



March 17, 2024

Pastor Note:

“If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, and they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear. Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (ESV)

I am wondering just when did Jewish parents introduce their children to this? Did baby cribs come with Deuteronomy 21:18-21 carved into them? Did they sell school lunch boxes that had this on the inside of the lid? Did kids sing this in synagogue school along with the hand motions? Did parents ever have a conversation like, “And just when are you going to sit down with this boy and read him Deuteronomy 21:18-21, because if you won’t, by Moses, I will?!”

“But Miriam, he’s only three months old.”

“Are you going to back me up on this, or what? We are not going to make the same mistake your parents made with you.”

“What’s that supposed to mean?”

“Don’t try to change the subject with me. I am telling you, if you won’t, I’m calling the Rabbi!”

As extreme as Deuteronomy 21:18-21 sounds to us today, it does remind us that every parent, no matter how much they love their child/ren, has to make tough love decisions. But that isn’t just true of parents, there are times for everyone when love will have to do tough things.

The Apostle Paul, who was fully aware of Christ’s command to **“love one another as I have loved you”** (John 13:34-35), publicly rebuked the Apostle Peter when he caught him acting like a hypocrite and bigot (Galatians 2:11-14). I wonder if he had Proverbs 27:4-5 in the back of his mind when he did so, **“Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an**

enemy” Proverbs 27:5-6 (ESV).

Jesus, who unquestionably loved Peter, gave him a swift verbal kick in the pants right after Peter publicly and accurately confessed Jesus as the Christ/Messiah, and then thought he could rebuke Jesus for predicting His death, burial, and resurrection. **“Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man”** Mark 8:33 (ESV), Jesus told him turning around - ouch.

The Old Testament ends with sixteen books written and named after prophets and every one of them illustrates the tough love of God. God’s tough love seeks to correct us, lead us to repentance, forsake sin, give up foolishness, turn us into blessers, establish godly habits, develop righteous character, sow goodness, promote harmony and unity, and cause us to love Him and others more, **“For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights”** Proverbs 3:12 (NLT2).

Tough loving is still loving, so it has to know when to ease up. The Corinthian Church had to collectively exercise some tough love on a man who was causing grief and hurt. It seems he responded well to that tough love by repenting, changing his ways, and setting things right. Paul reminded them, **“Now, however, it is time to forgive and comfort him. Otherwise he may be overcome by discouragement. So I urge you now to reaffirm your love for him”** 2 Corinthians 2:7-8 (NLT2).

May God help you and me to be very good at love, just as He commanded us, and be even better and careful when it comes to exercising tough love.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Richard Mayes & Family, Cecil (healing), Gary & Jan Hartley, VBS 2024

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

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**
ldpbepayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

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

Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

EASTER



- **Good Friday Communion**
Friday, March 29th, 7:00 P.M.
@ Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church
- **Sunrise Service**
Easter Sunday, March 31st, 6:30 A.M.
Blue Oaks Campground, Lake Don Pedro
- **Easter Worship Celebration**
Easter Sunday, March 31st,
10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. @
Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

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Sermon Notes:

March Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.

Church Board Meeting - Tomorrow, March 11th

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - *“Beverly's Class & The Youth”*

Thank you

Next week Merle's Class is up!!



SPRING IS N THE AIR

Welcome the following into Church Membership:

Tobin Moore
Capri Avila
Leanna Genito
Gino Bartoni

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner.

**If you are interested sign-up, or turn your name into
Jannett in the office .**

Giving

March 10, 2024

Offering:
\$3,528.00

Food Basket:
\$10.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Annie Armstrong:
\$305.00

Facilities:
\$.00

Attendance:
62

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 - 10:00 AM
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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March 18th - March 24th

DAY 1 - Lev. 21-22
(Prov. 18)

DAY 2 - Lev. 23-24
(Prov. 19)

DAY 3 - Lev. 25-26
(Prov. 20)

DAY 4 - Lev. 27& Num. 1
(Prov. 21)

DAY 5 - Num. 2-3
(Prov. 22)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 23)

DAY 7 - (Prov. 24)

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.