

Sermon Outline

Sermon Title: "Living with the Benefit of Discipline"

Big Idea: We need internal discipline to live Christ-honoring lives; there are times when we need external *discipline* to help us develop that.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-11

Message Outline:

1. For us to become motivated to change or become more disciplined in our lives may require *external discipline*, which the writer to the Hebrews explains is part of God's love and care for us.
2. Keep in mind what God wanted to do through the Israelites which inherited the covenant God made with Abraham - the promise of Land, Descendants and Blessing.
3. The "death by quail" discipline God meted out came as a "shot across the bow", as Pastor Jeff described it in his book, *The Land Between*.
4. The minority report from 2 out of the 12 spies sent to scope out Canaan was dismissed out of hand and the people - once again - went into their "woe is us" response! They hadn't got the message from the spoiled meat: TRUST GOD! And for that the older generation would suffer and die in the wilderness.
5. God also says *to us* there are consequences for not trusting Him to give us what we need. Not what we want, mind you, but what we need.
6. Whether in our own personal lives or in the life of our church, God may be preparing us to follow Him into a new experience that - while undoubtedly having its challenges - would honor Him and bring spiritual growth and other forms of fulfillment to ourselves. We must be careful not to be like the Israelites and either want stay in the present or bemoan "how things used to be."



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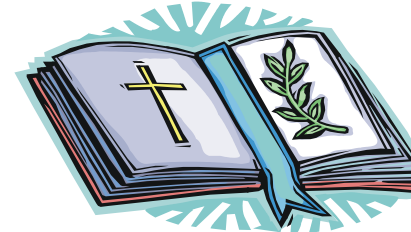
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December 3, 2017

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Sunday, December 3, 2017 Service

We are reinstating prayertime before the morning English service from 10:15 AM and ending 10:45 AM.

Welcome & Call to Worship

Songs TBA

Announcements & Prayer

Advent Candle

Offering

Junior Church Send Off Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 12: 1 – 11
With Irene

Sermon:

"Living with the Benefit of Discipline."
With Pastor Ralph Hardy

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Weekly Happenings

Sunday Worship:

English: 11:00 AM
Japanese: 9:30 AM
Korean: 12:30 PM

Prayer and Weekly Studies:

Wed. Night Study: Book of Isaiah
1st & 3rd Sat. 9 am, Japanese

Community Outreach:

Monday Night ESL: All Welcome.
(May still be from 7 PM to 9 PM).

Prayer Focus:

Pray for Joey G. as she recovers from fall and pray for Lawrence too.

Grace Ethiopian Church and Invitation to North American Church leaders.

Church Family:

Church of the Week: **The Steveston Project**

Pray for the ESL program. Pray for Japanese & Korean language groups.

Birthdays and Anniversaries of the Month:

Dec 1, Mitsugi & Michiko's anniversary; Dec 4, Helen R;
Dec 9, Emily S; Dec 12, Grant A (Lisette's son); Dec 17, Rose T;
Dec 22, Ann C; Pastor Jacob F, also around Dec 22;
Dec 23, Anna J (Andrew & Aimee's daughter);
Dec 27, Jacqui L; Dec 29, Wally S;

Upcoming Events to Note: