

Preaching Elder R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, November 7, 2021

Sermon: "Boring and Faithful!" Pt. 1- What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 30

**I Text:**

Old Covenant: *Judges 10:1,2*

New Covenant: *Luke 15:11-32*

**II Doctrine:**

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**III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:**

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2) Tola was the son of Puah (mouth or utterance), and the grandson of Dodo (beloved one). He was a member of the tribe of Issachar and lived in Shamir (sharp stone or flint). (*Judges 10:2*)

3) We must remember a life of steady faith is just as valuable to God, as a life filled with drama. In the Church we have copied the culture and placed higher value on the extraordinary conversion stories. Boring and faithful lives are pleasing to God and help stabilize the Christian community. The Church should hold up the boring and faithful as an example on how to live the Christian life, as opposed to the troubled and drama filled believer. Often missed in the story of the prodigal son, is the Father's appreciation for the son who was not rebellious! (*Luke 15:11-32*)