

## TAKE A LICKING...AND KEEP ON TICKING... TIMEX...

How many of you remember Coyote and Road Runner?

No matter how many times...Road Runner out did Coyote...

He still kept on ticking!!!!!!

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- As Children of God...We get one little bump on the head from Satan...
- And we are ready to give up!!!!!!
- We must stand our ground.....
- **Take our Authority...**
- And let the enemy know.....
- **WE GONNA KEEP ON TICKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**2 Samuel 18:19-31:**

**David Mourns**

<sup>19</sup> Now Ahimaaz son of Zadok said, "Let me run and take the news to the king that the Lord has vindicated him by delivering him from the hand of his enemies."

<sup>20</sup> "**You are not the one to take the news today,**" Joab told him. "You may take the news another time, but you must not do so today, because the king's son is dead."

- 2 Sam. 15:36 – **David had asked that his spies send a runner (Ahimaaz) with any information so he could counter poor advice that Absalom was getting!**

- Ahimaaz wanted to take David the good news of Israel's VICTORY and Absalom's death...
- Joab wanted to spare Ahimaaz from being the messenger of bad news!
- Joab choose a foreigner a Cushite to deliver the bad news.

<sup>21</sup> Then Joab said to a Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed down before Joab and ran off.

<sup>22</sup> Ahimaaz son of Zadok again said to Joab, "Come what may, **please let me run behind the Cushite.**"

But Joab replied, "My son, why do you want to go? **You don't have any news that will bring you a reward.**"

<sup>23</sup> He said, "Come what may, **I want to run.**"

So Joab said, "**Run!**" Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain and **outran the Cushite.**

- Ahimaaz **was excited**...he wanted to **share his excitement** with someone..
- He just **wanted to run**....
- He knew that there was news to share....
- He wanted to be the messenger
- So when he couldn't be the messenger...
- He just asked if he could **run**....
- And finally the King gave in and told him to **RUN**....

## **2 Samuel 18:24-31:**

<sup>24</sup> While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates, the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone. <sup>25</sup> The watchman called out to the king and reported it.

The king said, "If he is alone, **he must have good news.**" And the runner came closer and closer.

<sup>26</sup> Then the watchman saw another runner, and he called down to the gatekeeper, "Look, another man running alone!"

The king said, "**He must be bringing good news, too.**"

<sup>27</sup> The watchman said, "It seems to me that the first one **runs like Ahimaaz son of Zadok.**"

"He's a good man," the king said. "He comes with good news."

- Since it was someone that he knew **he assumed it was good news!!!!**

<sup>28</sup> Then Ahimaaz called out to the king, "**All is well!**" He bowed down before the king with his face to the ground and said, "**Praise be to the Lord your God!** He has delivered up those who lifted their hands against my lord the king."

<sup>29</sup> The king asked, "**Is the young man Absalom safe?**"

Ahimaaz answered, "**I saw great confusion** just as Joab was about to send the king's servant and me, your servant, but **I don't know what it was.**"

- **He choose to give the good news!!!!!!**

<sup>30</sup> The king said, "Stand aside and wait here." So he stepped aside and stood there.

<sup>31</sup> Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My lord the king, hear the good news! The Lord has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you."

- He OUT ran the messenger.....
- LOOK AT THIS.....KING DAVID....SAID...**DO YOU HAVE GOOD NEWS???**
- Ahimaaz...says **YES...ALL IS WELL...**
- THEN in verse 29 we find out that the King asked him about what he saw...and he said.....
- **I saw some confusion...but I don't know what it was.....**
- **HE WAS TICKING....**
- He didn't get caught up with the mess.....

- He had the **Message of Deliverance.....**
- He proclaimed... ***THE LORD HAS DELIVERED YOU TODAY FROM ALL OF THOSE WHO ROSE AGAINST YOU!!!!!!***
- He was TICKING....YOU HEAR ME....HE WAS TICKING....

How About: In Acts 16:16-40

**1. Paul and Silas...** They took a beating...was put into prison...  
BUT, they kept on singing... they took a licking...but kept on ticking...

- **About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,**
- You know the story...God...brought them out....  
AND the jailer got save!!!!

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**2. Remember JOB....Job 2** -He lost it ALL...his children, his flock, his stock,  
his money, and his health....

- Yet he told his wife when she told him to curse God and die...  
"You Speak like a crazy woman"

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**3. Joseph...Genesis 37-50** - **was betrayed** by his brothers and **pronounced**  
**dead to his father...**

- YET, He was **sold into foreign land** and became the Kings right hand man..  
And **he had to feed his starving family** that had **betrayed him!!!!**

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**4. Daniel... 6** - was cast into a lions den...left for dead...supper for his furry  
friends...

- YET...he did not give up...he made pillows out of their PAWS and blankets  
out of their FUR... and slept until morning....

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**5. 1 Samuel 17 -David** at the young age of a teenager... faced the battle of Goliath...

- A Nine foot tall giant...  
And the giant laughed at him and knew that he could crush him with one pounce...
  - **You come against me with sword and spear and javelin,**
  - **but I come against you in the name of the Lord God Almighty,**
  - AND as you know he killed the giant....
  - **HE TOOK A LICKING BUT KEPT ON TICKING.....**
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YOU need to realize today...that God may let you go through something...

BUT, it is not to destroy you...**IT IS TO MAKE YOU TICK LOUDER.....**

- REMEMBER...**WHAT THE DEVIL MEANT FOR BAD...GOD CAN TURN IT AROUND AND MAKE IT GOOD....AND GOOD ENOUGH TO BLESS YOU!!!**

**TICK OUT LOUD.....REAL LOUD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

- Many saints today are afraid to tick to loud...  
Afraid the devil may hear them.....
- BUT, we need to be ticking so loud that he knows that he better get out of our way!!!!
- Because we are coming through and taking everything that belongs to us, BACK!!!!

**WE NEED TO BE MORE LIKE AHIMAAZ.....**

- We need to be excited to **run with the GOOD NEWS.....**
- **NOT THE BAD.....**
- We must keep on going....**regardless of how the circumstances look around us.....**
- We MUST keep being like a TIMEX.....
- **WE MUST TAKE OUR LICKING.....BUT KEEP ON TICKING!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## Closing:

### This message today was about the death of Absalom!!!!!!

- He was the son of King David
- **A Fathers mistakes** are often reflected in the lives of their children...
- David seen a **bitter replay** of his own sins through Absalom...
- **God had predicted** that David's family would suffer..
- **Because of his sin** with Bathsheba...

David's heart was broken as he realized God's predictions were coming true.

- God forgave David but **he did not cancel the consequences of his sin...**
- **David was horrified** as he saw his sons strengths run wild.....
- Absalom did not have the **God controls** in his life that David did!!!!

David's sins took him away from God.....

- **BUT, repentance brought him back.....**
- Absalom sinned and kept on sinning.....

Can you identify with Absalom today??????????????

- Do you find yourself on a **fast track of self-destruction???**
- Absalom wasn't able to say I WAS WRONG
- OR I NEED FORGIVENESS!!!!!!!

### GOD OFFERS US FORGIVENESS

- We will not experience that forgiveness.....
- Until we **genuinely admit and confess** our sin to GOD.....

Absalom rejected His father's love and ultimately God's love....

- How often do you miss entering back into God's love **through the door of forgiveness???????????**

**Be an Ahimaaz... Run with the good news!!! God loves and redeems.....**

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