

1 Skedaddle?

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- When Judas led an armed posse to Jesus and betrayed Him with a kiss, the guards of the chief priests arrested him.
- What did Jesus' disciples do?
- Mark says, that they “deserted him and fled.”
- They Skedaddled!

3 Skedaddle?

- Skedaddle first showed up during the Civil War. Used to describe a flight from the battlefield.
- It may have come from a Scottish or Northern English word meaning panicked wild running.
- So when Jesus was arrested, His disciples panicked and ran away wildly.

4 Example of Skedaddle

- A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, 52 he fled (skedaddled) naked, leaving his garment behind.

(Mark 14:51–52 NIV)

5 Warfare Words

- According to mentalfloss.com, warfare is responsible for the following words:
 - Undermine
 - Basket case
 - Flak
 - Task Force
 - Shock and Awe
 - Hillbilly armor
 - IED

6 Jesus & His Disciples

- In the eighth chapter of Mark:
 - Jesus predicts His death . . .
 - Rebukes Peter and challenges His followers to lose their lives for the sake of the gospel.
 - Creates a new vocabulary phrase for discipleship, which he speaks violently with all authority.
 - “Get behind me, Satan!”

7 Jesus Shocks His Disciples

- In Mark, Jesus tells His disciples

- The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected and be killed . . . and after three days rise again.
- No doubt this does not make sense to the disciples.
- In fact, Peter takes Jesus aside and rebukes Him.

8 Jesus' Response

- Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” (Matthew 16:23 NIV)

9 Jesus' Mission

- Jesus had a mission to do and He is willing to put His life on the line.
- He was not a “basket case” and was determined to devote body, soul, and spirit.
- He was not going to allow even the best intentions of His closest friends “undermine” His responsibility.

10 Implications

- In our multi-task world, most of us have a hard time in sorting out the competing demands of family, work, community, friends and church.
- It seems we have endless lists of activities that can leave us feeling scattered and even shattered.

11 Implications

- Set your mind on divine things, . . . not on human things and be willing to suffer.
- “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering,” says Jesus. And so must those who follow Him.
- Are we now ready to skedaddle?

12 Implications

- Some things are worth suffering for:
 - A soldier on the front lines, fighting for freedom and justice.
 - A mother in a delivery room, giving birth to a baby.
 - A student, staying up late to study for a test.
- Suffering that produces good should not be avoided.

13 Reality

- We live in a society that avoids suffering at almost all cost.
- However, the vocabulary of discipleship includes suffering, and Jesus sees it as an important part of marching on to the pathway to God.
- This is not a time in which to skedaddle, instead it is a call to arms.

14 The Struggle

- Our struggle will involve both love and suffering, and it will certainly include self-sacrifice.
- But if we set our minds on the things of God, we will receive the riches of everlasting life.
- Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2 NIV)

15 Undermining

- However, there may be well intended friends or false understandings we have that we may need to say to, “Get behind me Satan!”

16 The CROSS

- For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. (Philippians 3:18-19 NIV)
- For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV)

17 The Lord's Supper

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