

CHURCH OF CHRIST GULF SHORES

Sunday Morning Sermon

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“reVISION: The Story of Jabez”



Introduction: Would you love to start over? What if you could push a “reset” button? What would you change? Both science and Scripture provide evidence that our minds have a “reset” button (**Romans 12:1-2**). For the next several weeks we will consider true stories that should inspire us to rewire our minds and take advantage of a second chance. I want to remind you of some things we know about Jabez. We will begin our study in **I Chronicles 4:9-10**. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. What Do We Know?

A. *Jabez Was Born In Pain*

- **I Chronicles 4:9, Genesis 25-27, I Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 6:4**

B. *Jabez Was Balanced In Prayer*

- **I Chronicles 4:9-10, Genesis 37-50, Deuteronomy 21:15-17, II Kings 22-23**

C. *Jabez Was Blessed With Potential*

- **I Chronicles 4:10, Joshua 4:24, Isaiah 59:1, Luke 1:37, James 1:17**

II. What Can We Learn?

A. *Remember the Consequences of the Sin*

- **I Chronicles 1-8, Genesis 38, Matthew 1:1-17, Isaiah 59:2, Psalm 51:17**

B. *Remember the Solution*

- **I Chronicles 4:9, 15:7-36, Psalm 96:1-13, 105:1-15, 106:1, 47-48**

C. *Remember the Second Chance*

- **I Chronicles 4:10, Philippians 3:13, James 1:22-25, Genesis 25, 35**

Conclusion: We will see throughout this series that transformation takes more than just good intentions and a sincere heart if we plan on starting over. We need to make serious changes (i.e. repentance, confession, obedience) in order to experience a full reset! What have you learned from Jabez? Have you repented of your sins? Have you confessed those sins? Are you living in obedience? How's your faith? How's your Christian walk? Do you need to press the reset button? You're just a few steps away from starting over. Come to Jesus!