



SACRED ASSEMBLY

a Carmel family night of worship and prayer

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SACRED ASSEMBLY #3

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Colossians 3:1-10

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

1st Section is dealing with Thoughts and Attitudes

2 Cor. 10:5

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

THOUGHT

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Matthew 22:37

"And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your **mind**."

Colossians 3:1-2

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

- What occupies the majority of your thoughts, affections, and energy?
 - Are you more passionate about earthly things than spiritual things?
 - Do you honestly get more excited about work, sports, or recreation than about God's kingdom?
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Psalms 119:15-16

"I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word."

- Is it your habit to read and study God's Word on a daily basis?
 - Do you meditate on the scripture or does God's Word have little place in your thoughts?
 - Are you abiding in Christ?
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Matthew 15:8

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

- When coming to worship, is your primary purpose to bow before God in repentance and obedience?
 - Is your mind filled with reverence and holy fear?
 - Do you sing songs without deeply reflecting on the words?
 - Do you listen to sermons with little thought of immediate obedience to God's instructions?
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ATTITUDE

1 Peter 5:5

Hebrews 12:14

"Pursue peace with all men and to be holiness; without holiness no one will see the Lord. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

- Do you often criticize and judge others?
- Are you frequently trying to set others straight?
- Do you ever spend time asking God to search your heart for cleansing?
- Are you broken over your own shortcomings and sins?

Philippians 2:3–4

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

- Do you tend to draw attention to your self?
- Do you promote yourself and put others down?
- Do you usually think in terms of your needs and desires?

James 2:1–4

"My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?"

- Do you associate only with people who are like you?
- Do you look down on people who are not as financially affluent as you?
- Conversely, do you resent those who have more money than you?
- Are you suspicious of people from other races and cultures?
- * Are you building relationships with only people like yourself?
- * Are you building relationships with only other Christians?

Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

- Are you often filled with more doubt than faith?
- Are your days consumed with worry and fretting rather than trust?
- Are you resting in God's promises or accepting anxiety?
- Have disappointments weakened your faith and prayer life?
- Do you need to confess the sin of unbelief and worry?

Ephesians 4:1-2

"I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love."

- Would others say that you have a kind and gentle spirit or are you argumentative and contentious?
- Are you often harsh and critical with people?

Matthew 5:44

"But I say to you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'"

- Do you respond with love and forgiveness when someone hurts you?
- Do practice trying to do good to those who harm you?
- Do you have a catalogue of offenses in your mind from friends and family?
- Do you withhold kindness because they don't 'deserve' it?

1 Timothy 6:6

"But godliness with contentment is great gain."

- Do you barely tithe or not at all and yet pay enormous interest to creditors?
 - Does your financial history reflect biblical principles of low debt and modest living?
 - Do you find yourself lusting for things?
 - Has financial pressure put a strain on your marriage?
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Give Us Clean Hands

2nd Section is dealing with our Words and Relationships

SPEECH

Matthew 12:34-37

"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Ephesians 4:29

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

Ephesians 5:4

“Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.”

- Do you find yourself using language that is profane, crude, or inappropriate?
- Do you use God’s name in any way other than worship or praise of Him?
- Do you enjoy telling off-color jokes?

Colossians 3:9–10

“Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

- Do you ever lie?
- Do you exaggerate to make yourself look better?
- Are you guilty of cheating with people or institutions?
- Do you follow through on commitments and promises?

1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

- Do you often gripe and complain about situations in your life?
- Are you filled with an attitude of thankfulness or complaining?
- Do you tend to look on the negative or dark side of things?

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Ephesians 4:31

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.”

- Are you guilty of critical and angry speech at home or church?
- Do you speak unkindly to those in your family?
- Do you tend to be irritable and angry?
- Are you guilty of gossip and/or slander?
- Do you speak evil of others behind their back?

I Corinthians 1:10

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."

- Are you known as a peacemaker or a unity killer?
- Do you build up faith around you by your positive attitude or destroy it with a negative attitude?
- Have you been critical and complaining in regard to musical style and preferences?
- * Do you care more about your neighbors soul and eternity more than their political affiliation?

1 Timothy 5:17

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching."

- Have you ever been guilty of slandering or being overly critical of Christian leaders?
- Do you fail to respect and honor those who are called to lead?
- Do you undermine their authority?
- Do you tend to pick them apart rather than encouraging and praying for them?

RELATIONSHIPS

- Can you think of anyone you may have hurt or offended in some manner?

Matthew 5:23–24

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 6:14–15

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

- Is there anyone or any situation about which you harbor bitterness or resentment?
- Have you secretly resented God for allowing some painful situation in your life?
 - Be honest with yourself and choose to forgive.
 - Remember that forgiveness is a choice not a feeling
- Are you involved in any improper relationships?

- Are your family relationships in line with God's Word?

Ephesians 5:25–29 (HUSBANDS)

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church."

- Brothers, have you taken responsibility to lead, love, and serve your bride?
- Do you put your wife's needs and desires ahead of your own?
- Are you a student of your wife and how God wired her to meet her unique emotional needs?

Ephesians 5:24 (WIVES)

"Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything."

- Sisters, do you treat your husband with dishonor and disrespect?
- Do you often point out his weaknesses and faults?
- Have you given up on him and his walk with Christ?

Ephesians 6:4 (PARENTS)

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children."

- Do you parent out of overflow of a healthy marriage?
- Have you accepted your roles as the primary disciple-maker of your sons and daughters?

- Do you really listen to your children when they talk to you?
- Are you consistently living out your faith at home the same way you do when in public?

Ephesians 6:1–3 (CHILDREN)

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"— which is the first commandment with a promise— that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

- Children, are you honoring and obeying your parents in the Lord?
 - Have you been ignoring their wisdom and guidance?
 - Do you often show disrespect to them?
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Have Mercy On Me

3rd Section is dealing with sins of Commission and Omission

COMMISSION

1 Corinthians 3:16

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

- Are you committing any form of sexual immorality?
- Are you watching media that is immoral?
- Do you dress in a way that awakens lust in the other sex?
- Have you abused your body with excessive alcohol or gluttony?
- Have you been honest to fully tithe of your finances, time, and talents to the Lord?
- Do you ever consult horoscopes, psychics, or other occult guidance?

OMISSION

James 4:17

"So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."

- Is there anything in your life that you have felt the Holy Spirit leading you to do and have willingly said no I'm going to do that?
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My Jesus I Love Thee

Read...

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

No Condemnation

What's Next.... the rest of Col. 3

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you

were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Doxology

Benediction: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.