

Weekly Lesson Theme: Mentoring: Investing in Others

Lesson Scriptures: Numbers 27:12-23

Key Lesson Theme: "Moses & Joshua"

Today's Lesson: Friday, June 9

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Numbers 27:12-23

12 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go up this mountain of the Abarim range and see the land that I have given the Israelites.

13 After you have seen it, you will also be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was.

14 When the community quarreled in the Wilderness of Zin, both of you rebelled against my command to demonstrate my holiness in their sight at the waters." Those were the Waters of Meribah-kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.

15 So Moses appealed to the Lord,

16 "May the Lord, the God who gives breath to all, appoint a man over the community

17 who will go out before them and come back in before them, and who will bring them out and bring them in, so that the Lord's community won't be like sheep without a shepherd."

18 The Lord replied to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man who has the Spirit in him, and lay your hands on him.

19 Have him stand before the priest Eleazar and the whole community, and commission him in their sight.

20 Confer some of your authority on him so that the entire Israelite community will obey him.

21 He will stand before the priest Eleazar who will consult the Lord for him with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, even the entire community, will go out and come back in at his command.”

22 Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua, had him stand before the priest Eleazar and the entire community,

23 laid his hands on him, and commissioned him, as the Lord had spoken through Moses.

Live It Out

The Lord identified Joshua as Moses’s successor. Perhaps Moses was not surprised. The verses for this session were not so much the beginning of a mentoring relationship as it was the conclusion of what had taken place. Moses had invested himself in Joshua in the past and it was bearing fruit. Moses had taught well; Joshua had learned well. God blessed both.

This incident reminds us again that a mentoring relationship does not have to be a “formal” one. We influence people by what we say and do in the normal course of life. People observe us and learn from us—both what is the best thing to do, but also what not to do. And who knows how the Lord is using some of the relationships we have—or have had—with others to shape them for His calling in their future. Therefore, we need to live responsibly as followers of Christ. Each one of us has some role to play in guiding someone to grow in Christ.

Digging Deeper

Is there someone in whom you are intentionally investing to help shape him/her to continue the work of the Lord after you?

Who influenced you as a younger person, even though the person may not have been aware of it? How did they do it? Did you ever take time to tell them what they meant to your spiritual growth?

What dangers are there in not intentionally seeking to learn from others as well as seeking to help others learn some of our hard-earned lessons?

Until next week Saints.....

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