## I Want To Be Like Hur

Who in life do you want to be like? If I told you I want to be like a person in the Bible and this person's name is Hur, who would I be talking about? I would be talking about the man in Exodus 17:10-12 who helped hold up Moses' hands. Literally. Hur and Aaron held up and steadied the hands of Moses so that the Israelites could prevail over their enemies. Let's consider this man's qualities.

First, Hur was a supporter. He played a supporting role rather than a leading role. Are you willing to be a supporter of truth (1 Timothy 3:15)?

Second, Hur simply did what he could do. He used the one talent he had rather than trying to be something else. Are you willing to use your talent for the Lord (Matthew 25:14-30)?

Third, Hur was reliable in small things. All he did was hold up Moses' hands, but this was extremely important in winning the battle. Are you willing to be faithful and trustworthy in the small things (Luke 16:10)?

I want to be like Hur. How about you? Let's all be a supporter, let's do what we can do, and let's be reliable in the Lord's kingdom. - *Chris Reeves* 

# Sentence Sermons

- If you want a "better tomorrow," start improving today.
- One day you will have to confess Jesus as Lord. Why not do it today?
- What many people need is not more dollars, but more sense.
- A Christian should never take a vacation from being spiritual.
- Contend earnestly for the faith.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

There are some things in life we just cannot know about tomorrow or the future. Unlike God, we are not all-knowing. Proverbs 27:1 reads: Boast not yourself of tomorrow; for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

The Apostle Paul was the same way. There were some things about his gospel ministry that he simply did not know. For example, he said: And now, behold, bound in the spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there (Acts 20:22).

However, even when Paul did not know certain things about the future, he had a resolve to face the unknown in a faithful way. He said the following: "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13). He would face the unknown future with faithful service to the Lord.

There are definitely some things we cannot know about tomorrow and the future, but we, like Paul, can know that we have a ready resolve to serve the Lord – "bound in the spirit" (Acts 19:21; 20:16; 20:22-24). Let us be "bound in the spirit", meaning to have an attitude of resolve.

#### Ready For the Future

Are you ready for the future regardless of what it will bring for you? You say, "Oh yes, I am ready!" But let's test that. Many people, like Peter, say "I am ready (Luke 22:33), but do not demonstrate it when the time comes. Peter said to Jesus, "I am ready to die" for you, but later he denied the Lord three times. What happened to his "I am ready"? It didn't come through when the going got tough.

Compare Peter's "I am ready" with Paul's "I am ready". Peter said it from inexperience, but Paul said it from experience. Peter said it from a passionate feeling, but Paul said it from a settled conviction. Peter said it from self-confidence, but Paul said it from a full submission to God's will. Peter didn't follow through with his "I am ready", but Paul did. What were some things that Paul was always "ready" to do?

### I Am Ready To...

Like Paul, let us always be "ready" to accept God's will over man's will (Acts 9:6; 20:22-23; 21:4,11,14). We must always know God's will and put it into practice over our own personal desires or what the world wants (Matthew 6:10; 7:21; 26:39; Luke 12:47; Ephesians 5:17; 6:6; I Peter 4:2,19; I John 2:17).

Like Paul, let us always be "ready" to place God's work of preaching and teaching the lost over our own personal lives (Acts 20:24). There is the Lord's work of saving the lost that needs to be made a priority in our lives today (John 10:15,17; Luke 10:41-42; I Corinthians 15:58; Philippians 1:16; Colossians 3:1-2).

Like Paul, let us always be "ready" to suffer (Acts 21:14; 28:20). Times will get tough and persecution will come to the Christian, but let us resolve to remain faithful during these times (Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:12). As strange as it may sound, we may, like Paul, even need to resolve to die for Jesus (Philippians 1:21; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Revelations 2:10; 14:13).

#### **Ready Christians**

Paul had a ready resolve both in ability and in attitude (Romans 1:15; 2 Corinthians 12:14). Can we have the same? Are you a "ready" Christian? Let's be ready to serve the Lord no matter what our future holds. Let's be ready to put God first in all things no matter what our future holds (Matthew 6:33). Let us face the unknown with readiness. - Chris Reeves