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Showing Love, Patience, and Kindness in Times When Division is Happening

There is no doubt that this has been a challenging year for us. Not only for us here in Baraboo, but throughout the United States (indeed the entire world too) as we have gone through this pandemic caused by Coronavirus. It has changed the way we go out to eat, how we gather together with friends, how we visit people in the hospital, how and where we travel, how professional sports are done, how education is done at school, and even how we worship at church on Sundays. Not only that, but with the unfortunate deaths of unarmed people, there have been protests that have been happening around our country. Some have even been happening very recently here in WI too. Sadly though, those protests have led to riots and looting in various cities, causing more unrest, damage and theft to various stores and business owners. While these seem to be more than enough challenges, we have been reminded in the past few weeks that we are in an election year. Based on our previous election years and current practices of political parties, we know that there will continue to be more division that arises in our nation. As we look at all of these issues, it certainly can be overwhelming. And of course, these do not even include our own personal or family challenges either.

Before I discourage us anymore, I want to let you know that we as believers have a great opportunity in the midst of these trials. While it is easy to take sides with one of the issues that were mentioned above (and I am sure we all may have convictions about them), I want to challenge us to share and interact with people in the midst of these trials by letting God's Spirit guide us. Specifically, I want to challenge us to let the Spirit show His fruit as we interact with others. In case you do not know what the fruit of the Spirit is, let me remind you. Galatians 5:22-23 says this "The fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, good-

ness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Why should we the fruit of the Spirit in mind during the times we are going through right now? What I see in the challenges we are facing is more and more opinions that are dividing us. Should I wear a mask or not? Who should I vote for and why? Should I support police or, those who seem to have injustice happening to them? And the questions continue. These questions and others like almost create separation between people. While this seems to be happening more, I want to have us think about this instead:

Am I showing love to others that have contrasting views in regards to these issues? How can I show peace in the midst of division? How I can I be more patient with others that I may disagree with? Do I need to be kinder to others who have a different opinion than myself? Am I showing gentleness to others as I converse with them?

Our challenge is this: Are we going to let God show these attributes is us? It is easy to get frustrated with others because they disagree with us or challenge our opinions. But it is very clear that God wants to develop these attitudes in us and have them show through us. In the times we are currently in, we have many opportunities to show these attributes. While we may want to put a line in the sand on where we stand on a current issue, I want to challenge us instead to make sure we showing these attributes to others – even if they don't have the same opinion that we do.

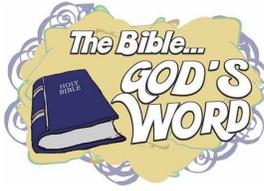


Pastor Jesse



BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to join us as we make our way through the bible this year. You will need to read through Nahum 3 by September 30th.



Sun 9/6 ~ through Ezekiel 24
 Sun 9/13 ~ through Ezekiel 48
 Sun 9/20 ~ through Hosea 10
 Sun 9/27 ~ through Jonah 5

Happy Anniversary!

1 Dave & Janice Shaw
 4 Dave & Lorrie Wickus
 10 David & Charlotte Taylor
 14 Dale & Heidi Horstman
 17 Jayme & Stephanie Johnson
 17 John & JoEllen Westendorf
 24 Rita & James Zimmerman

September Birthdays

2 Tom Kliest
 3 Gene Karpinski
 4 Lori Snider
 4 Megan Horstman
 5 Daniel Francis
 6 Delorice Meador
 7 Finley Solchenberger
 7 Shirley Spees
 10 Missy Meise
 11 Maylee Elliott
 12 Ella Wegner
 13 Joyce Cone
 13 Steve Meyer
 15 Lucas Koberstein
 15 Sheri Koeppel
 17 Jean Rockweiler
 21 Dave Wickus
 21 Matidla Mjelde
 21 Robyn Lehman
 22 Jaydin Weirisma
 24 Nancy Cone
 25 Keegan Hanke
 26 Madison Dessauer
 26 Megan Dessauer
 28 Dan Fuller
 28 Heidi Horstman

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

~Galatians 5:22



Good luck to all the students returning to school! We hope you have fantastic ear! Be safe and

Financial Report

<u>Month of July</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
Actual Income	\$12,005	Actual Income	\$ 88,130
Actual Expense	\$13,367	Actual Expense	\$106,132
Difference	-\$1,362	Difference	-\$18,002
Budgeted Giving	\$15,385	Budgeted Giving	\$115,385
Budgeted Expense	\$15,093	Budgeted Expense	\$108,574
Difference	\$292	Difference	\$6,811

Wednesday Night HUDDLE



is tentatively set to start October 6th. We will have more information during the coming weeks.

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