His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

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INTRODUCTION

- Psalm 136 is an important retelling of history pertaining to the God of Gods.
- His steadfast love endures forever. That's the ESV. And I think I like that one the best, and thus it is the title of my lesson.
- You are going to stand in the courtyard, as Israel did, and you are all going to say in unison, his love endures forever.

1 Let the Women Keep Silent: Speak Equals Lead

1 Corinthians 14:34–35; 1 Timothy 2; Ephesians 5:19

- Careful text analysis suggests that what Paul is doing in these verses is simply enjoining male leadership in assemblies in the first century and in the 21st century.
- He is not talking about women not being allowed to utter a word whatsoever.
- Speak equals lead. In 1 Corinthians chapter 14.
- God's roles for men and women are different. And that's not demeaning at all.
- It's not about Adam being smarter than Eve. It is about roles that God established for men and women.
- If you're going to literalize 1 Corinthians 14 and say, women cannot utter a word in the assemblies, then we're going to have to refrain from singing too.

2 Reactions and Interactions During the Assembly

- We can do something different than we normally do. And we can react and interact during things that happen in our assembly.
- We need to be engaged in the worship together.
- One's union with Christ and being brought to the Lord is really more about what God has done and what God is doing.
- If we're clapping first and foremost, it ought to be clapping to God. Praising Him for what He has done.
- Let's at least respond to the awesome thing that is taking place. This is not a time for silence.
- Let's show others, perhaps a visitor in our assembly, how important this event is.

3 Sihon and Og: The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Numbers 21; Deuteronomy 3; Romans 8

- Did you notice the references to Sihon and Og? The kings that God defeated.
- Og, King of Bashan, is mentioned more times in the Bible than Goliath.
- These cones represent, if my calculations are correct, the size of his bed.

- This was a giant man. And God said, don't you fear him.
- The battle belongs to the Lord. If the Lord is with you can conquer every obstacle that stands in your way.
- Our God is greater by far than any opposition we'll face.

4 God Cares About the Nobodies

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- God cares about the nobodies. He remembered us in our lowest state.
- When we're undone in our sins, when we have chosen foolishly, and when we've even wandered away in momentary sinfulness.
- If we will come to him, he will revive us, because he is a God who revives the lowly.
- I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit. In order to revive the spirit of the lowly and revive the heart of the contrite.
- I have seen his ways, but I will heal him.

THE CHALLENGE

Engage your heart. Submit to the king.

MY NOTES