Our text for discussion tonight: Jairus's daughter – Luke 8:41-56, Mat. 9:18-26; Mar. 5:21-43

Reclaim – It's Bigger Than You (Cont'd)

- ❖ As believers, we must learn to guard our witness – 1 Cor. 8:1-13; 2 Cor. 8:21

- ❖ Things that hurt or destroy your witness
 - Hypocrisy – Mat. 15:7-9; 6:5
 - Talking to social media when you should be talking to God – Pro. 25:11-13
 - Being vulgar – Eph. 4:29
 - Being a hot-head – James 1:19-20
 - Gossip – Pro. 16:28; 1 Tim. 5:13; James 4:11
 - Lying – Pro. 19:5, 9; Pro. 6:16-19
 - Stubbornness – 1 Sam. 15:23; Psa. 78:8

- ❖ Questions we should ask before attempting to reclaim anything:
 - Did I ever possess it?
 - Do I have a right to it?
 - Is it worth reclaiming?
 - Is it from a season long gone?
 - Is it supposed to be in my life? Ecc. 3:1-8 (vs. 5-6)
 - What does possessing it speak of me today? Gal. 5

- ❖ We must reclaim our witness
 - It may have been damaged by your mistakes but will be demonstrated by your faithful repentance and comeback

- ❖ Scripture for discussion tonight: Hebrews 12:1
 - Don't miss the importance of the witnesses
 - There are some things that we are not called to reclaim or pursue
 - Baggage
 - Weight – Heb. 12:1
 - Selfishness