

A Growing Community

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“The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.”

JOHN POWELL

“So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and

LUKE 14:21-23

still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'

LUKE 14:21-23

“You can safely assume you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.”

ANNE LAMOTT

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23 - 25

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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Things that destroy community

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Divisions

“But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part,”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-18

“I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.”

ROMANS 16:17

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Selfishness

“When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:20-21

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

JOHN 12:24

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Excess

“What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?
Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate
those who have nothing? What shall I say to you?
Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:22

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no-one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully around with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless,

CS LEWIS

airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least the risk of tragedy is damnation. The only place outside of Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and possibilities of love is hell.

CS LEWIS

"And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 19:23

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Dishonor

“So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:33

"Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.""

ISAIAH 6:6-7

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1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

What happens when God is among us?

His kingdom manifests - because it is His domain - His nature shows up, His preferences are honored, His values displayed, His word highest authority

We have authority to loose heaven on earth

As a community we become aware of His leadership and we respond to Him

This morning lets talk about His calling

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