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WHY BOTHER?

Safe, Accepted,
and Loved

TAKEOVER

JUNIOR HIGH- MARCH 5TH

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

Safe: Protected from or not exposed to danger or risk; not likely to be harmed or lost.

Where do you feel the safest? At home or around people I love.

We should be welcoming, humble, loving and compassionate.

What could you do to make others feel more comfortable? Greet them with a warm smile take an interest in them.

Let’s genuinely greet our first-time guests and visitors, speak to someone new and learn something about them, and most importantly let’s realize that a first impression is a lasting impression.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12 (NLT)

God accepts all who accept him.

Accepted: generally believed or recognized to be valid or correct.

Have you ever felt like you didn’t fit in? Where? _____

How did that make you feel?

Did anyone do anything to make you feel accepted? _____

How did it feel when you finally felt accepted? _____

I appeal to you dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

Loved: Held in deep affection; cherished

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)

As Christians, God gave us his two most important commands:

- **To love Him**
- **To love others**

We were not called to be “Christians” just to be happy and content within ourselves, but to be vessels and channels of God’s love experiencing His love first hand and then passing it on to others.

My God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. He is my refuge, my savior, the one who saves me from violence. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies.

2 Samuel 22:3-4 (NLT)



QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

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1. Where are some places that you feel safe? What makes them feel that way to you?
2. Where do you not feel safe? Why?
3. There is a difference in feeling physically safe and emotionally safe. What do you think it means to be emotionally safe? How can you be an “emotionally safe” person to be around?
4. What are some things that make it difficult for people to fit in?
5. Who are some people that genuinely accept you just as you are? Some people are more difficult to accept than others, why do you think that is? How can we make others around us feel accepted/not accepted?
6. How do you know God loves you?
7. What are some different ways to show love to other people?

Bible Verse:

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Challenge:

Reach out to someone that doesn't fit in and show them love and acceptance



Upcoming Events

- TONIGHT- “Meh. Why Bother?” (Small Groups, Free Food Sunday)
- March 12- “Meh. Why Bother?” (Small Groups)
- March 19- “The Fight” (Small Groups)
- March 25- “The Fight” (Service Project)

come
Hang out
the spot

We get it – walking into a new place can be very intimidating! It may even keep students from trying out our Takeover service! We've created a place to make things a little easier. The Spot is a place where students can hang out before the service, eat some breakfast, play games and connect with other students. It's an easy way to get to know a few people without the larger crowd. If you're in 7th-12th grade, come check out The Spot on Sundays, 30 minutes before the 9 and 11 am services, upstairs in room 229! Just ask any Guest Services volunteer where to find us!