

A GREAT PREACHER

Stalwart and staunch of heart and unafraid,
The man of God stands in his pulpit there,
So well equipped, so shinningly arrayed
With the sword and shield of faith with power
in prayer.

That the Christ is lifted up before our eyes
Here in this room, here in this very hour,
And men, beyond dissension and surprise
Are drawn to him by some strange unseen power.

“Hidden in Christ . . .” the preacher hid in Christ,
Lifted him up to draw all men to him,
Willing that his own life be sacrificed
That the light of all the earth may not grow dim.
O man of God, O man of flame and fire,
I pray your lifted arms may never tire!

— Grace Noil Crowell—

Dedicated by the author to Dr. George W. Truett,
pastor for over 40 years at First Baptist Church,
Dallas, Texas, for whom Joe was named.

**AND HIS GIFTS WERE
THAT SOME
SHOULD BE APOSTLES,
SOME PROPHETS,
SOME EVANGELISTS,
SOME PASTORS
AND TEACHERS,
FOR THE EQUIPMENT
OF THE SAINTS,
FOR THE WORK OF
THE MINISTRY,
FOR BUILDING UP
THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

EPH. 4:11-15



Ordination Service

for

JOSEPH TRUETT HUGHES

October 12, 1980

3:00 P. M.

South Norfolk Baptist Church

Chesapeake, Virginia

Frank Hughes, Jr., Pastor

PRELUDE: "My Tribute".....A. Crouch

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: "Thou Art Worthy". Mills/Powell

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful
deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his
marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

HYMN OF ADORATION 40 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name". Perrenet
INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER..... Glenn G. Davis

PASTORAL GREETING

REPORT OF ORDINATION COUNCIL..... Aubrey T. Evans

ANTHEM: "King All-Glorious"..... George M. Vail

SERMON: "My Son In The Ministry" I I Timothy 2:1 Pastor

CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE John A. Brown

PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Samuel W. Tatem

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE..... Walker N. Stockburger

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION J. Earl Todd

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY HYMN (Tune: Germany) . . E. A. McDowell, Jr.

1. Ordained of God, His Prophets rise,
They seek not gain nor earthly prize,
They heed the challenge of Christ's call,
They ask to give and spend their all.
4. The rights of men we shall defend,
Our strength to justice ever lend,
The sins of greed, the caste and war,
Bring men and nation's to abhor.
2. Anointed heralds bold to speak,
But in our ways like Jesus meek,
In lowly place or distant land,
We go forth now to take our stand.
5. We thank our God for kindly years,
For fellowship through joy and tears,
For learning and for friendly toil,
For faith to sow in every soil.

3. Our message be the gospel plain,
Our joy its power o'er sin's dark stain;
Born from above the sinner lives,
New life in Christ the Spirit gives!
6. Bind us in brotherhood, we pray,
As from this place we go today,
And keep our feet in paths made light,
By Jesus' truth and glory bright!

BENEDICTION Joseph T. Hughes

POSTLUDE: "Great and Marvelous"..... Henry Farmer

PROGRAM PERSONNEL

- BROWN, John A., Executive Director, Norfolk Baptist Association
 DAVIS, Glenn G., Minister of Youth and Recreation, First Baptist
 Church, Winston Salem, North Carolina
 EVANS, Aubrey T., Deacon Chairman, DeBaun Memorial Baptist
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 Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia
 HUGHES, Frank Jr., Pastor, South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake
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 Chesapeake, Virginia
 LeBLANC, Mrs. Betty M., Organist, Kempsville Baptist Church
 Virginia Beach, Virginia
 STOCKBURGER, Walker N., Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Norfolk
 Virginia
 TATEM, Samuel W., Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Newport News,
 Virginia
 TODD, J. Earl, Deacon Chairman, South Norfolk Baptist Church
 WHITEHURST, Mrs. Gwen, Organist, Fox Hall Baptist Church
 Norfolk, Virginia
 CHOIR, South Norfolk Baptist Church
 ORDAINED MINISTERS of neighboring churches

The members of the South Norfolk Baptist Church rejoice in this occasion. May the blessings of God rest upon and the Holy Spirit endue with power Brother Joseph Truett Hughes as he goes forth to "Preach the Word".

Joseph Truett Hughes, third son of Pastor and Mrs. Frank Hughes, Jr., grew up in the South Norfolk Baptist Church and was baptized at the age of 7. While attending a Youth Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, Joe made a public commitment to follow God's will for his life.

After graduating from Oscar Smith High School, Joe attended Bluefield College and completed his undergraduate work at Old Dominion University with the B. S. He graduated in May 1979 from from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, with the M. Div. with R. E.

Joe has served as supply pastor and revival preacher in churches in Virginia and North Carolina. He has been called as pastor of DeBaun Memorial Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia, where he began his ministry September 1. It was the DeBaun Memorial Church which requested his ordination.

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(Joe) -

"MY SON IN THE MINISTRY"

2 Timothy 2:1

It was no easier for Paul to preach "Jesus Christ as Lord" in his day than for us to do so in ours.

J. B. Phillips translated First Peter 5:1-4 our introduction to this sermon in these words: "Now may I who am myself, an elder, say a word, to you my fellow elders? I speak as one who actually saw Christ suffer, and as one who will share with you the glories that are to be unfolded to us. I urge you then to see that your Flock of God is properly fed and cared for. Accept the responsibility of looking after them willingly and not because you feel you can't get out of it, doing your work not for what you can make, but because you are really concerned for their well-being. You should aim, not at being 'little tin gods', but as examples of Christian living in the eyes of the flock committed to your charge. And then, when the Chief Shepherd reveals Himself, you will receive that crown of glory which cannot fade."

Joe, my son in the ministry, this is a significant hour for you. It is the hour of your ordination to the Gospel Ministry. The laying on of hands does not set you above the fellow Christians, but it does fix an awesome responsibility upon you. It sets you apart to a special ministry as a Man of God.

Dr. Wayne Oates was visiting in a hospital when a patient asked him, "Be ye the Man of God?" It is a probing question to be put to all ministers. The answer for you must be positive. Christ's ministry

is a pattern for all Christian ministry. Notice the balance in the ministry of Jesus. He spent time in solitude and prayer, and time in service: teaching, preaching and healing. Jesus gave first priority to people.

A minister has at least three callings:

First, he is called to become a Christian. This calling must be as sure as the call to Christian Faith as surely as Jesus called His disciples from their tasks as fishermen in Galilee, saying, "Follow Me". This basic call to faith is first.

Second, he has a secret or inner call. In the inner sanctum of the minister's heart he has been confronted with the claims of Christ. His hand is upon the minister thrusting him forth into His ministry. This deep sense of divine calling ought to get a man into the ministry. Nothing else will keep him there when the going is rough.

Third, he receives a corporate call of the people of God. The church recognizes the gifts of the ministry and calls a man to a place of service as one of its ministers. In this way, the body of Christ has verified the inner call of the minister.

Let us look at the piece of advice Paul urged on Timothy. It is found in this passage: (2 Timothy 2:1-8.)

v. 1 "Oh, Timothy, my son, be strong with the strength Christ Jesus gives you."

v. 2 "For you must teach others the things which you and many witnesses have heard me speak about. Teach these great truths to trustworthy men who will, in turn, pass them on to others."

The reception of the faith is founded upon hearing, and confirmed by witnesses. It is a duty of the minister to transmit it. As he transmits it to faithful followers of Christ, they in turn will teach it to others. The minister is a living link in the living chain which stretches unbroken from this present moment back to Jesus Christ. The glory of preaching is that it links the present with the earthly life of Jesus Christ.

"Be strong in the grace ^{THAT} ~~is~~ is in Jesus Christ". Keep on being empowered, keep in touch with the power. Christ is the dynamo for power only when and while we keep in touch with Him. You will be supported by other witnesses.

There follows ~~(three illustrations)~~ to enforce this appeal,
(¹⁻Soldier, ²⁻Athlete, ^{3- Farmer}Labourer):

I -

First - - - Soldier:

v. 3 "Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, just as I do."

v. 4 "And as Christ's soldier do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs, for then you cannot satisfy the one who enlisted you in His army."

The older preacher challenges the young one to share the hardship with him for Christ.

The soldier must concentrate upon his service, and not become entangled with ordinary daily affairs.

A soldier is conditioned to obedience and to sacrifice.

That means you must be ready for ^{Face} to face ~~the~~ warfare ~~of life~~.

Be quick to admit (mistakes.) Don't waste your talents trying to hide mistakes. The preacher who is too proud to admit mistakes will never be humble enough to be used greatly of God.

Be ready to ask (forgiveness.) If the preacher is true to his calling he will offend some, but be quick to seek forgiveness. You will have many loads to carry, one thing you dare not carry is a grudge.

Be willing to admit you (do not know!) Never be unwise enough to give some answer about a question little is known. Your honest answer should be "I don't know"! People will find the truth soon enough and you will not be embarrassed. As preachers we have limitations and we cannot be "expert" in every area of creation. Until this day, "I don't know where Cain got his wife from."

Be a support to your (fellow pastors!) As a good soldier become a part of a glorious fellowship. Preachers stand in the front line of the battle. We need to bind up the wounds and assist the sagging spirits of our brothers in the faith.

II
Second - - - Athlete:

v. 5 "Follow the Lord's rules for doing His work, just as an

athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize."

Paul used the picture of a soldier, now he describes an athlete. The man who concentrated everything on his struggle. His struggle was not just a spare time thing, it was a whole time dedication of his life to the contest which he had chosen.

A spare time or part time Christian is a contradiction in terms. The athlete is under discipline and self-denial. He follows rules. There are days when he wants to relax or give up. Bible study, preparation of sermons, and prayer require discipline.

Learn all you can about (God's Word!) You need not fear the truth, God's Word is truth. Fear no criticism on this level. Remember the final word is God's Word.

Learn all you can about (prayer.) If we work hard on our knees, all other work will be easy.

Learn all you can about being (patient.) You will often be disturbed that your people follow afar off. Many wonderful projects will drag and fail because your people are slow. The pastor must not push the whole load.

Learn all you can about (trusting people.) No matter what comes be willing to trust your people. They can be trusted to make wise decisions. Give your people the facts, teach them by example and seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Democracy often seems dangerous, but God has mightily used it among Southern Baptist. Even those who do

wrong really would like to do right. Trust them to do right by you. It is amazing, the pastor who has his people at heart seldom has to ask for more money. The pastor may shear his sheep for worthy giving---but never for himself---but for the Kingdom of God.

III
Third - - - Farmer:

v. 6 "Work hard, like a farmer who gets paid well if he raises a large crop".

This is not a lazy farmer. His toil gives him the right to reap and to enjoy.

He must first be willing to (work and wait) The farmer must learn to work and to wait. He plants seed, but sees no immediate results.

The preacher must often work and work and learn to wait. His gospel seed may fall on good soil---years may pass before he gets results.

As the farmer, the preacher must be prepared to work at any hour. In harvest time he may work day and night.

Learn to judge by (spiritual standards!) Do not be caught up in the prevailing tendency to base all your success on statistics. The Man of God is to produce fruit, but Paul lists the fruit of the spirit as inward spiritual growth, not reportable statistics.

(Adron Judson) said, "if you enter the gospel ministry in this

land (speaking of Burma) or any other land, let not your object be so much to "do your duty", or even "to save souls", though these should have a place in your motives, as to please the Lord Jesus.

v. 7 "Think over these three illustrations, and may the Lord help you to understand them."

The soldier is upheld by the thought of final victory.

The athlete is upheld by the vision of the crown.

The farmer is upheld by the hope of the harvest.

Conclusion:

(Paul) began in v. 1 with the words "my son in the ministry, he tried to inspire Timothy to his task.

In v. 8 he comes to his greatest appeal of all, "my son don't forget the wonderful fact Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my Gospel".

(Remember) Jesus Christ forever risen and forever present. Here is the greatest Christian inspiration "your ever (present Lord)".

(Remember) Jesus Christ born of the seed of David. "The Manhood Of The Master". One who trod this road, lived this life, faced the struggles you are familiar with.

(Remember) finally the gospel. The good news. The future may be dark but there is good news.! The world is waiting to hear the

glory of the gospel. The cardinal fact about Christ that proves His claim as Messiah, the Son of God, is he arose from the grave.

It is said that a great man of Science, Michael Faraday, once heard a student sneer at the mention of the Resurrection of the Body.

As the story goes, Faraday threw a silver goblet into a jar of acid which completely dissolved it.

Then he threw in a substance which precipitated the silver on the bottom of the jar.

He later took the silver to a silversmith who made it into a goblet more beautiful than before.

The teacher then said, "effect, an ordinary scientist, can dissolve & remake a silver goblet, is it a thing incredible that God can raise the bodies from the dead?"

George Bancroft, a great historian said:
"I find the Name of Jesus Christ written on the top of every page of modern history."

The members of the south norfolk Baptist church join me in expressing our gratitude for your presence. Our hearts are warmed beyond measure by the attendance of christian friends from sister churches in the city of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, & North Carolina.

We are delighted to also welcome members of neighboring congregations & friends of other denominations. May God Bless each of you for your enthusiastic words & personal interest on this special occasion.

When we leave this service, we will carry inspiring happy memories with us.

It is our prayer that our gathering will generate spiritual power in each church represented in this ordination service today.

Thank you Pastors for sharing your time with us today,

Thank you deacons, & stewards for your support of the Lord's work.

Thanks to each Christian, you honour Gods Kingdom, & may He reward each of you with a well done & faithful Blessing