

SUNDAY 04/08/18

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### THANKS...

to everyone who invited friends.

baked goods for our coffee bar, and helped with Guest Services. Thanks to Charity Spurlock and her team for doing such a great job with the Easter Egg Hunt!

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

PLEASE SIGN THE CARD



for Rodolfo and Toni Rios. They will be encouraged as they hear from us.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**Mercy Community Church** APRIL 14, 2018 | \$50.00

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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



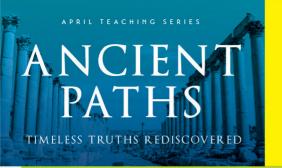
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### **URGENT PRAYER REQUEST**

Join with us as we pray for Geraldine Cole who has not been well the last few weeks. Pray that God would give her a healing touch.

### PRAY FOR

Pastors Bob and Phylis as they prepare to minister to nearly 400 pastors/wives in Ecuador at two marriage seminars for pastors: May 4-5 in Quito and June 22-23 in Salinas.



Apr 01 » EASTER

Apr 08 » Integrity

Apr 15 » Loyalty

Apr 22 » Humility

Apr 29 » Contentment

### PRAYER REQUESTS > THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	Brian H. ▶ Salvation
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	Ray H. ▶ Salvation
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	Karen W. ▶ Salvation
Phyllis L. Health Issues	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	Tommy F. ▶ Healing
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	Barb S. Achilles tendon

### **▶ URGENT PRAYER**

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues

Sam H. > Cardiac Issues

Judi G. > Health Issues

Gearen Family > Drawn closer to God

Stein Family > Salvation

Danny R. ▶ ALS

Ruth H. > Health Issues

Jean G. ▶ Health Issues

Lucinda M. > Gall bladder

Sara H. ▶ Broken Vertebrae

### Maria C. ▶ Hypertension

Emma G. ▶ Hypertension

Eddy's wife ▶ Lymphoma

Jean G. ▶ Health Issues

Rick W. Spinal Surgery

Ed. S. Colon Removal

Cheryl A. Pancreatitis

Don H. Cardiac Issues

Marvin L. ▶ Valve Replacement

Bonnie G. > Spinal Issues

Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer

Barb Gies > Health Issues

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"We don't drift into good directions. We discipline and prioritize ourselves there." —Andy Stanley

METRICS THAT MATTER (04/01/18)

ATTENDANCE ► 43 GIVING ► \$1,934 GUESTS ► 9 VOLUNTEERS ► 17 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

# ANCIENT PATHS TIMELESS TRUTHS REDISCOVERED

# INTEGRITY

While delivering flyers for his uncle's business, Tyler Opdyke, a college student in Sacramento found a wallet with \$1500 cash. He had a choice to make: keep the \$1500 or return it to its owner. He returned in to its rightful owner. This is an ancient virtue called integrity.



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This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, seek where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' Jeremiah 6:16



- » Prophets of the Old Testament were the last line of defense before God's judgment was unleashed upon His people.
- » God counsels His people to seek the <u>ancient path</u> so that their souls would be "settled".
- » Baked into "integrity" there is grit—a fortitude that's inside; a mettle; a resolve; a North star that guides the heart.

THE GOAL: "LORD, LET MY BEHAVIOR MATCH MY BELIEF."

### HERE'S WHAT I BELIEVE = HERE'S WHAT I DO

"INTEGRITY IS DOING C.S. LEWIS
THE RIGHT THING WHEN
NO ONE IS WATCHING."

<sup>20</sup> Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. <sup>21</sup> May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you. Psalm 25:20-21



<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? <sup>2</sup> The one whose walk is blameless who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; <sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; <sup>4</sup> who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind <sup>5</sup> who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken. Psalm 15

### MY RIGHTEOUS BELIEFS = MY RIGHTEOUS BEHAVIORS

<sup>1</sup> Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

## HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE TAKE THE ANCIENT PATH:



WE FEEL CLOSE TO GOD --

our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; <sup>14</sup> for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:10-14

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WE CREATE A LEGACY Whatever you have
TO BE FOLLOWED — learned or received or
heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God
of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9



### LET INTEGRITY GUIDE YOU:

### =REPENTANCE =RESTITUTION

ZACCHEUS: A » Forbidden to attend church; a pariah.

WEE LITTLE MAN » Heard Jesus was coming to town (Jericho).

» Jesus: "I'm coming to your house." » Zaccheus: "I will give half my wealth to the poor." » Jesus: "Salvation has come to this house today.