

## Can I Flip Tables Too?

Jesus was offensive! In John 2 Jesus made a whip, drove salespeople out of the temple, and overturned the tables of money changers. In Matthew 22 Jesus flipped tables yet again, driving buyers and sellers out of the temple. In Matthew 23, Jesus pronounced seven scathing woes to the scribes and Pharisees, the most influential religious leaders of his time. He called them hypocrites, children of hell, blind men, snakes, and murderers!

Wow! Jesus was offensive, and He was righteous in his expression of anger. Glory to Him! Our Lord was righteous to flip tables and harshly rebuke those religious leaders who twisted God's word. We serve a God who takes justice for us and for His own name.

Can I flip tables too? Can I adopt the colorful language that Jesus used to condemn others? Some of our more legalistic brethren point to Jesus's example in Matthew 22-23 as authorization to express their anger in similar, theatric ways.

The truth is that wounding is necessary for healing! We must be "cut to the heart" by the gospel of Christ to become Christians (Acts 2:37). The word of God offends us as it convicts us. The faithful "wounds of a friend" are invaluable for righteous living (Proverbs 27:6). We are offensive when we call others to repentance.

However, I would caution you against dramatically flipping tables and pronouncing woes in the same way that Jesus did. There are some things God can do that we cannot do. For example, Paul wrote, "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord'" (Romans 12:19).

Wounding is necessary for healing. A surgeon wounds with surgical precision. Jesus offends with divine precision. I trust Jesus's authority and perfect judgment to flip tables and pronounce piercing woes. As a fallible human being, I don't trust my own judgment to act in the same manner. It's probable that my own anger will not produce the righteousness of God (James 1:20).

Only two men in the entire New Testament pronounced woes like Jesus did. Paul pronounced a woe on his self (1 Corinthians 6:19). Jude, inspired by the Holy Spirit, pronounced a woe on false teachers (Jude 11).

The imperative for Christians is clear: "Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted" (Galatians 6:10). We should absolutely learn to rebuke and be rebuked. In our rebukes, gentleness (even towards one another) is the command we have been given. Gentleness is evidence of the Holy Spirit within us (Galatians 5:23). Let's speak passionately about gentleness, and let's (like Paul) speak openly about our own shortcomings.

*Caleb Boggs*

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- Betty Fogarty will have surgery on Tuesday. She expects to be in the hospital for about three days.
- Bob Murray is home from the hospital.
- Our sympathy is extended to Carl Thomlinson and his family on the death of his brother, Robert, last Monday.

**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This past week we paid the electric bill for someone who had lost their job. If you know someone in need, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Devo and Donuts** is Tuesdays at 7:00 in the activities center. Enjoy a devotional, food and fellowship. 

If you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Please sign the **birthday cards** for some children at Fair Haven. They are on the welcome desk.

**Men's breakfast** is Thursday at Dude's House of Donuts. Join us and start your day with food and fellowship.

## Today's Sermons

A.M.: *Fully Alive*  
(John 10:10, Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *O & A*  
(Danny Boggs)



Plan to encourage the residents at **Gran Villas** with a devotional next Sunday at 1:30.

**Tri-State Youth Series** is next Sunday in Vinita. The bus leaves the parking lot at 3:00

**Affirming the Faith Seminar** will be March 3-4 at North Macauthur Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. The van will leave at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 3, have supper in OKC and then attend the keynote and singing sessions. You may drive your own vehicle. We will stay in the Fairfield Inn and Suits by Marriott. After attending sessions Saturday, we will stop in Tulsa for supper and arrive back Saturday evening. The elders have graciously offered to cover the cost for one person from each family to attend free. If you are going as an individual and are willing to share a room, it will be free. If you want a private room it will be \$68. Married couples will pay \$68. Sign up on the bulletin board to go. For questions, contact Carl Cobb.

Ladies, our annual **Ladies seminar** is fast approaching. On March 10 and 11 we will have the opportunity to hear Jill Jackson bring lessons on Principals of Proverbs. Please make plans to be here Friday evening at 6:30 PM registration and lesson at 7:00 PM and Saturday morning at 9:30 AM for registration and lesson at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be following the lesson in the activity center. Please invite family and friends. This is such an opportunity to study God's word with other ladies.

If you are not getting **church notifications** via text, such as cancellations due to the weather, and would like to be added, please let Danny know.

**Ladies Retreat** will be February 17-19. Registration forms are on the welcome desk with more details for the weekend. Please register by February 12.

Teens don't forget to register for **Horizons**. It often fills up so get your registration in soon. See Caleb's door for the important details.

A print copy of the **directory** is being made for those without online access. Anyone can have one, but you need to let Coralee know if you want one or if you would like access to the online version.

**Last call** for new pictures. Find Coralee or have someone take your picture today!

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Today

#### This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Bill Reiboldt  
AM Closing Prayer: Karson Thomas  
Communion Prayers: Wayne Douthitt  
PM Opening Prayer: Darren Pierce  
PM Closing Prayer: Tucker Anderson

Announcements: Trace Wilson  
Singing: Tony Flint  
Invitation: Jim Friend  
Opening Prayer: Bryan Reiboldt  
Closing Prayer: Miles Wiolgamott

### RECORDS

#### 1-22-23

#### 1-23-22

Bible Study	146	139
AM Worship	183	174
PM Worship	137	104
Wednesday	115	124
Contribution	\$7,320.17	\$8,629.22
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00