



3/10/24

“Get Off The Fence”

James 5:13-20 (NIV)

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GET OFF THE FENCE AND DECIDE

Three Practices

1. Prayer

- What makes someone righteous?
- “But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.” (Romans 3:21-22)
- “The righteous man, or ‘person’, is simply the believer, the person who is ‘righteous’ by virtue of receiving forgiveness through Jesus and is therefore part of the people of God. Prayer, James wants to make clear, is a powerful weapon in the hands even of the humblest believer; it does not require a ‘super saint’ to wield it effectively.” (Doug Moo)
- **Three Times We Should Pray:**
 1. When we are in trouble
 - “The cumulative testimony of the four Gospels is that when Jesus Christ sees the fallenness of the world all about him, his deepest impulse, his most natural instinct, is to move toward that sin and suffering, not away from it.” (Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*)
 2. When we are happy
 3. When we are sick
 - “For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

- "So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep." (1 Corinthians 11:27-30)

Three Practices (Continued):

2. Confess our sins to one another

- We need each other in this pursuit of wholeness

3. Help each other

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This Week @ Crossview	
Sun 3/10	8:00am – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services
Wed 3/13	Noon – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 5:45-7:00pm – BLAST OFF Kids + Seniors (<i>Pre-K – Grade 5</i>) 6:00-8:30pm – APEX EVENT – Skate City (<i>Grades 6-12</i>)
Fri 3/15	Guatemala Mission Trip - Application Due Date
Sun 3/17	8:00am – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services 11:45am-12:15pm – Connect With Crossview

Coming Soon	
Thu 3/21	9:00-10:00am – Senior Fellowship
Wed 3/27	NO BLAST OFF / NO APEX (<i>Spring Break</i>) 6:00-7:00pm – Holy Week Prayer Service
Fri 3/29	6:30-7:30pm – Good Friday Service
Sun 3/31	8:45am & 10:30am – EASTER SERVICES

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