

#### WELCOME

#### Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.

**FHNew -** Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church. Or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**: Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: **Prayer Request - Foothills Church**. The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

**FHBaptism -** One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

#### ONGOING/UPCOMING

- MomCo Foothills MomCo Foothills Church (churchcenter.com)
- Small Groups Foothills Church (churchcenter.com)
- Bible Recap: Read through the Bible in a Year (<u>Linda Kraft The Bible Recap Foothills Church</u>) Join any time . . .
- Pour Over with the Pastor April 27, 11-12pm in the Atrium, Coffee, Childcare provided.
  Find out what we are all about, ask questions, get connected, learn about next steps in your faith journey.
- Vacation Bible School June 23-26
  - Volunteer Registration
  - Child Registration



#### **INTRODUCTION: Interim Pastor Trent Renner**

# FIGHTING WITH FAMILY - "Perfect Impossible"

How fast do your family functions turn into family dysfunctions?

- Days?
- Hours?
- Minutes?

### Family dysfunction in the Bible

- God and Lucifer
- Cain and Abel
- Ishmael and Isaac
- Moses and Aaron
- Samson and Delilah
- Jacob and Esau
- Saul and Jonathon
- Absalom and David
- Solomon married 1000 women
- Jesus and His family

### The True Family of Jesus

"As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you." Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers." Matthew 12:46-49 (NLT)

## How do you maintain trust?

How do you continually assume the best intentions?

What spiritual disciplines/habits do your regularly practice?

#### **Ten Principles of Trust**

- 1. Recognize that trust is woven into every aspect of life—from sitting in a chair to believing that red lights will stop cars, that roofs will hold, that bridges won't collapse, and that others will stay on their side of the Yellow Line
- 2. Extend trust only to those who have earned it
- 3. Never offer trust without first understanding to whom you're giving it
- 4. Remember: trust must be earned, not assumed



- 5. Trust begins with the small things—pay attention to them
- 6. Be wary of those who demand trust rather than build it
- 7. Never manipulate someone who has placed their trust in you
- 8. Understand that genuine trust is tested—and proven—through tough times
- 9. Do not trust people who refuse to admit when they've broken it
- 10. Acknowledge that broken trust rarely regains its former strength

**BONUS:** Offer forgiveness to those who have broken your trust, even when it's the last thing you want to do. **Forgiveness is not the same as trust.** 

The most important day of a person's life is when they fully realize that life is not a COMFORT-CENTRIC experience, but a GROWTH-CENTRIC experience. When we come to this reality, we understand that our environment does not define us or dictate our future. The moment we grasp that only Jesus defines us, we are free.

-Trent Renner — The Heaven Project

### Family Dysfunctions...

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? James 4:1 (NLT)

### 3 Spiritual Questions to ask myself when under pressure

- 1. What am I afraid of?
- 2. What is God trying to teach me?
- 3. What does love require of me?

#### **PSALM 51:1-12**

For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

1Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

2Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

3For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

4Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.

You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

5For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

6But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.



7Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. 9Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. 10Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. 11Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. 12Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

### If your family is messed up...

- 1. God uses dysfunctional people
- 2. Your family can always get back on track
- 3. Don't let past dysfunction hold you back
- 4. Seek the Lord continuously and know that finishing well in life is a daily habit