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**Helping the Child of God Keep the Faith**



- ✓ Sunday Class: *Believing God*
- ✓ Sunday AM: *Nevertheless (Luke 5:1-11)*
- ✓ Sunday PM: *Things That Encourage*
- ✓ Monday: *Selling and Stirring*
- ✓ Tuesday: *The Seduction of Joseph*
- ✓ Wednesday: *The Wayward Son Comes Home*

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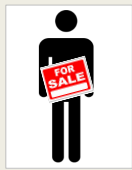


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- Especially true - if someone encouraging you to sell!

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**Would You Sell Yourself?**

- ✓ Not in an immoral way!
- ✓ Would you sell out your principles?
- ✓ Would you sell yourself to someone else - slave?

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**King Ahab Sold Himself**

- Introduced to Ahab (1 Kings 16:29-30)
- His story recorded (1 Kings 16:29 – 1 Kings 22)
- He sold himself to do wickedness (1 Kings 21:25)

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A Metaphor:  
*Practice of selling oneself into slavery*  
(2 Kings 17:17; Rom. 7:14)

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A. Viewed Sin as Trivial (1 Kings 16:31)

1. No serious consequences (*John 8:21*)
2. No reason for shame (*Ezek. 16:52*)
3. Laugh at those who say it is bad – serious
4. Selling yourself when treat sin as trivial!

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1. Jezebel was a Pagan – idol worshipper
2. Jews were forbidden to marry Pagans (*Exo. 34:15-16; Deut. 7:3-4*)
3. She brought her worldly influence into the marriage
4. Selling yourself when you marry a worldly person!

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C. Took on a Religion Like the World (1 Kings 16:31-33)

1. World worshipped idols
2. Took on their religious practices
3. No different than world
4. Selling yourself when your religion is not that much different than the world

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1. He was the one leading others into idolatry – Thus, he was the one troubling Israel!
2. Elijah was merely telling the truth – God's word
3. Blames Elijah for the trouble in Israel
4. Selling yourself when you blame others
  - When you make bad choices – blame those who correct you
  - When the fruits of your choices are evident – blame others

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1. God said he would deliver Ben-Hadad (20:28)
2. God wanted him destroyed (20:42)
3. Ahab was given illustrations of disobed. (20:35-41)
4. When you do what you want regardless of God's will – selling yourself!

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1. Wanted Naboth's vineyard (21:1-4)
2. Pouted – acted childish (21:4)
3. He was king – had an abundance – could have bought another vineyard!
4. Willing to go to any length (21:5-16)
5. When you are discontent & selfish – selling yourself


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- G. Disregard for Those Who Proclaim Truth (1 Kings 22:8)
  1. Micaiah (prophet) told truth about Ahab (22:14)
  2. Ahab hated him because he didn't say what he wanted
  3. When you reach the point – dislike /disregard for those stand for truth – selling yourself!


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**Could You Be Selling Yourself To Do Evil?**

- ✓ Selling out your principles?
- ✓ Compromises?
- ✓ Turned your back on what you know to be right?

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  1. Marriage is closest of relationships – natural that she would have strong influence!
  2. The Pagans influenced Israel (Psa. 106:34-37)
  3. Solomon's wives influenced him (Neh. 13:25-26)
  4. It may be that the influence of a worldly mate or friend is stirring you up!

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 B. Destroyed the Influence of Godly Leaders (1 Kings 18:4, 13; 19:2)


1. Sought to silence those against wickedness
2. Those who begin to veer from the path – do not appreciate godly leaders

**Parents When You:**

- Allow the influence of the world
- Minimize the influence of elders, preachers, and brethren

***You Are Stirring Your Children Up!***

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1. There was no telling him – can't have it!
2. Attitude was: "Whatever it takes..."
3. Helped – aided – planned – how he could do what he wanted.
4. When you help, coach, encourage your family to get what they want – regardless of wisdom – stirring them up!

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1. No regard for property of others
2. No regard for principles of fairness
3. No regard for human life
4. When are around those who have little regard for important things – being stirred up!
5. When you are not emphasizing what is important to your mate – children – stirring them up!


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Could Someone Be Stirring You Up?  
Could You Be Stirring Someone up?

- Feed off of other's fears?
- Feed off of other's dislikes?
- Encourage another, "Not the only one that feels that way..."
- Plant seeds / doubts / ideas ... then build on them?

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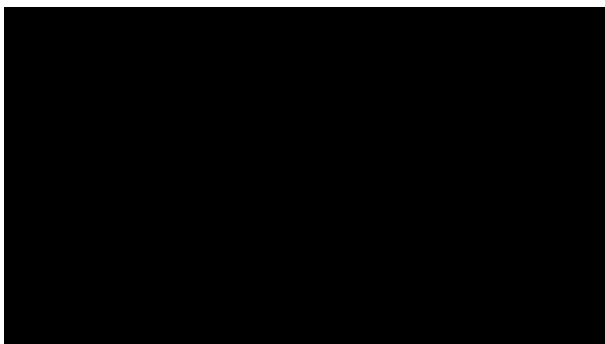
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