

Embracing The Uncomfortable

This year is sure to be a great one as we try to keep in step with where the Lord is leading us. Part of making this year exceptional is to approach life with a different mindset and a different heart. Oftentimes dullness and unfruitfulness is the result of developing habits and spiritual ruts that take an ‘all out’ effort to change. If we are comfortable where we are, no change will occur. However, if we are discomforted by our situation in life and demand change, we will embrace the uncomfortable to see God bring change to our circumstances. Ask yourself some of these questions.

1. Is it comfortable to develop a spiritually disciplined lifestyle? Getting up at a certain hour, going to bed at a certain hour, setting a specific time to spend time in God’s Word and having time to pray comes at a cost. It takes discipline! If comfort is the issue we will push the snooze button and live lives of regret. To develop a spiritual life you have to embrace the uncomfortable.
2. Is it comfortable to be involved in someone’s life? We have all had superficial relationships that don’t go much further than skin deep. However, in the Kingdom, our call is to “love one another deeply from the heart” (I Peter 1:22). Can you love someone deeply and not be uncomfortable? Serving when you don’t want to is uncomfortable. Asking questions that will help someone stay on the straight and narrow is not comfortable but it is necessary. There is no way you can love someone without embracing the uncomfortable.
3. Is it comfortable to be a fisher of men? Very few of us naturally come out of the waters of baptism fully trained to win souls to Jesus. It pushes us way out of our comfort zone to initiate conversations that will lead to spiritual dialogue. Inviting people to church or Bible Talk often happens because a disciple has chosen to accept some

discomfort for the hopes of bringing comfort to a tormented soul. To be a fisher of men you have to embrace the uncomfortable.

4. Is it comfortable to “crucify our sinful natures”? It is a generalization, but often sin is the product of pursuing a good feeling! The worldly mantra “if it feels good then do it” leads to some very dark places and can make us slave to our feelings. The freedom offered by Christ starts with forgiveness and leads us towards a righteous life where we are not mastered by sin. To crucify our sinful natures demands that we embrace the uncomfortable.

All of us are in a process of transformation. God is not done with any of us. Let’s choose to strain forward and embrace the uncomfortable. Let’s take the Apostle Paul’s attitude toward growing and changing!

“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14) -KW

“Fire Proof” Marriage Class 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 6, 2010	Older	Marriage Class 1
Saturday, February 13, 2010	Young	Marriage Class 1
Saturday, February 20, 2010	Older	Marriage Class 2
Saturday, February 27, 2010	Young	Marriage Class 2
Saturday, March 6, 2010	Older	Marriage Class 3
Saturday, March 13, 2010	Young	Marriage Class 3

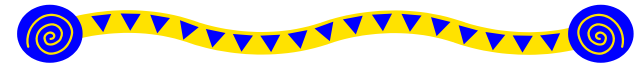
“Too Busy Not to Pray” Women’s Class led by Shann Perkins for the month of February will begin this coming Wednesday!

TODAY:
Summer Camp Fundraising Meeting
 Peden Chapel Room 103
Senior Luncheon Fellowship Hall



PRAYER REQUESTS

Janet Elker- recovery from major surgery
 Orlando King- new diagnosis of a condition
 Melanie Gantzer’s mother- health and faith



Congratulations to Philip & Monique for the arrival of their baby boy, Xander Eli!

CONTRIBUTION 1/24/10

Budget	\$7150.00
Contribution	\$7018.71
Dr. in Bogotá	\$327.00
Special Missions	\$85.00
Music/Media	\$10.00
Local Benevolence	\$0.00
Haiti \$2390.25	Total \$5961.25

Along with our regular contribution we will be taking up a contribution on the first Sunday of each month for our Music/Media Ministry. On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays we will collect money to support the Dr. that serves the poor at the Hope Clinic in Bogotá. The month that we have a fifth Sunday we will take a collection that goes towards local benevolence.
Sean Finch

Louisville Church of Christ Purpose Statement
 The purpose of the Louisville Church of Christ is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family—by connecting them with a vibrant, spirit-led church family that reflects the diversity of our metro Louisville community—to help them grow in Christ-like maturity and to become equipped for their personal ministries in the church and their life’s missions in the world—in order to glorify God and advance the cause of Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midweek Service
Wednesday, 2/3/10
7:00 pm

Worship
Sunday, 2/7/10
10:00 am

ACR Campus Retreat
And
HS Teen Retreat
2/26th-28th/10

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