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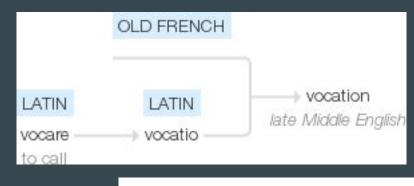
People

Jesus!

How Now Shall We Live?

## Last Week: What is your Calling?

- 1. Yours Individually
- Vocations are Hard!
- Ours Collectively



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noun

noun: vocation; plural noun: vocations

- a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation.
- "not all of us have a vocation to be nurses or doctors"
  - a person's employment or main occupation, especially regarded as particularly worthy and requiring great dedication.
  - "her vocation as a poet"
  - a trade or profession.

Origin

late Middle English: from Old French, or from Latin *vocatio(n-)*, from vocare 'to call'

calling, life's work, mission, purpose, function; synonyms:

Labor Day in the <u>United States</u> is a <u>public holiday</u> celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, <u>laws</u> and well-being of the country.

### Today:

- 1. Our Calling To Holiness
  - a. Ezekiel
  - b. Heed the Weatherman's Warning!
- 2. What does Holiness Look like?
  - a. Paul in Romans
  - b. Love is the guide
- 3. What does Holy Community Look Like?
  - a. Jesus in Matthew
  - b. How to Confront Well



## 1. Our Calling to Holiness

#### **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

## What does Holiness Look Like?

#### **Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### What does Collective Holiness Look Like?

#### **Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

## **Starting Sept 14**

6:15pm Supper

7:00pm Talk

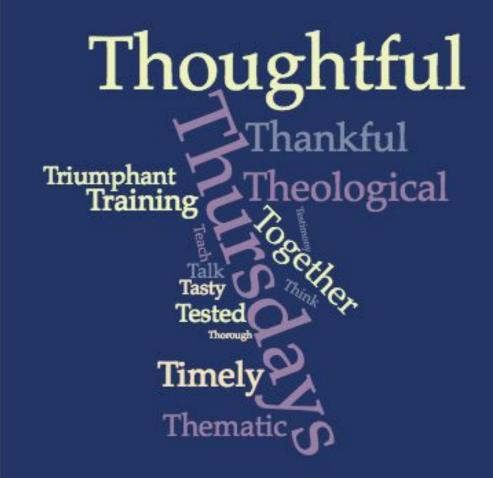
Healing Prayer

7:45pm PM Discussion

8:30pm Close

Join Us!

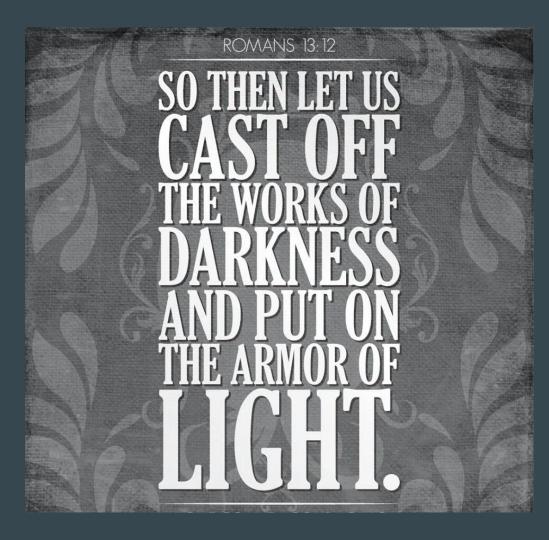
"I Want to be made Whole!"



"The harsher Yahweh's words and the more unequivocal his declarations, the more certain it is that he's longing for people to respond and make it unnecessary to fulfill them."

John Goldingay





# Happy Birthday Dad!





