



March 3, 2024

Pastor Note:

Tough Love

I yanked back his little hand and slapped it, made him look into my eyes, and with a raised voice told him, “Don’t you ever, ever, never stick anything in any outlet, ever again! Do you understand?” Of course, he didn’t understand, heck, I still don’t understand electricity myself, but I do know it is dangerous.

Susie and I also had the “Don’t ever lie to me again!” talks, dished out the “You’re grounded!” verdicts, and had to figure out various consequences and punishments for bad, unwise, destructive, stupid, mean, selfish, and “I know you know better” kind of behaviors. Not because we wanted to or couldn’t wait to do so, but because these were our kids and because we loved them like no one else.

Hebrews 12:4-11 quotes and elaborates on Proverbs 3:11-12, **“In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: ‘My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.’ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it”** Hebrews 12:4-11 (NIV).

We don’t usually think of discipline, punishment, and allowing hardships when we think of love, nor does the word “encouragement” immediately spring to our minds reading, **“My child, do not despise the LORD’s discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the child he delights in,”** Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV, italics mine). That’s because we are culturally conditioned to think that love is always unconditional, permissive, tolerant, accommodating, and equal, none of which neither Scripture (the Bible) nor real-life experience supports.

Those Hebrew Christians, children of God, needed to grow up. They needed more holiness, more righteous behavior, and more stability/peace. The previous eleven chapters indicted them of theological immaturity, not learning from history, slowness of learning, inability to discern good and evil, incomplete understanding of Jesus, and a weak and fickle faith. None of these helped with navigating life and coping with hardships and persecution. What they needed was a growing faith, deeper understanding, and maturity – as do you and I.

Do you want God to treat and love you like His child? If your answer is, “Yes,” then first you need to ask yourself whether you have been born again by repenting of your sin and believing in Christ as your Savior. It is the only way to become a legitimate son or daughter of God. Then you need to ask yourself if you are growing, maturing in this faith you have placed in Christ, or do you continue to be a spiritual baby, living in continual defeat and discouragement, and are unable to recognize God’s loving discipline when you are trying to push yet another paper clip in an electrical outlet?

Someone said, “God loves you as you are, but He loves you too much to leave you as you are.” When God is your Father, you should expect that His love will be relentless in shaping you towards holiness, tenacity, righteous character, strong faith, and Christlikeness. In this process, His discipline is often very tough, even painful, but always, always for our own good. Thank you, Lord.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Bill & Jeanie, Jennie & baby Mateo, Jerry Criswell & family, And 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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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.

**40th Anniversary Celebration Meeting TODAY
after the Service**

Church Board Meeting - March 11th

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

Thank you

Next week Dan's Class is up!!



SPRING IS N THE AIR

A Bit of
Humor
Corner



We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 THESSALONIANS 1:3 NIV

Giving

February 25, 2024

Offering:
\$2,076.00

Food Basket:
\$50.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Attendance:
91

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
Grief Share - On Hiatus

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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LAKE DON PEDRO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Be Saved

Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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March 4th - March 10th

DAY 1 - Lev. 1-2
(Prov. 4)

DAY 2 - Lev. 3-4
(Prov. 5)

DAY 3 - Lev. 5-6
(Prov. 6)

DAY 4 - Lev. 7-8
(Prov. 7)

DAY 5 - Lev. 9-10
(Prov. 8)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 9)
DAY 7 - (Prov. 10)

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.