

Handout May 31, 2024

A Better You!
Ephesians 4:20-24

Welcome back and here we go!

Praise God for His faithfulness and for the Saints of Face of Grace!

Ephesians 4:11-13 ¹¹ *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*

1) The _____ of Face of Grace are _____ !

= Our Vacation = ● Best Behavior ● Amazing Hospitality

Ephesians 4:20-24 ²⁰ *But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

2) To be a better person, you _____ put aside old _____ !

- Best Behavior

I found myself observing myself. It has been a while since I have been around complete strangers.

- Former conduct - drinking, sexing, partying, being too loud, doing what I want.
- Present conduct - polite, caring about others, not needing to be center of attention.

3) We always put our _____ side up for _____ people!

- Why don't we do that all the time?

Familiarity, complacency, don't care attitude, unwilling to see problem, selfish.....

4) Be the _____ !

Philippians 4:17 *Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.*

- How can you be an example if you disgust yourself!
- I fall into that.

5) _____ is an amazing _____ !

- Was it genuine or ----- putting best foot forward?
- "My behaviors"
- "Their reactions"

Genuine Hospitality

1 Peter 4:7-10 ⁷ But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. ⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

6) We _____ have _____ !

- In our *Love Notes*, it says *Love does not use another's sin to excuse our own behaviors.*

To be a better you, you must make a first impression ----- every encounter!

Philippians 4:12-15 ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. ¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

7) _____ are the light!

Philippians 2:1-7 ¹ Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

How do you become a better you?

- a) Put off old conduct.
- b) Change your mind!
- c) Always put others first.
- d) Be the example.
- e) Always be the best you!

Colossians 3:12-17 ¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.