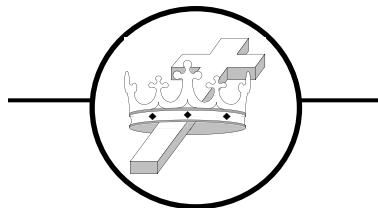


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BATTLING OUR OWN



By Pastor John Mochel

Allow me to begin with a quote from myself, my journal, June 23, 1984.
"God, You run the world and You kinda leave us alone to figure out stuff on our own too much. But then, as soon as You tell us something, then we don't want to hear it. Maybe the things we want to talk about are different than what You want to talk about."

In Isaiah 55:8 the Lord tells us that "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways." Do we need to be told? Is this not obvious? Of course, there are some people who identify their thoughts with God. We call those people insane or arrogant.

James 4:1-3 identifies a root problem in our lives.

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

We are selfish. We want what we want when we want it. If we do not get what we want we become sullen, manipulative, angry, or worse. Often, we employ God-talk to get what we want. Because we are after what we want, in relationships, with money, in our career, seeking pleasure, or desiring power over others, we destroy ourselves and people around us. Often our families and friends are the first to suffer. The Bible calls this the corruption of sin.

So, what are we to do? How shall we spare ourselves, our spouses, our children, and our friends from the corruption of sin that comes from our own selfishness and ignoring of God? Well, the answer is found in the question itself.

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We need to stop ignoring God. Often we will need help from others to do this. You see, we are really bad at being honest with ourselves. Just like Adam and Eve, we blame our sin on others. So, if you are serious about working on the corruption problem in your life, you need a mentor, a confidant, a confessor, or a pastor.

The road away from the corruption of sin begins with wanting to please God, more than yourself, more than others. Proverbs 1:7 tells us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." It is amazing what healing, freedom, and maturity comes from a simple commitment to live life before God, knowing that He is always watching. Many people are simply trying to look like a good Christian for others. If you live your life like God does not see or does not exist, you might simply be demonstrating that you think that God does not see or does not exist. You might not really be a Christian. A Christian believes in God. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Moreover, we are going to need humility. Humility involves the ability to see one's own sin for what it is. When I think of humility, I think of 1 John 1:8-10.

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say

that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Humility means being honest about our sin. Our own sin, when properly understood, humbles us. Humility comes from being humbled and embracing it. You need to look in the mirror and say these words, "I am a sinner. I need help. I am going to get help, even if I must endure the shame."

After the fear of God and genuine humility there are three more steps in dealing with our corruption. These three steps are embarrassingly simple and need to be taken over and over. We need to listen to God, learn from Him, and then obey what He says.

1. Listen to God. This is where you will need a guide, another person who is committed to you, who you can trust, who loves the Lord, who knows the Bible. On your own or with your guide, you need to spend time every day in the Bible.

2. Learn from God. You need to apply 2 Timothy 3:16-17 in your life, in everything you read looking for a least one of the four things that Scripture does.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

3. Obey what God says. This is simple but difficult. Do not make excuses for yourself, but rather make plans to obey, pray, and then carry out those plans.✝



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Please take note of the church's new email address today and discontinue use of brooklynchurch@vastbb.net



LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 2
2-3 pm, Sioux Falls

A spot is reserved for us on the north sidewalk of W 41st St in front of Kuehn Park (2501 S. Kuehn Park Rd). You can get prayer signs at SF First Church (6300 W 41st St) and park at the church, walk onto the sidewalk from there.

This is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness in defense of Life from conception to natural death.

Senior Saints Day

October 4, 2022

Register: 515-547-2751

**Open to all guests
age 50 & up!
Guest Speaker
Pastor Mochel**

**Hidden Acres
3837 Union Ave
Dayton IA 50530**

BODY BUILDERS & BITS

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

I Thessalonians 5:11

BABY SHOWER

By Mail, in honor of
**BABY ZEIMER
AND PARENTS
Brett & Hannah (Carnes) Zeimer**

Mama-to-be is on bed rest, and there is uncertainty surrounding Baby Z's arrival day, so let's shower this family in a different way! Please send your gifts and books via mail. As they arrive day by day, they'll feel all your love from far away! Although we wish we could be there, this is the safest way to show we care!

Registered at Amazon.com & Target

Send Gifts/Books/Diapers to:
Brett and Hannah Ziemer
12466 Valley Road
Browns Valley MN 56219-4082

A small request and we hope it's not hard, please send a book instead of a card. It doesn't matter if it's well-loved or brand new. Sign the book with a special message to remind us of you. Baby Z will become very smart indeed and if we start early will soon learn to read!

Send a diaper package of any size for a chance to win a prize! Anyone who sends a package of diapers will automatically be entered to win a \$40 gift card. The number you send will correlate to the number of times your name will be put into the drawing. Sign your name on the package so we know who's name to put in the pot. Winner will be drawn October 31st and contacted.

Hosted by:
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BROOKLYN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE
MINISTRY

FUNDRAISER MEAL AND SILENT AUCTION

In an effort to raise funds to help families who are seeking to adopt a child/children and to support families who are serving as foster care families, Brooklyn Church's Adoption/Foster Care Ministry will be having a

Fundraiser Meal and Silent Auction, Sunday, November 20
after our worship service.

The ham dinner will be provided free of charge by local businesses, however, we are seeking donations of desserts from our church family.

If you have any questions or would like to donate items for the silent auction, please contact any of the Committee members; BJ Pramann, Sandy Fahlberg, Michelle DeLay, Stacy Sims, or Nick VanHofwegen.

INTENSIVE PRAYER MINISTRY

*BERESFORD AREA PRAYER HOUR

Sunday, October 16, 4-5pm, Set Free

Please join us as brothers & sisters in Christ come together to join voices as one in worship, praise and prayer.

*PRAYER ROOM POWER

8:30-8:50am Sunday mornings

5:45-6:15pm Wednesday evenings



Moms & Kids Time Together

Wednesday mornings, 9-10:30am

Snacks, fellowship & playtime
in the Fellowship hall



SUNDAY / OCTOBER 30TH
10:30AM

Please join us for fellowship
dinner following Worship

If you are able, please bring a
hotdish to share
and a salad or dessert

"Oh give thanks to the LORD
for He is good; His steadfast love
endures forever!"
I Chronicles 16:34



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 <p>Take time this month to show Pastor and Nancy how much you appreciate them, their work and commitment.</p>						1
2 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship, Communion 6p Evening Study 6p CC Parents, YB	3 6:30p Women's Study	4 Sr Saints, HA 8:30a CC Home-school 6:30p Women's Study	5 9a Moms & Kids 12p Community Study 1:30p Women's Study 6:30p AIC, Awana	6 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Discipleship	7	8
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30 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Harvest Festival 11:45a Fellowship Dinner	31 6:30p Women's Study	Happy Birthday to: 13 Shelley Morrison 19 Jon DeLay 19 Owen Bovill 22 Nora Hyronimus 22 Barb Koth 23 Sophie Leikvold 25 Rob Dressen 26 Rhonda Wynia 27 Bethany Hoffman 31 Rob Rhody				Happy Anniversary to: 17 Ricky & Jen Gordon 22 Rob & Teresa Knutson

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP

October 2

AM: Acts 22:1-21, Communion
Theme: Paul's Testimony
PM: Great Doctrines of the Bible 2

October 9

AM: Acts 22:22-23:10
Theme: Paul Before the Romans & Jews
PM: Great Doctrines of the Bible 2

October 16

AM: Acts 23:11-35
Theme: Paul Protected by God
Pm: Great Doctrines of the Bible 2

October 23

AM: Acts 24:1-27
Theme: Paul Before Felix
PM: Great Doctrines of the Bible 2

October 30

AM: Acts 25:1-22, Harvest Festival
Theme: Paul Before Festus
PM: No Evening Service



MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Date	Greeters	Nursery	Storytime	Music/Missions	Scripture Reader
10/2	K/R Leikvold	Paige German	Sandy Fahlberg Elsie Bovill	Communion	Robin Leikvold
10/9	A Sveeggen	Hannah Bird	Nancy Mochel Adell Zylstra	Missions Moment	Lindsay Zylstra
10/16	R/M Jensen	Karla Bovill	Connie Schmidt Nora Hyronimus	John Fahlberg	Allen Sveeggen
10/23	D/M Nelson	Stacy Sims	Sarah Wergin Owen Hyronimus	Open	Reid Jensen
10/30	K Erickson	Nancy Mochel	Julie Saugstad Bethany Hoffman	Choir	Marilyn Jensen
11/6	M/K Bovill	Paige German	Lindsay Zylstra Sydney DeLay	Missions Moment	John Morrison
11/13	D/J Paulson	Karla Bovill	Sandy Fahlberg Jon DeLay	Sydney DeLay	Shelley Morrison
11/20	A/J Charrlin	Stacy Sims	Nancy Mochel Payden Hoffman	Open	Sandy Fahlberg
11/27	C/S Carnes	Nancy Mochel	Connie Schmidt Owen Bovill	Missions Moment	Dan Paulson

October Worship Leader: Brian Fahlberg

Sound Tech: Chris Smith

Keyboard: Connie Twedt

Ushers: Andy German, Reid Jensen
Dave Nelson, Volunteer Needed

November Worship Leader: John Fahlberg

Sound Tech: Chris Smith

Keyboard: Doreen Fahlberg

Ushers: Clif Carnes, Karl Leikvold,
Dan Paulson, Shane Zylstra