

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, April 7, 2024



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **THE UNLEAVENED LIFE**
Galatians 5:1-15
Pastor Gary Stump

How much sin is too much for us? How does our sin affect our families?

Hosea 8:7a (NLT) "They have planted the wind and will harvest the whirlwind."

Exodus 20:5a (NLT) I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected.

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)		Max Juke (1720-??)
1 U.S. Vice-President	60 Physicians	7 Murderers
3 U.S. Senators	75 Military Officers	60 Thieves
3 Governors	100 College Professors	140 Criminals
13 College Presidents	100 Pastors & Missionaries	280 Paupers
30 Judges		128 Prostitutes
		100 Drunkards

Paul describes the power of an unleavened life...

Galatians 5:1–15 (ESV) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. ⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹ But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Key Verse: v. 9 *a little leaven leavens the whole lump*

Luke 12:1–2 (ESV) "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known."

Exodus 12:15 (ESV) Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Sin in the Camp—Achan's Sin

Joshua 6:18 (NLT) "Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel." ...^{7:1} But Israel violated the instructions about the things set apart for the LORD. A man named Achan had stolen some of these dedicated things, so the LORD was very angry with the Israelites. ...⁴ So approximately 3,000 warriors were sent, but they were soundly defeated. The men of Ai⁵ chased the Israelites from the town gate as far as the quarries, and they killed about thirty-six who were retreating down the slope. The Israelites were paralyzed with fear at this turn of events, and their courage melted away. ...¹⁰ But the LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this? ¹¹ Israel has sinned and broken my covenant! They have stolen some of the things that I commanded must be set apart for me. And they have not only stolen them but have lied about it and hidden the things among their own belongings. ...²⁵ Then Joshua said to Achan, "Why have you brought trouble on us? The LORD will now bring trouble on you." And all the Israelites stoned Achan and his family and burned their bodies. ²⁶ They piled a great heap of stones over Achan,

which remains to this day. That is why the place has been called the Valley of Trouble ever since. So the LORD was no longer angry.

Proverbs 15:27a (NLT) Greed brings grief to the whole family.

Sin in the Camp—Ananias & Sapphira’s Sin

Acts 5:1–11 (NLT) But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property.² He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife’s consent, he kept the rest.³ Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.”⁴ The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to God!”⁵ As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified.⁶ Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.⁷ About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.⁸ Peter asked her, “Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?” “Yes,” she replied, “that was the price.”⁹ And Peter said, “How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too.”¹⁰ Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.¹¹ Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.

Sin in the Camp—The Corinthian’s Sin

1 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8, 12-13 (ESV) It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father’s wife...⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth...¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?¹³ God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

Deuteronomy 13:5 (NLT) The false prophets or visionaries who try to lead you astray must be put to death... In this way you will purge the evil from among you.

1 Corinthians 12:26–27 (NLT) If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.²⁷ All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

The Unleavened Life

Numbers 32:23 (NLT) But if you fail to keep your word, then you will have sinned against the LORD, and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.

Luke 8:17 (NLT) “For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all.”

1 Corinthians 11:31–32 (NLT) But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.³² Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Romans 8:13 (NLT) For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

v. 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

SO WHAT? Is there sin in your camp? Will you commit yourself to full obedience?

Hosea 8:7a (NLT) “They have planted the wind and will harvest the whirlwind.”

Hosea 10:12 (NLT) I said, ‘Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.’



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

1. PRAYER AND SHARE—THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH @ 7:00PM—Come gather for prayer at Onward.

2. YOUTH CAMP JUNE 19-22 @ CAMP INDICOSO, SPRINGVILLE, IN. Camp Indicoso, 1558 Sieboldt Quarry Road, Springville, Indiana. Arrival: 11am on Wednesday, June 19. Return: Pick up on Saturday, June 22 at 4pm. Cost: \$350/pp, (\$300/pp for multiple siblings, same family). Can pay cash or check payable to “Mission Christian Academy.” You can give the money to Jerry Ackerman.

NOTE: There are students who would like to go to Youth Camp who need a scholarship to afford to go. If you would like to sponsor a student (\$350 / student), please note “Youth Camp” on your gift.

3. LADIES BIBLE STUDIES WEDNESDAYS—studying 2 Timothy (two 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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