



Sermon
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“Cov Ntseeg Tus Yamntxwv”

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Thov txoj koob txojmoov thiab txojkev kajsiab lug pub rau sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees

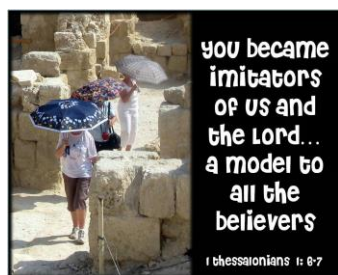
1 Thexalaunkies 1:7 “And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achai - *Yog li ntawd nej thiaj ua yamntxwv zoo rau cov ntseeg uas nyob hauv Makadaunias lub tebchaws no, thiab uas nyob nram Akhe-ais tebchaws xyaum.*” Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus (Cross reference – Cov Dejnum 18:12; 19:21, Loos 15:26, 1 Thexalaunikes 4:10, 1 Petus 5:3)

Illustration: “Model” (Show picture of models)



Lub ntiaj teb txojkev uas ua rau tibneeg nyiam thiab ntshaw tej khoom yog muaj cov “model – yamntxwv losyog tus qauv” los mus hnav tej ristsho losyog tej khoom ua rau tibneeg ntshaw thiab nyiam ces tibneeg mus yuav yam khoom ntawd. Tsis tag li ntawd xwb tibneeg yuav xyaum coj tus yamntxwv zoo li lawv tus “favorite – nyiam tshajplaws” tus yamntxwv uas yog ua li lawv ua vim lawv nyiam lawm.

I. Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua, koj puas paub haistias koj yog ibtug “model – yamntxwv” rau lwmtus? (Show 1 Thessalonians 1:7)



Nws tsis yog cov yamntxwv li cov pojniam losyog cov txivneej uas hnav tej tsoo tsho zoo nkauj hauv tej ntawm xovxwm losyog hauv tej TV, tiamsis koj yog tus ntseeg tus yamntxwv rau ntawm Vajtswv. Paulus thiaj li sau haistias, “And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia - *Yog li ntawd nej thiaj ua yamntxwv zoo rau cov ntseeg uas nyob hauv Makadaunias lub tebchaws no, thiab uas nyob nram*

Akhe-ais tebchaws xyaum.” (1 Thexalaunikes 1: 7) Paulus qhuas cov ntseeg nyob rau Thexalaunikes tias vim yog los ntawm lawv tus yamntxwv, lawv ua tau tus qauv zoo ntawm lawv txojkev ntseeg Vajtswv rau lwmtus ntseeg xyaum. Paulus cov lus tsis yog hais rau haiv tibneeg Thexalaunikes xwb tiamsis nws hais rau peb tiam tamsimno thiab. Vajtswv Txojlus qhia kom peb yog tus ntseeg Vajtswv peb yuavtsum coj tus yamntxwv kom zoo thiab thaum lwmtus pom peb lwmtus thiaj li yuav txawj xyaum tus yamntxwv ntawm peb vim peb yog tus ntseeg. (Show picture of Jackie Chan and Joshua Yang)



Peb pom tau haistias tibneeg ntiajteb nyiam xyaum tus yamntxwv li tus tibneeg uas lawv nyiam. Kuv tus tub Joshua Koobmoov Yang nyiam Jackie Chan an International Action Movie Star ua nws ibtug “heroes – phaib ej”. Jackie Chan tej movies uas nws ua txog kev sibntau thiab tej nrig uas nws ua hauv nws cov movies los kuv tus tub nyiam muab coj los xyaum ua li Jackie Chan ua. (Show picture of Joshua imitating kungfu)



Drunken fist

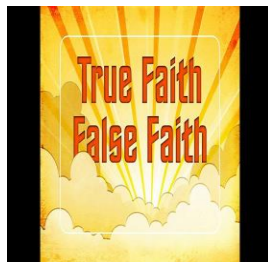


Snake fist



Tiger Claw

Kuv tus tub Joshua thaum nws me nws nyiam xyaum ua Drunken fist – nrig qaugcawv, Snake fist – nrig hnab, Tiger claw – nrig tsov. Thaum nws ua li no nws qhuas txog Jackie Chan thiab nws haistias, “Txiv, saib kuv ua Drunken fist – nrig qaugcawv, Snake fist – nrig hnab, Tiger claw – nrig tsov.” (True and False Fatih)



Peb cov menyuam nyiam xyaum tus yamntxwv li lawv tus phaib ej, txawm haistias peb tsis nco txog los thaum lwmtus tibneeg pom peb lawv yuav saib peb thiab xyaum li peb vim peb yog tus ntseeg Vajtswv. Tibneeg yuav saib peb ua peb lub neej zoo li cas. Tej lus uas peb hais, tes dejum uas peb ua, tibneeg yuav muab coj los piv saib peb puas yog tus ntseeg tiag. Tibneeg yuav muab peb txojkev ntseeg thiab lub neej uas peb ua coj los piv saib peb lam haistias peb yog tus dag thiab yog tus cuav

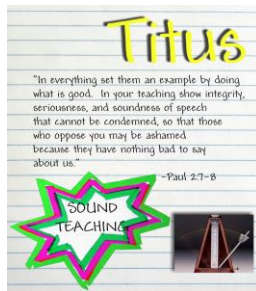
ntawm peb txojkev ntseeg xwb los peb yeej yog tus ntseeg Vajtswv tiag. Yog lwmtus tibneeg pom tias peb tsis ua lub neej lawv li txojkev uas peb lees haistias peb yog tus ntseeg Vajtswv ces lawv yuav tsis los ntseeg Vajtswv thiab lawv tsua khiav kom deb ntawm peb. Yog peb twb tsis ua lub neej li tus ntseeg Vajtswv ces thaum lwmtus pom, lawv yuav hais tau haistias peb yog tus dag thiab tus tsis tseeb thiab txojkev uas peb ntseeg ntawd yog kev ntseeg cuav lawm. (Show Matthew 5:13-16)



Yog li ntawd Yexus thiaj li haistias, “You are the salt of the earth. It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine

before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven – *Koj yog cov ntsev uas lag rau lub ntiajteb. Yog cov ntsev tsuag lawm, yuav ua li cas ua kom rov qab ntsev tau? Cov ntsev ntawd tsis muaj nqis dabtsi, tsuas muab povtseg thiab tibneeg yuav muab tsuj xwb. Koj yog lub teeb uas ci rau ntiajteb pomkev. Lub nroog uas saum roob yeej tsis muaj ib yam dabtsi yuav thaiv tau lub nroog ntawd. Tsis muaj leejtwg taws teeb thiab muab phiab khwb rau, tiamsis tsuas muaj yuav muab txawb rau qhov chaw siab kom txhuatus uas nyob hauv lub tsev pom kev. Ib yam li ntawd, nej yuavtsum ci rau sawvdaws pom tej haujlwm zoo uas nej ua, lawv thiaj yuav qhuas nej Leejtxiv tus uas nyob saum ntuj ceebtsheej.*” (Mathais 5:13-16) Yexus yeej paub lawm haistias, tibneeg ntiajteb yuav saib ntsoov tus uas ntseeg lub neej thiab nws txojkev ntseeg.

(Show picture of 1 Timothy 4:12 and Titus 2:7)



Paulus sau ntxiv rau tus xibhwb hluas Timautes tias, “.....set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity - *ua koj lub neej rau cov ntseeg xyaum los ntawm tej lus uas koj hais, lub neej uas koj ua, hlub lwmtus thiab muab siab rau ntseeg thiab ua tibneeg kom zoo.*” (1 Timautes 4:12) Paulus tsab ntawv sau mus rau tus

xibhwb laus Titaus tias, “In everything set them an example by doing what is good... - *Koj yuavtsum ua txhuayam haujlwm zoo rau lawv xyaum.*” (Titaus 2:7) Qhov no txhais tau haistias thaum lwmtus pom koj lub neej lawm lwmtus yuav saib rau ntawm koj thiab lawv yuav xyaum tus yamntxwv ua lub neej li koj ua. Thaum tus tsis ntseeg pom li no lawm lawv thiaj li yuav hais tau haistias, “**So that’s what Christian are like – Yog li ntawd, nov yog tus ntseeg zoo li.**”

- II. Thaum niam xibhwb wb mus rau Thaitseb xyoo 2008, peb ua lub rooj txhawb siab qhia cov ntseeg. Cov tibneeg uas tuaj kawm kev cobqhia ntsia ntsoov thiab saib tej lus uas wb hais, tes dejnum uas wb ua, wb puas yog ua raws li tus ntseeg Vajtswv los ntawm tej lus uas wb hais thiab qhia rau lawv. Vim lawv xav pom thiab xav xyaum tus yamntxwv uas tus ntseeg koj li cas. (Show Thailand Workshop)



Peb pawgntseeg nes, peb yuav ua tau tus yamntxwv li cas rau lwmtus pom lwmtus thiaj li yuav hais tau haistias nov yog cov ntseeg tus yamntxwv? Hauv peb pawgntseeg peb puas yog hais rau lwmtus haistias, “Do as I say, but don’t do what I do – *Ua li kuv hais, tiamsis tsis txhob ua li kuv ua.*” Peb txojkev ntseeg puas yuav ua tau rau tus tsis ntseeg pom tias peb koj tau tus yamntxwv zoo li Paulus tsab ntawv sau haistias, “And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achai - *Yog li ntawd nej thiaj ua yamntxwv zoo rau cov ntseeg uas nyob hauv Makadaunias lub tebchaws no, thiab uas nyob nram Akhe-ais tebchaws xyaum.*” (1 Thexalaunikes 1:7)

(Show pastor talking to men)



Muaj ib tug xibhwb mus xyua ibtug txivneej uas tsi mus church thiab tsis ntseeg Vajtswv. Thaum nkawv hais lus ib pliag, nkawv tham txog kev ntseeg Vajtswv. Tus xibhwb qhia tus txivneej ntawd tias, “Thaum kuv los ntseeg Vajtswv kuv lub neej hlov lawm ntaus heev. Kuv pom txog tej koobhmoov uas kuv tau txais los ntawm Vajtswv txojkev hlub thiab tej Vajluskub uas kuv tau kawm txog txojkev ua neej. Kuv tau txais txojkev

kajsiab lug los ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos uas tau los theej kuv txojkev txhaum uas yog lub txim huv tibs lawm. Kuv yuav ua lub neej ntseeg Vajtswv zoo kom lwmtus pom tus yamntxwv zoo rau lwmtus.” Thaum tus tsis ntseeg no hnov xibhwb cov lus tag, nws nug haistias “Koj hais tias thaum koj los ntseeg Vajtswv thiab los ua ibtug ntseeg lawm koj lub neej pauv lawm los? Tus xibhwb teb tias “YES! – Yog Mas!” Tus tsis ntseeg rov teb xibhwb haistias, “Kuv paub cov tibneeg uas tuaj tom nej lub Tuamtsev hawm Vajtswv. Lawv ua lawv lub neej ib yam li kuv thiab xwb!” Qhov no txhais tau haistias pawgntseeg cov tswvcuab twb tsi coj tus yamntxwv ua lub neej ntseeg Vajtswv rau lwmtus pom kom lwmtus paub tias cov ntseeg yog ibtug ntseeg Vajtswv tiag. Lawv lam uas lawv lub neej tias lawv yog ibtug ntseeg xwb, tiamsis nws twb tsis coj li tus ntseeg.

Lolus haistias, “**Lawv uas lawv lub neej ib yam li kuv thiab xwb!**” nov yog txhais li cas tiag? Qhov no qhia rau lwmtus tias cov ntseeg Vajtswv zoo li cas? Cov tsis ntseeg yuav hais tau tias, “Nws mus church tiamsis cas nws tseem hais lus dag li ub li no?”

(Show self-center)



Nws mus church, tiamsis cas nws tseem mus deev hluas nkauj? Nws mus church tiamsis cas nws tsis muaj kev sib haumxeeb nrog nws tej kwv tij nkauj muam nraugnus? Nws mus church tiamsis cas nws tsis coj li tus uas ntseeg Vajtswv? Nws mus church tiamsis cas lub sijhawm tuaj mus church nws tsis nyob tom church, nws tsua mus ua lwmyam xwb? The list goes on and on – tseem tshuav ntau heev yuav hais tsis tag. Yog koj coj li no koj puas yog tus ntseeg uas ua tau tus yamntxwv rau lwmtus?

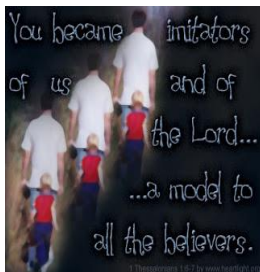
III. Peb yog cov ntseeg Vajtswv uas peb yuavtsum uas tus Yamntxwv zoo, tiamsis tus yamntxwv zoo yog zoo li leejtwg?



Koj yuavtsum paub thiab totaub tias koj yog tibneeg ntiajteb uas muaj kev txhaum thiab yuav raug txiavtxim ntawm Vajtswv. Koj yuavtsum tig rau ntawm Vajtswv txojkev cawmdim uas Vajtswv twb ua tiav rau saum tus ntoo khaublig rau koj lawm. Paulus qhuas cov ntseeg nyob rau Thexalaunikes vim haistias cov ntseeg hloov lawv lub neej thiab totaub txog Vajtswv txojkev hlub.

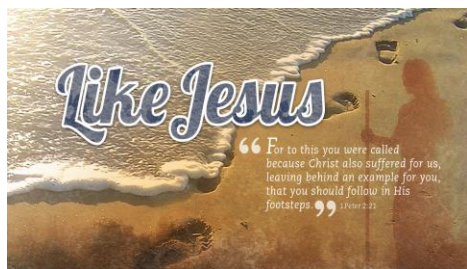
Txawm cov ntseeg yuav raug kev tsimtxom los cov ntseeg hnov txojkev cawmdim ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos, lawv txaussiab hlo los txais Txojmoozoo ntawd. Txojmoozoo hloov lawv lub neej uas tsis muaj qhov kev khi lawv rau txojkev txhaum lawm, lawv thiaj li ua tau tus yamntxwv zoo rau lwmtus ntseeg xyaum.

(Show 1 Thessalonians 1:6)



Paulus sau ntawm Vs. 6 “You became imitators of us and of the Lord... - *Nej twb xyaum ua raws li peb ua thiab raws li tus Tswv Yexus ua lawm....*” Thaum cov ntseeg ntawm Thexalaunikes xyaum tus yamntxwv li Paulus, Xilas, thiab Timautes txojkev ntseeg ces yog lawv xyaum tus yamntxwv ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Paulus hais ntawm Vs. 3 tias, “We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired

by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ – *Peb nco ntsoov haistias nej yog cov uas muab siab rau ntseeg, nej tsis yog cov uas tsuas hais ntawm lub ncauj haistias nej yog cov ntseeg xwb, tiamsis nej yeej ua haujlwm rau sawvdaws pom thiab. Nej zoo siab hlo pab lwmtus, txawm yog nej yuav ua haujlwm khwv npaum li cas los, nej yeej tsis khuvxim nej lub dag lub zog hlo li, thiab nej cia siab ntsoov rau peb tus Tswv Yexus Khetos.*” Lawv txojkev ntseeg, kev hlub, thiab lawv txojkev cia siab rau Tswv Yexus Khetos ua rau lawv ua tau tes dejnum kom loj hlob txawm yuav muaj kev tsimtxom dabtsis los lawv rau siab ntso ua Vajtswv tes dejnum. Lawv ua tau tus yamntxwv zoo vim lawv yog cov **UA DEJNUM** tsis yog cov uas **HNOV XWB**. (Show following Jesus foot step)



Tus ntseeg Vajtswv uas yuav ua tau tus yamntxwv zoo rau lwmtus pom yog tus uas hnov Txjmoozoo ces nws teb haistias, “Here am I, send me – *Kuv nyob ntawm no, txib kuv mus.*” Yog thaum twg muaj dejnum ntawm pawgntseeg cov ntseeg tus yamntxwv yog tus uas teb haistias, “***Txib kuv.***” Tus ntseeg tus yamntxwv yuav tsis yoojyim tiamsis

Vajntsujplig Dawbhuv yuav pab koj, koj thiaj li yuav xyaum tau peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos tus yamntxwv. Petus sau haistias, “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps – *Vim yog li no nej thiaj li raug hu los, vim Yexus Khetos raug kev tsimtxom rau nej, nws thiaj tseg nws tus yamntxwv rau nej, nej thiaj li yuav ua tau raws li nws tus neevtaws.*” (1 Petus 2:21) Yexus hu peb txhuatus los ntseeg nws. Peb tus yamntxwv yog sawv cev ntawm Yexus rau lwmtus pom. Peb yuav ua tau tus yamntxwv zoo los ntawm peb lub neej thiab tes dejnum vim peb yog tus ntseeg. Cia peb cia siab rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos thiab saib ntsoov Nws tus yamntxwv kom peb ua tau li nws. Asmees.

Thov kom Vajtswv Txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiab lug. Peb txhua tus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuum peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees.