

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 . . .
- Vacation Bible School June 23-26
 - Volunteer Registration
 - Child Registration
- KidMin Volunteers needed Contact Pastor Steve Botsford at steve@foothills.org



FIGHTING WITH FAMILY Series - TILL DEBT "DUE" US PART! Pastor TRENT RENNER

INTRODUCTION

Luke 14:7-11 (NLT) - Parable of wedding feast guest seating

When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: 8"When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? 9The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table! 10 "Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. 11For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled.

Today's message might have you believing that I am going to talk about money. After all, the title is "Til Debt DUE Us Part." I don't want to talk money -- remember financial debt is not sin, it's just slavery to money and will try to destroy your life and your peace.

Today, I want to talk about a different kind of DEBT. The title "Till Debt DUE Us Part" is a play on words.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

"Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others."

If the Lord desires for you to live a quiet and peaceful life, how are you measuring up?

Score 1-10

- Quiet life?
- Peaceful life?

Today's message is a perfect time to remind us of the G.A.G.J. acronym message the first weekend I was here.

- Guilt says "I owe you" . . . I must Apologize
- Anger says, "You owe me" . . . I must Forgive
- Greed says, "I owe me" . . . I must be a Giver
- Jealousy says, "God owes me" . . . I must celebrate others' success



That one about ANGER says "Someone owes me!" So, I must forgive, right? When someone OWES you...that is a debt! The message title is Till Debt DUE us—part.

The title alone...DEBT DUE US screams ENTITLEMENT! "I AM DUE!" That mentality requires tremendous energy.

Romans 13:8-14 (NLT)

"Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law...

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires."

Raise your hand if you have ever been wronged. Every single one of us are OWED!

I want to talk about the greatest GAMBLE any of us could take...ETERNAL LIFE.

Today is National FLIP A COIN DAY... I picked up a POKER CHIP for each of you... Come pick your chip.

You have been wronged...Something is DUE YOU. TIL DEBT DUE US PART....we will never have peace or joy.

Romans 6:1-11 (NLT)

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? 3Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 4For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

5Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. 6We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. 8And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. 9We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over



him. 10When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. 11So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

CRITICAL VERSES...Why not just accept the injustice and leave it at that? Why not let yourselves be cheated?

- Until the debt due you is forgiven, you will never have peace or joy
- The ripple effects of your anger and entitlement will destroy you from the inside out!
- Jesus did NO Wrong...everything is owed to Him, but He refuses to get vengeance or demand payment. He paid it!

Let me take that thought into a narrower realm... Marriage.

(Drawing of the HEBREW word for MARRIAGE)

IF YOU CONTINUALLY FIGHT TO GET WHAT YOU DESERVE...YOU WILL BE MISERABLE!

- Mark 9:35 "He who wants to be first shall be last."
- Philippians 2:3 "Consider others as better than yourself."
- Luke 9:23, Galatians 5:24 "Die to self."
- Luke 9:23 "Pick up your cross and follow Me."
- 1 Corinthians 10:24 "Let no one seek his own good, but that of others."
- Acts 24:16 "Take pains to always have a clear conscience with man and God."

Colossians 3:13 (NLT) "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Take home...

- 1. What do I DESERVE to be owed?
- 2. What am I afraid of if I never get Debt Due me paid?
- 3. What does love require of me?

Be free of all DEBT owed to you. Let it go...that's what Jesus did.