

## WAYS TO GIVE

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## NEED TO KNOW!

### #1. Warrior Conference

We still have a place for you! It is happening this week May 12-14 at Trout Lake Camps. Guys will spend a couple days away relaxing and focusing on their relationship with God. Head to the website to get signed up.

### #2. Child Dedication

Child Dedication is coming up on May 29 in both services. This is a meaningful moment when parents commit to raising their child to know and love and Jesus. RSVP and learn more on the website.

### #3. Women's Summer Bible Study

Hey Ladies, summer study registration is live. This study will work through the many lessons in the Sermon on the Mount. It starts on June 1st and groups meet on Wednesdays; you can choose a morning or evening group. All the details and registration are on the website.

### 4. VBS Volunteer Meeting

Are you interested in volunteering for VBS or already signed up? This meeting is for you! Join us Sat, May 21st in the youth room from 9:30 - 11 AM. We are looking for adults and middle/high school students to volunteer!

# WHAT MAKES YOU



## MAY 8 // WEEK 8 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

### Often we are most mad at the person we have become.

"I stood already committed to the profound duplicity of life, that humankind is not truly one but two. And that these polar twins should be continuously struggling. One of these polar twins, who was the Mr. Hyde character, bore the stamp of the lower elements in my soul." - Robert Louis Stevenson

### Motherhood is a dichotomy, a struggle between two opposing forces.

"Becoming a mother is a biological process, but it is also a social transformation, and one of the most dramatic that a woman may experience. The home is supposed to be a haven of love and good feelings. Thus it comes as a great disappointment to many women when it proves not to be so for them. For home is also a place where the ugliest and most destructive emotions are experienced, where there is disturbing interpersonal conflict, and inside four walls these raw feelings are concentrated and mixed together as if in a pressure cooker. She hates what she has become." Sheila Kissingner - *Ourselves as Mothers*

### The struggle is real.

Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. - Romans 7:21-23

### Jesus understands our struggle.

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." - Luke 10:38-42

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### We get mad when our limitations exceed our expectations.

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"Ultimately, nothing in this life, apart from God, can satisfy our desires. Tragically, we continue to chase after our desires ad infinitum. The result? A chronic state of restlessness or, worse, angst, anger, anxiety, disillusionment, depression—all of which lead to a life of hurry, a life of busyness, overload, shopping, materialism, careerism, a life of more...which in turn makes us even more restless. And the cycle spirals out of control." - John Mark Comer, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*

### Presence is more important than performance.

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things." - Luke 10:41

"Love, joy, and peace are at the heart of all Jesus is trying to grow in the soil of your life. And all three are incompatible with hurry." - John Mark Comer, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*

### Attention is the beginning of devotion.

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"The solution to an over busy life is not more time. It's to slow down and simplify our lives around what really matters." - John Mark Comer, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*

### How do we end the war with ourselves?

#### Jesus saves us from ourselves.

Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! - Romans 7:24-25