

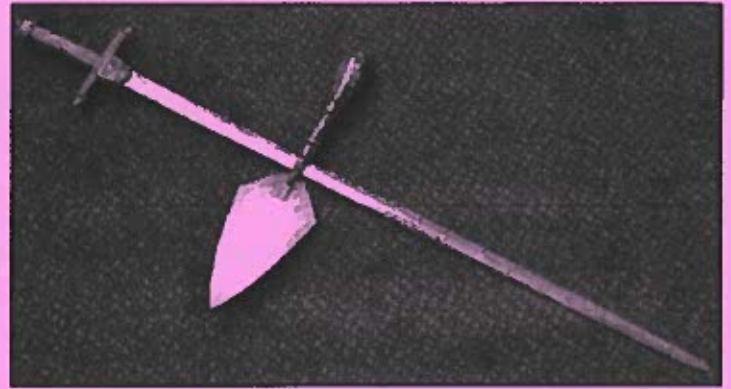
# The Sword and Trowel

Church of Christ at Grissom  
1461 Matador – Peru, IN

(765)689-9469

[www.cocgrissom.org](http://www.cocgrissom.org)

May 31, 2021



We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* Nehemiah 4:18

## SAYING "I'm Sorry"

In my two previous articles I shared with you how my mom taught me to say, "Thank you" and "Please" while I was growing up. These simple phrases are very powerful because they teach us to live a life that honors our Heavenly Father. I would like to share one more phrase with you that my mom taught me to say: **"I'M SORRY"**.

Whenever we did something wrong, Mom taught us to say, "I'm sorry". It can be tough to admit we did something wrong. But the reality is that everyone has fallen short and sinned in some way. No one is perfect. But when a Godly person makes a mistake, what should follow is Godly sorrow.

**2 Corinthians 7:10** reads, *"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."*

There is a big difference between the way the world says I'm sorry and the way a Christ follower says I'm sorry. Godly sorrow brings repentance. Repentance is one of those "churchy" words we can use and hear a lot, but still not be really sure what it means. A lot of times you hear that if you are repentant, it means you are sorry you got caught. But being sorry you got caught is not repentance.

What repentance means is: "I'm sorry, and it will not happen again". That is the key difference. Remorse is all about a change in demeanor, but repentance is all about a change in direction.

Compare Judas' and Peter's response following the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. They were both filled with remorse over what they had done. But one of them chose the path of worldly sorrow and committed suicide, while the other chose Godly sorrow and repented. That is why Scripture says remorse leads to death, but repentance leads to life.

For someone who is following Jesus, the phrase, "I'm sorry" is a power-packed statement. It encompasses remorse and repentance. So, when you tell someone you are sorry, you are making a commitment to change your life. You are making a verbal contract with this person that not only do you feel bad about what you have done, but you're going in a new direction and you will never do it again.

Raises up the intensity, doesn't it? But it is worth it, because when godly sorrow is packaged in repentance it leaves no regret. And one of the greatest blessings in life is to live with no regret.

"Thank you." "Please." "I'm sorry." 3 simple phrases our mommas tried to teach us growing up. But what a powerful impact they can have on our lives!

Blessings,

Wade Allen

We are in the process of updating our church directory. This is not a directory of our members only, but for anyone who attends or is connected to our church. Please check the birthday and anniversary pages located on the bulletin board to make sure we have accurate dates or if we are missing information.

**COMING EVENTS**

June 5 Men's Breakfast – 8:00 A.M. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to help us have an accurate count who will be here.

June 5 Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 A.M.

<b><u>SERVICES</u></b>	
Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00
Secret Life of a Christian(Wedns.)	7:00

<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>		
	<b><u>May 23</u></b>	<b><u>May 30</u></b>
Sunday School	22	27
A.M.Church	71	71
P.M.Evangelistic Service	44	23
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,246	\$3,565
Wednesday Evening	22	22

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

REMINDER: Pray at 2:42 each day for us to be a devoted church

family of Chris Ezell (passed away of Pneumonia from Covid)

Violet Emrick (PTL: is home)

Brayden Worley internship in Ohio church

Karen Miller (breathing issues)

Wilbur & Laurel Dill

Bill Friend

Vicki Brewer (Lafayette – Covid)

Summit School of Preaching

PTL: new baby born to Jordan & Anna Lynch - born May 27th

our government/ our nation

Christians around the world being persecuted

our evangelist, elders & deacons, teachers

David Schwartzkopf (PTL - is home)

Doug Beaver's family (Covid)

Mark Schenkel (cancer)

Jerry Sears (wife passed away from Covid)

Linda & Donna Faull (health)

our missionaries

Mark & Cindy Whitsett

each other

ladies' Bible study

Jeff VanCuren

Amiah Worley

Glenda Wilson (job issues)

our widows

Marjorie Fiedler (health)

*God wants us to be kind:*

*Proverbs 3:27*

*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.*

Forgive them even if they're not sorry.

God's delays are not denials.