



MACHE 2009 Annual Conference Saturday Workshops

Workshop: Another Chance

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Session: IV **Time:** 9:00 a.m.

"For I know the plans I design for you, declares the Lord: plans of peace and not of evil, to give you posterity [a future in our offspring] and a hope. And you, call on me; and come and pray to me; and I will hear you: seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart: and you will find me." Jer. 29

"These things happened to them for examples: and they are written to remind us ... So, whoever thinks he stands, see lest he falls. No testing overtakes you except such as is common to man: but God is trustworthy who allows you to not be tested beyond your ability; but with the testing also makes an exit so that you are able to endure." 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1

Am I following the God of the Living Word or the god of our culture? And what are the fruits?

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Being then made free from sin, you became the servants of righteousness". Romans 6:16-18

Can I trust God? Who is this God I trust?

What should be my priority?

"Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one" answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'" "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:28-33

All the "good" things we bring to God are meaningless w/out right relationships.

"If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23-24

What relationship(s) do I need to make right?

Marriage Issues~

"...each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband"
Ephesians. 5:33.

*"See to it that no one misses the grace of God
and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." Hebrews 12:15*

Am I a magnet or sandpaper?

Does my life exhibit pride or humility?

Am I more concerned about my needs or others' needs?

"The thief comes to steal and destroy; I have come that they may have life and that more abundantly." John 10:10

A Damaged Marriage Steals...

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| 1. Unity | |
| 2. Power of Prayer | 8. The Power, Stability and Security of Authority |
| 3. Joy | 9. Positive model for:
Our children |
| 4. Energy | Future generations |
| 5. Discipline and Direction | The Body of Christ |
| 6. Motivation and Momentum (paralyzes) | The world |
| 7. Order and Organization | 10. Identity and Destiny |

Recommended Resources:

Love & Respect Eggerichs
Break the Communication Code
War of Words by David Paul Tripp
The Heart of Anger
Shattered Dreams Larry Crabb

Common Deceptions that Destroy Marriage Oneness

Battlefield of the Mind -by Joyce Myers
An Affair of the Mind -by Laurie Hall
Biblical Concepts in Counseling
Rekindling Marital Intimacy -by John Regier
Biblical Concepts in Counseling Workbook

Parent/Child Relationship - Appropriate Authority/Friend Balance

Am I safe place for my family members' hearts?

"... provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the discipline and admonition of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4

How does God parent us?

"My son, neither disregard the Lord's discipline, nor weaken when he reproves you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes every son he receives."

Endure discipline God offers you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? -Heb. 12:5-7

"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save, He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with his love, He will rejoice over you with singing" Zephaniah 3:17

Is this your picture of God? (This is important as our beliefs affect how we live.)

God romances our hearts. Do I take the time to romance my children's hearts?

Caring for the Heart

What does this mean? Is this really important?

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23

Emotions ~ part of being "Made in the image of God"

What about Anger?

"In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger, nor give the devil a foothold... Do not let any unwholesome talk proceed from your mouth, but only what is good for building others up according to their needs, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, fury and anger, brawling and slander (to degrade), with all malice. Be kind to one another, forgiving [granting grace to] each other, just as in Christ God forgives you [grants you grace]." Ephesians 4:26-32

"Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

For the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." James 1:19-20

Negative/Interruptions or Positive/Opportunities?

And we know that all works together for good to those who love God, to those called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess. 5:16-1

Organization/Priorities

"Busyness is not a virtue"

Does the reality of my life reflect what I say is important?

Live intentionally with flexibility (allowance) for God's higher ways.

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. So do not worry about tomorrow.... Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:33-34

Perfectionism (and fear) vs. Excellence (and grace) Perfectionism paralyzes. Excellence elevates.

"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. ...For when I am weak [frail, feeble], then I am strong [able]." 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Appropriate work/play balance

Discipline-

Designated free time helps motivate work ethic

Friends

"Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33

Guy/Girl Relationships

Transition from childhood to adulthood -- The Blessing.

Money Management

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20

What If...

"Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:" Psalms 37:4-5

Recommended Resources:

Things We Wish We'd Known - from 50 families

The Power of Spoken Blessings

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Age of Opportunity by Paul David Tripp

The Power of Crying Out