

GRAPPLE EVENT

"GET SNEAKY"

following the service / Spring Hill Mall

TUESDAY
BIBLE
STUDY

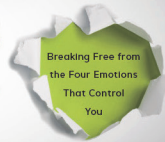
**LIFE
MANAGEMENT**

BY RICK
WARREN
April 17

Practical.
Engaging.
Uplifting.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

ANDY STANLEY | **ENEMIES
of the
HEART**



April 24 &
May 08, 15, 22

ORIGINAL
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL 26 - 28, 2018
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Let there be light

Register Now!

BMO HARRIS BANK CENTER
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

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.

CONNECTION CARD

in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

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

"When making a change – help others see a better future rather than focus on what's wrong and what needs to change." —Andy Stanley

METRICS THAT MATTER (04/08/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 34 GIVING ▶ \$2,057 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 17 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0



LOYALTY: to wholly trust or believe in, to be permanent, unwaveringly faithful.

Lots of people claim to be loyal and loving, but where on earth can you find one? Proverbs 20:6 MSG —



It's possible that a simple click called "friending" may be contributing to the erosion of loyalty as a time-honored character quality. *Esther is an outstanding example of a woman who displayed loyalty in uncertain times, in a strange culture—but God honored her stance.*



1 LOYALTY IS ADJUSTING MY SCHEDULE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE I SERVE

⁹ Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹ "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king. Esther 4:9-11 —



2 LOYALTY IS STANDING WITH THOSE I AM SERVING IN THEIR TIME OF NEED

¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish. Esther 4:15-16





LOYALTY IS BEING A RELIABLE MESSENGER TO THOSE I AM SERVING

and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted." ³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. ⁴ For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king. " ⁵ King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?" ⁶ Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!" Esther 5:2-5



LOYALTY IS KNOWING AND FOLLOWING THE WISHES OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ME



¹ On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them. ² The Jews assembled in their cities in all the provinces of King Xerxes to attack those determined to destroy them. No one could stand against them, because the people of all the other nationalities were afraid of them. ³ And all the nobles of the provinces, the satraps, the governors and the king's administrators helped the Jews, because fear of Mordecai had seized them. ⁴ Mordecai was prominent in the palace; his reputation spread throughout the provinces, and he became more and more powerful. Esther 9:1-4



Mother's DAY

Celebrating our ladies!

Mother's Day—May 13 will be different at JCC. We plan to *celebrate our ladies* in a unique way. We are inviting *family members* and/or *friends* to our special celebration to *pay tribute* to our ladies.

A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds. *Proverbs 31:1*

Please contact Emma to inform her who will be doing your tribute. Notice this is for *all ladies*. The individual needs to give a 2-4 minute oral tribute. It may be a relative or not—as you choose. (If there is someone you would like to honor, please give this information to Emma as well). ♥

These are the important deadlines for our celebration:

Please contact Emma by these dates to ensure that we have the information.

TARGET
DATE:

APRIL 29

FIRM
DEADLINE:

MAY 6

This celebration not only honors our ladies, it gives glory to God. Thank you in advance for doing your part in showing our ladies they are valued—not only in God's sight, but in ours as well!