



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



**Tuesday,
April 10 / 7PM**



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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*Women You are
Complete in Him*

TUESDAY
BIBLE
STUDY

LIFE MANAGEMENT

BY RICK
WARREN

Practical.
Engaging.
Uplifting.

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.

ANCIENT PATHS

TIMELESS TRUTHS REDISCOVERED

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Achilles tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddy's wife ▶ Lymphoma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Spinal Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed. S. ▶ Colon Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl A. ▶ Pancreatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lucinda M. ▶ Gall bladder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marvin L. ▶ Valve Replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sara H. ▶ Broken Vertebrae	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bonnie G. ▶ Spinal Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Barb Gies ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 it to its rightful owner. This is an ancient virtue called **integrity**.



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 ancient path 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 THE RIGHT THING WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING."

C.S. LEWIS

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



¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?² The one whose walk is blameless who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;³ whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;⁴ 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 mind⁵ 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

¹ Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear² 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 —

¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:10-14



WE CREATE A LEGACY TO BE FOLLOWED —

Whatever you have 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 WEE LITTLE MAN » Forbidden to attend church; a pariah.
» 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."