

My chocolate chip cookie dough was too thick, so, despite the recipe not calling for it, I decided to add a little milk to soften the batch. I still got a batch of cookies, but they were not the same and flat.

Every day God adds to our lives, we will spend in the kitchen of life, but to get the recipe right we have to add the right stuff, restrain ourselves from adding, and avoid adding what is wrong. **“When John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison”** Luke 3:19-20 (NIV). Seems like Herod was very adept at adding more wrong, which, once you start, is a very difficult thing to quit. For Herod, it was another day in the clutches of evil, adding evil, but he also could have added good, we just can't do both. What wrong life ingredients do you need to stop adding day after day, what wrong and evil do you need to stop feeding?

How do you quit adding the wrong and start adding the right stuff to your life?

- Start with focusing on trusting God. That's how we gain a clear understanding of right and wrong, good and evil, what's beneficial or unproductive. Jesus taught in order to stop adding more worry and anxiety about our basic needs we need to **“seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own”** Matthew 6:33-34 (NIV). If you're honest, what is the main focus of your life?
- Have the right people in your life. Herod attacked and cut out those who had the courage to tell him the truth, pointed out the wrong he was adding, and encouraged him to do what was right before God. Pretty soon he was surrounded by people skilled in adding, excusing, rationalizing, condoning, and cheering outright wrong and evil. What he needed was more men and women like John the Baptist in his life. **“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of Jesus' return is drawing near”** Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT2, italics mine). Who have you surrounded yourself with? What are they adding to your life? Do they impact you toward

Christlikeness, godliness, and goodness?

- Mornings and evenings. It makes a difference how you start and end your day. If you start with the wrong focus and ingredients what are the chances of cooking up something that will please God, bless others, and help you grow in Christ? **“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God”** Ephesians 4:31-5:2 (NLT2). At the end of each day, you need to reflect on what you added, what you cooked up that day. Was it a pleasing aroma to God or did you stink it up (again)? The first should inspire us to give praise and thanks and the other should cause us to be broken and repent.
- All day long focus on doing God's will. God's will has two aspects, what we should do and what we need to quit doing. Herod had no business having a relationship with his brother's wife, that's a quit doing it. He clearly abused his power in jailing John and eventually executing him, another quit doing that. Just think, how many people he could've blessed if he instead used his energy and power to do good, to care about what people needed instead of what he wanted, to find joy in serving instead of partying, to embrace God's will and desires over his own. **“Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven”** Matthew 6:9-10 (NASB). **“Jesus *said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work”** John 4:34 (NASB). If you want to be good at doing God's will diligently and continually read the Bible and look for what God tells you to do and not to do, then get busy with the doing and not doing. What is one of each that comes to your mind? Start there and now.

You can tell when something delicious is baking in the oven, may God be pleased with every whiff of our lives.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

The Cox Family, Bob Sykes, Steve Prinz,
Amy Watts & baby Wyatt, Beth Watson, Alicia & Antonio,
those dealing with addiction, those who have lost family
members, those who have lost their homes due to fire,
Fire & Rescue people & Clean up crews.

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,
Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin,
John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker,
Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us
know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 &
Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar**
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Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

August Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
 - Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
 - Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
 - **GriefShare** - Wednesday @ 6:30 PM
 - **Women on Higher Ground Retreat 9/27 - 9/29**
- For more information contact De-Leta or see poster in the Foyer
Registration must be turned in by August 19th

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - "*Hans' Class*"

Thank you

Next week "Dennis' Class" is up!!

A Giant Shout Out
to "EVERYONE"
who helped make
Pastor Hans & Susie's
40th Celebration
so special.



Giving

August 11, 2024

Offering:
\$1,718.00

Facilities:
\$.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Food:
\$.00

GriefShare:
\$50.00

Pastor Appreciation:
\$240.00

Attendance:
138

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - On Hiatus

GriefShare - 6:30 PM

Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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August 19 - August 25th

DAY 1 - John 15-16
(Job 22)

DAY 2 - John 17-18
(Job 23-24)

DAY 3 - John 19-20
(Job 25-26)

DAY 4 - John 21, II & III
(Job 27-28)

DAY 5 - 1 Kings 1-2
(Job 29)

DAY 6 - (Job 30)

DAY 7 - (Job 31)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.