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ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES

9:45-11:00 am



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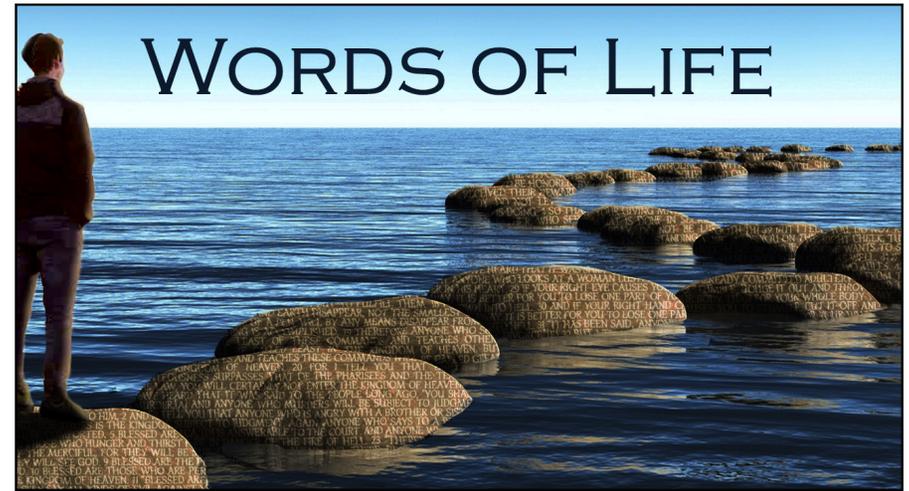
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**Annual
Congregational Meeting
and
POTLUCK**

Sun., Jan. 26, 12:30 pm, WS South

Bring a LARGE Main Dish,
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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

Be Perfect

Matthew 5:38-48 (NIV)

³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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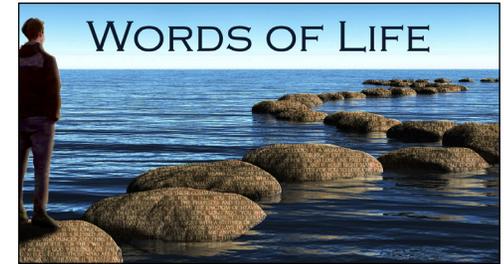
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Prelude

Greetings & Life in the Church

Kristin Jackson

Moment for Missions

Terry & Nancy Sullivan

Call to Worship

Leader: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Leader: He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.

People: He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Leader: As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

All: It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. I love you, O Lord, my strength.

Songs of Worship & Praise *Come, Christians, Join To Sing* No. 225

Glorious Is Thy Name No. 122

First Scripture Reading

1 Cor. 12:31b-13:8a

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?* No. 306

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48

Message *Be Perfect* Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Song of Response *More About Jesus* No. 560

Offering *We Choose Love* Choir & Sheila Gephart

Doxology & Celebration of Life

Benediction

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SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

Question: How?

II. Refuse to Retaliate

III. Choose the way of Mercy and Love

a. For example:

- i. Turn the other cheek
- ii. Offer your cloak as well

b. Train Smarter, not Harder

- i. God's grace is opposed to earning not effort
- ii. The Holy Spirit is your personal Trainer
- iii. The Christian Life is received not achieved

IV. Be Perfect

- a. Two little words: esesthe teleioi
- b. In light of the cross

V. Conclusion: Here's my chance!

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. Share a time when you wanted to give up but are now really glad you didn't?
2. What is the most intense training you have experienced? How has it changed your life?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. What do you think is the hardest part of living into the teaching of Matthew 5:38-48?
2. Can we be people who both turn the other cheek and support restraining evil through physical power? Why or why not? [Make sure to use the Bible to justify your position.]
3. How can we train ourselves to be people who turn the other cheek, give our cloaks as well, walk an extra mile and pray for our enemies?
4. If Jesus isn't calling us to live without mistakes, what is the main thrust of his call to be perfect?
5. As we talk about training to become a person who follows Jesus and refuses to retaliate and instead is committed to choosing the way of mercy and love, why is it "most important" to remember that the Christian life is "received not achieved?"
6. How did God speak to you through this teaching?
7. How can we pray for one another?