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keep that in mind in this circumstance.”

When one is doing “right”, protecting someone else, it is easy to step further across the line to becoming a bully confronting a bully. This is the line that stands between right and wrong.

To listen to the other voice in my mind, “Knock him down before this gets out of hand.” “Laugh at him and get others laughing at him.” Or other things that might provoke the situation, those might be my instinct but they were not going to be beneficial. I would have moved from being protector to aggressor.

I’ve spent time this week trying to look at the interactions of Jesus with both friends and enemies to evaluate how he kept his balance. I’ve tried to think of the counsel of Proverbs on interaction with people. I keep coming back to the “anger of a man does not produce the righteousness of God.”

Ultimately, that is what I seek, the righteousness of God. Controlling me is a full time job. I am glad God is gracious.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The Day Is At Hand

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Sep 23 , 2018

I became engaged in a verbal altercation this week. I asked a man to refrain from calling an older woman a profane name. Without going into any detail, the issue was resolved.

After I returned home, I reflected on my behavior. The writer of Proverbs states two conflicting statements. “Answer a fool according to his folly.” As well as, “Answer not a fool according to his folly.” Evidently there might be a time for each of these.

Within me, I noticed a desire to want to “one up” the other man. I considered being louder, becoming aggressive, using personal verbal attacks on his manhood, intelligence, wisdom, along with many other things that I probably don’t remember.

I wanted to engage him, threaten, subordinate, and make him yield. I had all of these things running through my mind as we stood in this place.

In the running commentary in my mind were the checks, the limits that I knew I needed to try to maintain. “Nothing physical unless aggressive movement was made toward the vulnerable.” “Disengage, the point is made, look away from the man.” “Keep your mouth shut, more challenges will only escalate the situation.” “You profess to be a Christ follower,

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)
ELDERS: Richard Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising
GATHERING SONG: No. 186—Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 105:1-2 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 4—To God Be the Glory
No. 15—Step by Step
No. 23—Our God, He is Alive (vs 1, 2, 4)
No. 63—I Will Call Upon the Lord
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 176—Lamb of God
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril
Stan Aldrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
SONG: No. 535—The Glory-Land Way
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 904—Have You Been to Jesus (vs 1)
PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Devin Sizemore—Sep 24 / Dena Mansel—Sep 27

COOK OUT

You and your family are invited to the annual cook out at Chet & Marla Lyons' on Saturday, September 29th at noon. You can bring a side dish and lawn chair, if you would like. The main dish, drinks, plates and silverware will be provided. In case of rain, everything will be set up inside the shop. Hope you can be there!

FOR THE LADIES

The Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp was great! Thanks to Pam and several other ladies who put in many hours preparing lessons, food and activities. Many were blessed by those efforts.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—Hosted by the Garden City Church of Christ. Save the date, October 13, from 9:30am to 3:30 pm. Guest speakers: Barb Rains & Tammy Meador.

AREA WIDE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are invited to an area wide singing at the Pratt Church of Christ on Sunday, October 14th, at 5:00 pm. A soup/chili supper will follow.

Also make note of an area wide worship service at the Hughes Metroplex in Wichita on October 21 at 5:00 pm. See flyer posted for more information.

UPDATE FROM CHIHUAHUA

Ubaldo Cardona, in Parral, Chihuahua, sent a newsletter last week, and commented they were unable to make a recent trip they had planned to visit other churches in the mountain area, because of the danger of organized crime. Please join them in praying for trouble to settle, so they can make their visit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Orvalee Aldrich—health concerns
Karla Tillery (Gayle Byer's friend) - health concerns
Joy Monroe (Marilyn's daughter) - home from the hospital
Gladys Hornbaker—in Leisure Homestead in Stafford; improving
Carol Gingrich—recuperating at home
Aprell Foster (Royce & Beth Wilson's daughter) - recent back surgery
Rick Toland (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - chemo for Stage 4 bladder cancer
Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law—heart problems
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Diane Campbell—MS
Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford

UPDATED DIRECTORY

We want to have a new directory available soon, so please be sure you have verified your contact information with Janet and update your picture, if needed — sometime in the next 2 weeks.

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