

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Clay Morris

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord’s Supper

Joseph Barry Cole Meador

Randy Ellis

Prayers

Mike Davis Jack Calvert

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Invitation

Jon Barry

would put God's will above personal relationships.

You may not often think of it this way, but every command God gives "puts you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things." Anyone will obey requirements that are pleasant, seem wise, and demand no hard choices. That says nothing about us. The real test of our obedience, and therefore the real test of our faith, comes when God's commands are otherwise. How well do you score on this exam?

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Mike Davis

Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.

Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear

the word of truth

..... Romans 10:13-17

Believe

the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent

from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess

the name of Christ ... Matthew10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized

in His name Mark 16:16;

1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk

in newness of life and be faithful

unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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Worship is Boring?

Doy Moyer

If we think "traditional" worship is boring, then look not first at those who around us in judgment, but to our own hearts, "For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things."

Calling worship boring is more a revelation and judgment of our inner spiritual drought than of those who are sincerely striving to glorify God regardless of outward show. To call it boring is to lay the blame on others for not making it exciting for "me," as if worship is all about me in the first place. "But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it..." (Malachi 1:13). This attitude may well cause us to bring to the Lord that which is lame and sick. "Shall I accept that from your hand?" Are we more concerned with what we accept as exciting than with what God actually accepts as worship?

If you want to effect change, then start with your own heart because the problem with "traditional" worship is not that "it" is

boring. It's that the heart, deceitful as it can be (Jeremiah 17:9), fails to be content with simplicity. We feel we must keep bringing more to the table to make things more exciting. This focuses on outward show, and when we feel this to be the problem, we will always have to keep ramping up what we are doing. What was exciting yesterday is boring today. We must progress further to keep our excitement level up. The show must move on to bigger and greater things if it is going to keep my attention. And if it doesn't, then I feel justified judging others for carrying on such a boring service.

Such a focus is selfish and does not really deal with the issue of the heart. Instead of fixing our eyes on Jesus, we are fixing our eyes on carnal pleasure.

Boring? Speak for yourself. And if you do speak such, then listen to yourself because you've just identified that there is a heart problem to be reckoned with. I cannot fix

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of ***Maxine Burnham, Francine Davis, Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan Beth Ellen and Pete Rowland.***

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"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." (Proverbs 4:23)

Kenny Chumbly

it is with regard to such suffering that we most struggle to find a balanced response.

When I read this it hit me right between the eyes. In seeing her problems as an opportunity, this lady had a perspective on suffering that is thoroughly biblical, but is one, I'm ashamed to say, I have too often lacked.

Christ's answer put Paul's problems in a radically different light. And when Paul saw them in this light, and learned that his suffering was, rightly understood, grace from his Lord (which, among other things, was meant to keep him from soul-destroying pride, 12:7), he started viewing his problems as something not to be wasted—and his pleading turned into praise (12:9–10).

If we can just wrap our heads and hearts around such things, maybe we'll learn what a waste it is to waste suffering.

The church at Corinth included a brother who was having an ongoing sexual relationship with his father's wife. For whatever reason, the rest of the brethren did nothing about it. When the

Withdrawing from the ungodly brother was essential, both for his benefit and theirs. Hopefully it would impress upon him the seriousness of his wrong and lead him to repentance (v. 5). Regardless, it would check the spreading influence of sin within the congregation (vv. 6-8).

How did the instruction to cut off association from this brother test the Corinthians' obedience? Perhaps in several ways:

- Since taking such action is anything but enjoyable, it was a test of whether they would obey commands of God that are unpleasant.
- Some in our day question whether withdrawing is an effective way of dealing with brethren in sin. If any of the Corinthians felt the same way, it was a test of whether they would obey a divine command in which they saw little wisdom.
- This brother may have been popular or influential. If so, it was a test of whether they