



TOUGH LOVE: ACCEPTING CONFLICT AS NORMAL

Philippians 4:1-8
Pastor Tom Dierenfeld
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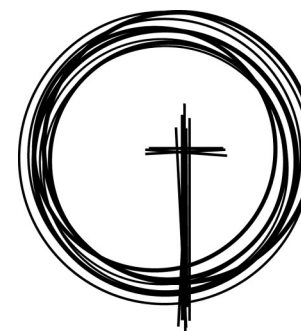
2 Assumptions

1. Disagreement, conflict and evaluation are _____.
2. We can _____.

4 Keys to Navigating Conflict Well

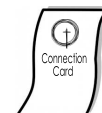
1. Don't confuse _____ with _____.
2. Always choose _____ and _____.
3. _____ is the _____ to _____ and _____.
4. How you _____ influences how you _____.

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WELCOME TO
LifeSpring
 Covenant Church

We are so glad you've chosen to visit LifeSpring today! Feel free to reach out to our Pastor of Connections & Formation for more info about our church. Elyse Aguirre: elysea@lifespringchurch.org



If you're new, whether in person or online, please fill out a Connection Card at the Welcome Center or fill it out online (www.lifespringchurch.org/im-new) to let us know you're here! This just gives us a chance to say hi and welcome you here.



If you would like to give an offering today to support the ministries of the church, there are offering boxes in the lobby and back of the sanctuary. You can also scan the QR code and give online or go to our website and click GIVE. Venmo is another option: @LifeSpringCovChurch Thank you!



We invite you to check in your kids in the Children's Ministry area at the south end of the building. Check in before service. Nursery age kids can be dropped off anytime; elementary age kids will join us in service for music and will be dismissed before the sermon to head to crew252.

BABIES, KIDS, STUDENTS

Sundays: Nursery & Children's Programming

Please check in your kids before service at the south end. Drop off to nursery anytime; grades K-5 will begin with us in service then be dismissed before the sermon.

Youth Group

Wednesday nights are back! FUSION (grades 6-8) is 6:30-8:00, and PULSE (grades 9-12) is 7:00-9:00. Enter through the south doors.

Find the youth calendar on the website (www.LifeSpringChurch.org) under Connect > Students to see what's coming up!

For text updates, text @lifespri to 81010.

THE AFTER PARTY

Many of us get anxious thinking about this upcoming election. We fear the taking of sides, losing contact with family and friends due to political differences, becoming exhausted and overwhelmed. Regardless of where you find yourself on the spectrum, we should all be asking, "How can we be Christlike in the chaos and craziness of our political climate?" Join us this fall for a 6-week class answering this question using The After Party Curriculum.

Sunday Mornings: Adult Growth Class facilitated by Julie Slayback
9/8 - 10/13 in crew252, **8:30-9:45** *please note the earlier start time
Childcare provided

Monday Evenings: 9/9 - 10/14, 6:30 to 8pm
Women, facilitated by Julie Slayback
Men, facilitated by Brent Bromstrup

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

We sent off a check for \$17,301.01 to Covenant World Relief this week! Covenant World Relief is doing missional and humanitarian work all over the world, and it is a privilege to support our denomination's work in Gaza, serving and humanizing those who are suffering deeply in the midst of this war.

We are not an isolated body; we are part of the larger body of Christ that has worldwide reach and impact. Thank you for your wild generosity, contributing to the effectiveness and care this global body of Christ can offer our world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 | ROMEO

Retired Old Men Eating Ot will be meeting the third Thursday in September at 8:30 am. This will be the return of our regular breakfast; eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, OJ and coffee; maybe some mini muffins. Hope you can make it. Join us in the Commons room here at church.

September 22 | Carnival on the Corner! - 3:00 to 5:30 -

Carnival is just a week away! We get the privilege and opportunity to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus, helping prepare and put on a party that we pray communicates joy, light, love, and acceptance to our neighbors.

Sign ups are open. We need volunteers set up team, food makers and servers, inflatables monitors, trash patrols, face stencilers, and a clean up crew. We are also asking for a number of food donations, from hot dogs to cookies to cheese to waffle cones! You can find the sign ups online or Sunday in the Connecting Center.

And of course, plan to come party! Invite your friends, neighbors, classmates to come enjoy too! 3:00-5:30 in Loch Lon Park, our south lot, along Jocelyn Drive, and in the Sarah Milner lot.

September 29 | Celebrating Pastor Tom

We look forward to officially installing Tom as our lead pastor on Sunday, September 29th. Our conference superintendent will be here, and it will be a special morning asking for God's blessing and provision in this new season at LifeSpring. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch.

October 13 | NewComers Pizza

Are you new or newish to LifeSpring? We want to meet you! You're invited to stay after church on October 13th and join us in the Fireside room at 11:45 for a NewComers pizza. This is a casual, informal time to meet our pastors and for us to get to know you. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

October 20-November 10 | LifeSpring 101

LifeSpring 101 is a four-week class with the purpose of orienting new attendees of LifeSpring to our denomination and our congregation. We meet Sunday mornings during First Hour (8:45-9:45). Sign up at the Welcome Center.

LIFE TOGETHER

Alpha

As a gift to the Alpha group, we want to provide dinner for them every week when they meet. If you would like to contribute towards a meal, visit the lifespringchurch.org/alpha. You can bring a main course, a side, dessert, or any combination you'd like.

New Giving System

We are officially transitioning over to our new giving system: Church Center. You can download the Church Center app or access through our website: lifespringchurch.org/giving

You can find various giving funds here (General, Carnival, Helping Hand, etc), you can give one time or set up recurring giving, and you can add one or multiple payment methods to have easily accessible.