

Sermon
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"Xub Muab Puab Tug Kheej Rua Vaajtswv"

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Thov txuj koobmoov txujkev hlab hab txujkev humxeeb pub rua mej suavdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

2 Kauleethaus 8:5, "And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will – *Puab tsi ua le peb xaav, tabsis puab xub muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv hab rua peb vim puab ua lawv le Vaajtswv sab nyam.*" Nuav Yog Vaajtswv Txujlug. (Cross-reference – 2 Kauleethaus 8:1, 8)

Illustration "Muab rua Vaajtswv" (Show \$5 and \$10)



James Duff, in *Flashes of Truth*, qha txug Andrew Fuller rov moog rua nwg lub zog moog thov nyaj moog qha Vaajtswv Txujmoozoo txawv tebchaw. Thaum nwg moog txug nwg rov ntsib nwg ibtug qub phoojywg. Thaum Andrew qha rua nwg tug phoojywg taag, nwg tug phoojywg teb hastas, "Andrew, yog koj ces ca kuv muab \$5.00 rua koj." Andrew teb hastas, "No, kuv yuav koj qhov nyaj tsi tau vim cov nyaj nuav tsi yog rua kuv. Ces Andrew txawm muab nwg tug

phoojywg dlam nyaj rov qaab cev rua nwg. Thaum nwg tug phoojywg pum le nuav lawm, nwg tug phoojywg rov teb hastas, "Andrew, koj has yog lawm, ca kuv muab \$10.00 nuav vim yog muab rua Yexus Khetos. James Duff txhaj le sau hastas, "Let us remember, it is not the amount we give toward helping the Lord's work; it is the motive He looks at – *Ca peb ncu ntsoov hastas, tsi yog peb muab npaum le caag moog ua Vaajtswv teg dlejnum, tabsis Vaajtswv yuav saib lug ntawm peb txujkev kws peb muab ntawd.*" Peb tsi txhob muab yog peb xaav hastas peb yuavtsum tau muab rua lwmtug losyog tej lub koomhum vim peb xaav tau ntsej tau muag. (Show 2 Corinthians 9:7)

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**



Tug Thwjtum Paulus sau ntawm 2 Kauleethaus 9:7 hastas, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver – *Txhuatug tuabneeg yuavtsum muab lawv le nwg lub sab tub xaav tseg lawm, tsi yog nwg yuav khauvtxwm, vim Vaajtswv nyam tug kws txaussab hlo muab.*" Yog le ntawd peb txhuatug yuavtsum zoo sab hlo vim "Yog Muab Rua Vaajtswv." R.W.D. (Our Daily Bread, August 15). Nyob rua peb Tsabntawv cobqha nubnuav, tug Thwjtum Paulus qha peb txug lub homphaj kws peb muab rua ntawm Vaajtswv.

I. Paulus qha txug cov ntseeg kws nyob rua Makedaunias, txawm puab txomnyem hab raug tsimtxom npaum le caag los cov ntseeg nuav tseem sau tau nyaj tuaj moog paab rua cov pluag nyob Yeluxalees. (Show stewardship)

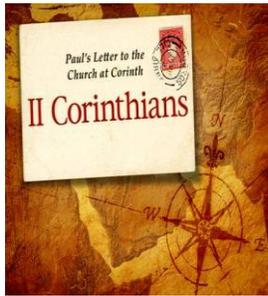


Paulus qha hastas, txawm puab txomnyem npaum le caag los puab tseem paab tau le kws puab paab tau. Yog vim le caag puab txhaj le ua tau le nuav? Puab lub tswvyim yog zoo le caag? Qhov kws puab sau tau nyaj moog paab cov txomnyem vim yog puab paub txug txuj koobmoov kws yug tug kheej pub dlawbpaug rua lwmtug. Yog le ntawd Vaajtswv txujlug txhaj le sau hastas, "*Puab tsi ua le peb xaav, tabsis puab xub muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv hab rua peb vim puab ua lawv le Vaajtswv sab nyam.*" (2 Kauleethaus 8:5). (Show dryland in Israel)



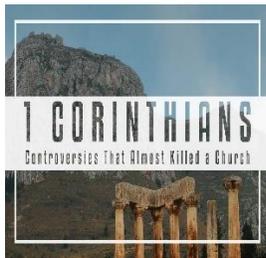
Nyob rua the first century, Yeluxalees tebchaw raug txujkev ntuj qhua aav qhuav ua tsi tau qoobloo hab tsi muaj noj muaj haus. Paulus txhaj le has kuas cov ntseeg

nyob rua cheebtsam Mediterranean sau nyaj tuaj moog paab. Paulus hab lwmtug yeej xaav tsi thoob hastas cov ntseeg kws tub txom txomnyem nyob rua Makedaunias yuav paab tau ib yaam dlaabtsi le. Yog peb ua tuabzoo saib, yog thaum twg koj yuav moog thov kev paab, koj yuav moog thov cov tuabneeg kws muaj nyaj npluasnuj, muaj laagluam, hab muaj vaajtsev zoo nyob koj txhaj le yuav ca sab tau kev paab. Rua qhov koj pum tau hastas, cov nuav txhaj le yuav yog cov kws yuav paab tau lwmtug. **(Show the Apostle Paul letter to the Corinthians)**



Yog le ntawd, Paulus txhaj le sau nwg thawj tsabntawv moog rua cov Kauleethaus hab thov kuas puab sau ib cov nyaj moog paab cov txomnyem nyob rua Yeluxalees. Yog hastas, cov tuabneeg twg kws yuav muaj nyaj paab tau ces yuavtsum yog cov tuabneeg nyob rua Kauleethaus. Vim cov ntseeg nyob rua Kauleethaus puab tub muaj Paulus, Apaulus, hab Timantes kws yog cov Xwbfwb cobqha cov ntseeg lawm. Puab tub muaj cov Xwbfwb kws muaj peevxwm hab txawj qhuabqha rua cov ntseeg lawm. Tsi taag le ntawd xwb, lub nroog Kauleethaus yog ib lub zog kws muaj laagluam zoo heev hab muaj cov npluanuj nyob coob heev. Txawm cov ntseeg nyob rua Kauleethaus tsi yog cov npluanuj los puab yeej yuav moog nrhav tau cov nyaj tuaj moog paab rua cov txomnyem.

Tabsis cov Kauleethaus sau tsi tau nyaj hab tsi muaj kev paab tuaj rua cov txomnyem le. Puab tsua yog sau tau miv miv xwb es yog vim le caag lawm? Paulus tej lug qha txug Vaajtswv rua puab nes, puas yog puab tub novqaab taag lawm. Yog tim le caag? Mej cov kws paub Vaajlugkub Tshab mej yeej paub hastas cov Kauleethaus nuav puab muaj teebmeem ntau yaam. **(Show controversies in Corinthians)**



Paulus ob tsaab ntawv sau moog rua cov Kauleethaus yog moog txhawb hab qhuabntug puab txug tej teebmeem kws puab tsi sibhum. Tej teebmeem ntawd yog: Cov ntseeg ua kev nkauj kev nraug, ib leeg foob ib leeg, cov ntseeg qaug dlejcwv uantej thaum lug txais tug Tswv Roojmov, sibcaav txug noj tej zaubmov kws muab fij rua tej mlom, cov tswvcuab tsi sibhum – ibtxha hastas puab yog Paulus paab, Apaulus paab, Petus paab, hab ibtxha hastas puab yog Yexus Khetos paab. Tuab cov ntseeg tabsis muaj kev sibcais le lub le nuav. Tsi taag le ntawd hab tseem muaj cov xwbfwb cuav qha hastas tug kws tuag lawm yeej tsi sawv rov lug hab ua ntau yaam rua cov ntseeg tsi totaub. Ib cov ntseeg

tseem hastas puab tseem coj le Mauxes txuj kevcai tswjfwv xws le tsi noj nqajnpua hab yuavtsum su nub Xapataus. Vim ntau yaam kev teebmeem tshwm le nuav rua cov ntseeg, puab tsua sibcaav, sibtshe hab tsi muaj kev humxeeb le. Yog le ntawd puab txhaj le sau tsi tau nyaj moog paab rua cov txomnyem nyob Yeluxalees. Taagnrho tej teebmeem nuav miv miv xwb los puab muab coj moog ua luj vim puab tsi xub muab pub tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej. Vim puab txhawj txug puab tug kheej heevdluas lug ntawm tej kev tsi dlawbhuv hab kev tsi ncaajnceeg lug ntawm puab txujkev sibcaav sib tshe uantej.

II. Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua, peb puas xub muab peb tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej? Vaajtswv puas yog tug thib 1 huv koj lub neej? **(Show God First)**



Losyog Vaajtswv yog tug thib 3 thib 4 huv koj lub neej? Losyog koj hastas, “Kuv maam moog hawm Vaajtswv tabsis kuv yuavtsum ua lwmyaam uantej tsuav. Kuv maam paab lwmtug, tabsis ca kuv xub yuav rua kuv uantej tsuav. Kuv maam le tso nyaj ntau zog rua lub tuamtsev, yog lwmtug xub tso ntau zog uantej.” Yog thaum twg lwmtug ntseeg pib has cov lug nuav, peb yeej pum hastas, nwg tsi xub muab nwg tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej. **(Show arguing)**



Thaum nuav peb yuav pum hastas pawgntseeg cov tswvcuab tsi pum hab yuav lug koom tau tuab lub homphaj lawm. Feem ntau cov tswvcuab xiam sijhawm lug sibcaav txug siv nyajtxag, pawgntseeg muab yaam miv miv coj lug moog ua yaam luj. Mej ncu ntsoov hastas thaum twg tuabneeg sibcaav ces teg dlejnum ntawd yeej ua tsi tav le. Mej saib, Republican hastas tim Democrat dlejnum txhaj le ua tsi tav. Democrat hastas tim Republican dlejnum txhaj le tsi tav. Yog ibtug twg play rua ib paab sport team es nwg tuableeg xaav kuas suavdlawg qhua nwg hastas nwg yog tug keej vim nwg pheej tsi pass lub ball rua nwg cov teammate, feem ntau paab team pheej swb vim nwg tsi koom nrug nwg paab

teammates. (Show person divided from others)



Nuav zoo sisthoj le cov tswvcuab nyob rua huv pawg ntseeg. Yog pawg ntseeg tsi sibhum nrug lwmtug tswvcuab hab sib paab ua dlejnum rua tuab lub homphaj kws yog xub muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej. Thaum nuav teg dlejnum yeej tsi tav le. Nwg tsi yog raug faib ntawm nwg pawgntseeg xwb nwg tseem raug faib ntawm nwg tej kwvtij zejzog hab.

Cov kwvtij, yog koj yuav xub muab koj tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej, koj tig rov moog saib cov Makedaunias ua le caag. (Show map of Macedonia)



Txawm puab raug tsimtxom, puab pluag nyob txomnyem ntsuav, txawm puab tub tsi muaj ntau, los puab yog cov kws sau tau nyaj moog paab lwmtug. Peb yuav rov qaab nug hastas ua le caag puab txhaj ua tau le nuav? Lub ntsablug ces yog puab xub muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv. Puab muab puab lub neej tso taagnrho rua Tswv Yexus Khetos ua tug kaav. Ntawm puab txujkev ua neej nyob vim yog muaj Yexus, puab txhaj le txaussab hlo muab rua Vaajtswv. Puab muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej vim

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich – *Vim mej paub Vaajtswv txuj koobmoov ntawm peb tug Tswv Yexus Khetos, txawm nwg yog tug muaj, tabsis vim yog mej nwg txhaj lug ua tug pluag, lug ntawm nwg txujkev pluag mej txhaj le lug ua tug muaj.*" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Vim puab xub muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej, puab txhaj le muab tau rua lwmtug kws xaav tau kev paab.

III. Thaum cov Makedaunias xub muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv yog puab xyum tug yaamntxwv losyog coj tug qauv ib yaam le Yexus. (Show Jesus came to serve)



Vim Yexus xub muab nwg tug kheej lug rua peb tuabneeg. Tuabneeg yog thib #1 ntawm Vaajtswv. Yexus txhaj le hastas, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. – *Tabsis tuabneeg Leejtub tsi yog lug kuas lwmtug tu nwg, tabsis yog lug tu lwmtug, hab muab nwg txujsa lug theej ntau tug.*" (Mark 10:45) "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. – Vim Vaajtswv hlub tuabneeg nplajteb kawg le nwg txhaj le muab nwg tuableeg tub.....*" (John 3:16). Yexus muab nwg tug kheej rua peb. Cov Makedaunias totaub le ntawd puab txhaj le zoo sab hlo ua ib yaam le ntawd hab. (Show Jesus suffering)



Yog le ntawd peb puab paab rua tug kws xaav tau kev paab? Puas yog peb xaav hastas, Vaajtswv "yuam – commanded" kuas peb yuavtsum ua le ntawd? Yog mej xaav le nuav mej xaav yuamkev lawm. Vaajtswv tsi tau yuam kuas Yexus yuavtsum lug raug txujkev tsimtxom hab tuag rua koj hab rua kuv. Yexus zoo sab hlo lug tuag theej koj hab kuv vim nwg hlub koj hab kuv kawg le. Nwg lug txu hlo nwg lub fwjchim ua txhua yaam kuas koj hab kuv rov muaj feem moog tau sau ntuj ceebtsheej kws yog tau txujsa ntev dlhawv moog ibtxhis. Nwg ua txhua yaam vim nwg xub muab nwg tug kheej rua peb uantej.

Vim yog le nuav peb txhaj le yuavtsum xub muab peb tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej. Paulus txhaj le sau hastas, "*I am not commanding you. – Kuv tsi yuam mej.*" (2 Corinthians 8:8) (Show testing the sincerity)



Muab txhais hastas mej puas muaj nploosab hlub lwmtug? Paulus tsi yog yuav yuam kuas cov Kaulethaus paab nyaj rua cov txomnyem, tabsis nwg xaav pum hab sim saib cov Kaulethas puas muaj lub sab ua tau le cov

Makedaunias kws yog xub muab puab tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej? (Henry Ford)



Lub tsev khumob thov kuas Henry Ford paab puab vim puab yuav tsim dlua ib lub tsev khumob tshab. Henry Ford teb rua puab hastas nwg maam le paab \$5,000.00. Thaum sawvntxuv cov ntawv xovxwm – newspaper sau headline hastas, "Henry Ford contributes \$50,000 to the local hospital. – *Henry Ford maam paab le \$50,000 rua lub tsev khumob.*" Thaum Henry Ford pum hastas puab sau yuamkev lawm, nwg tib moog rua tug nrhav nyaj hastas puas totaub nwg yuamkev lawm. Tug nhra nyaj ntawd teb hastas puab maam le rov sau dlua ib dlaim ntawv xovxwm nub tomqaab txug qhov kws puab ua yuamkev ntawd. Nub tomqaab, dlaim ntawv xovxwm tshwm hab rov sau hastas, "Henry Ford reduces his donation by \$45,000 – *Henry Ford rov nqeg nwg qhov kev paab lug ua*

\$45,000 lawm." Thaum Henry Ford pum le nuav, nwg xum tsi xaav kuas tau lub npe tsi zoo, nwg txhaj le zoo sab paab \$50,000. Tabsis nwg kuas lub tsev khumob ntawd yuavtsum tau sau cov lug nuav rua ntawm lub qhovrooj nkaag moog rua huv lub tsev khumob. Cov ntawv sau hastas: "I came among you and you took me in. *Kuv lug rua ntawm mej, mej hu kuv lug tsev.*" (*Bits & Pieces*, March 3, 1994, pp. 1-2)



Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua, ca peb ncu txug cov Makedaunias, puab yog cov pluag tshaaj peb tabsis puab xub muab puab tugkheej rua Vaajtswv uantej. Ca peb ncu txug hastas, peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos xub muab nwg tug kheej rua peb kws yog lug theej nplajteb txujkev txhum lug ntawm nwg txuj koobmoov, lub sabhlub hab txujkev hlub. Ca peb ncu ntsoov xub muab peb tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej, peb txhaj le yuav coj tau nwg Txujmoozoo moog tshaajtawm thooob nplajteb rua txhua haiv tuabneeg. Rua txhuatug kws ntseeg hab ca sab

rua peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos, thov kuas koj paub txug hastas, koj yuavtsum xub muab koj tug kheej rua Vaajtswv uantej lwmyaam vim koj ua hum Vaajtswv dlejsab. Asmees.

Thov kuas Vaajtswv txujlug pub rua peb suavdlawg totaub hab tau nyob kaajsab lug rua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhuatug kws yog Vaajtswv cov mivnyuas peb suavdlawg has: Asmees.