

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, January 28, 2024

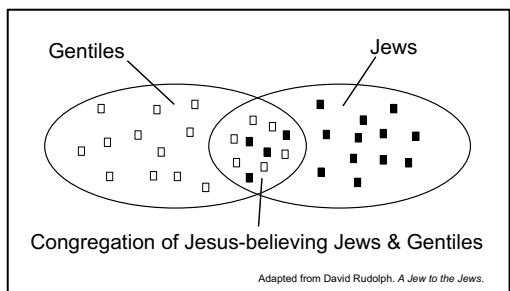
Today's Message: **ACCOUNTABILITY**
Galatians 2:11-16
Pastor Gary Stump

Don't we all need people who will get in our face? Who is in your life who can call you to account when needed?

In Galatians 2, Paul records how he got in Peter's face...

Galatians 2:11–16 (ESV) But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" ¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Table Fellowship 1st Century Judaism (Dr. Rudolph, *A Jew to the Jews*) 1st Century Jews were able to eat with Gentiles



What does it mean Peter was living like a Gentile?

Before Acts 15 Jerusalem Council
After Acts 10 Peter taking the gospel to the Cornelius
You ate with them before, but now you won't?

Meno writes, "You, Peter, the Jew, sat with Gentiles and shared their meals with them... Why would you now force them to become as Jews and observe the commandments as a condition for fellowship with you?"

Meno Kalisher, Pastor Jerusalem Assembly, *Freedom in Christ: Understanding Paul's Epistle to the Galatians*

Romans 14:15b (NLT) Don't let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died.

Fear of people

Proverbs 29:25 (NLT) Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.

- What can I say that makes me look good, or at least doesn't make me look bad?
- How can I posture myself so that I will be accepted by others?
- I constantly ask myself, "What might they think?"

ACCOUNTABILITY

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV84) So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV84) As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

James 5:16 (NLT) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Galatians 6:1 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

Matthew 7:3–5 (NLT) "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?" ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own

eye?⁵ *Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.*"

Hypocrite = one who pretends to be other than he really is

Ephesians 4:25 (NIV84) Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV84) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

SOLA NETWORK: "When we open ourselves for accountability, we are giving trusted friends in the church family a window into our hearts and lives and granting them permission to ask the hard questions and tell us what they see. This takes incredible humility. Rather than processing your life on your own, you are asking a member of the body of Christ to consider your life with you. This invitation says, "I cannot do this on my own. I need help to see myself rightly."
<https://sola.network/article/what-should-christian-accountability-really-look-like/>

Accountability Questions:

- Have you yielded to temptation since we met last?
- When have you been tempted, and what have you done about it?
- Describe your time of Bible study and prayer?
- Has God felt more like a cop-detective or a Savior-Father to you recently?
- What have you not told me that you should?
- What should I have asked that I haven't?
- Have you just lied to me?

Everyone Needs these 3 People in their lives:

1. PAUL = someone who is discipling / mentoring / coaching you

1 Timothy 1:1–2a (ESV) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,² To Timothy, my true child in the faith

2. BARNABAS = someone who is walking beside you

Acts 9:27 (ESV) But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

3. TIMOTHY = someone you are pouring into (discipling)

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

SO WHAT? Who in your life who can get in your face?

Have you made yourself accountable to others? What in your life needs to be brought into the light?

1 John 1:7 (ESV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NLT) Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.

They keep asking Jeremy Rouse, "What is it like playing Jesus?" Rick said, "But wait a minute, aren't we all supposed to be playing Jesus?"

Romans 8:29a (ESV) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

1. ONWARD MARRIAGE RETREAT 2024—February 24-25 at the Brown County Inn, Nashville, Indiana. Speaker: Matthew A. Vander Wiele, Ed.D. 40 rooms available for limited time. Double Queen Rooms @ \$130 + tax; King Rooms @ \$140 + tax; Rooms will be held until 1/24/24. Please call to reserve rooms at the Inn at 1-800-772-5249 or online ~ www.browncountyinn.com. Must give **Promo Code 0973**.

2. YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT—6-8pm. Dinner provided \$3/ student.

3. LADIES BIBLE STUDIES—studying 1 & 2 Timothy (two study options):

- Wednesdays, 9:30am at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers)
- Thursdays, 7pm at Lynda North's house (9929 Brightwater Dr., Fishers)

4. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES EACH FRIDAY AT 7AM

5. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

6. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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