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DEAL WITH IT RIGHT AWAY

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Matthew 5:23-24

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

God values worship. He will allow few things to disrupt our times of devotion with him. Yet in this passage Christ stops us in the very act of worship, and insists that we attend to some other business first. What could be so important to God?

Reconciliation.

God knows that unresolved anger damages relationships and harms individuals – including the ones who harbor it. So, Jesus warns us to be aware of subtle forms of anger that often fly below our radar such as bitter

attitudes and harsh words (verse 22). Further, he challenges us to resolve differences quickly. It is interesting that in this portion he warns of the toll the angry person might have to pay if he does not resolve issues right away (verse 25-26). Oftentimes we think our anger is harming (only) the one against whom we hold a grudge, without realizing the steep price we are paying ourselves.

How about it? Are you wrestling with an unresolved anger issue? Have you wronged somebody? Has somebody wronged you? What are

you waiting on to resolve the issue? Unresolved anger issues interfere with the intimacy you can have with God. Even more than your acts of worship, God wants you to resolve those lingering issues of anger.

May God give us grace today to address and resolve anger-induced hurt right away.

God bless you,
Pastor James

DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: *anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*

Colossians 3:8

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

January 5

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

MONTHLY EVENING SERVICE EVERY 3RD SUN @ 6 PM

January 17

Please contact us by phone (570 856 3310) or email (mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com or rcantio@gmail.com) for login information.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

January 10

In-person service and livestream.
Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM

January 8

Youth meetings are in-person at church.

VIRTUAL KIDZONE SUN @ 4 PM

January 10

Kidzone is available every Sunday.
Contact Candice at candicebrich@gmail.com for log on information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Breakfast Saturday 9 am.** Bring a friend and something to share for breakfast if you can.
- Bible reading plans for 2021 are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today.
- The Church's Annual General (Business) Meeting will be held online on **Saturday, January 16 @ 4 pm.** Members will be emailed login information.
- We are excited to have you at our in-person worship at 11 am on Sundays. Please call ahead to 570 856 3310 or email us at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.