

Week 5 (May 3, 2020)

Announcements:

1. 4Pointes will continue having Digital Services only until June. The staff and board will then have a discussion about opening the doors to the general public.
 - a. 11:00AM via FB Live & YouTube

2. Help Support Oakcliff
 - a. 4Pointes is partnering with Oakcliff Elementary School to help support the families that attend there. What they need the most are the following.
 - i. Gift Cards to Korger/Walmart/Visa/Mastercard (they need about 10 cards)
 - ii. Any dry food or can good donations
 - iii. Please contact any of the staff members for drop-off or pick up of donations.

Checking-In	Sermon Discussion	Extended Bible Reading <i>(if time)</i>
<p>How's your quarantine? <i>(Pick and choose! You don't have to ask all of these questions)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does a normal day look like in your life these days? 2. How many shows have you watched so far? Which ones? 3. Any new ways you can share with the rest of us to keep ourselves entertained? 4. When this shelter in place order gets lifted, and you are comfortable going out in public again, what is the first restaurant you'd like to go to, and who would you like to go with? 5. What are some revelations you have learned about yourself during this time of isolation and quarantine? 6. What are some things you have learned about your relationship with God during this time of isolation and quarantine? 	<p>SERIES: "Onwards and Upwards" Sermon Title: "Painfully Honest Prayers" Speaker: Pastor Sam Pack</p> <p>Main Point</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the midst of our grief, our prayers need to be painfully honest. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acknowledge our Pain: It's ok to tell God we're not ok. b. Turn it to Prayer: It's ok to ask for help, if we're not ok. c. Lead to Praise: It's ok to praise God when we're not ok <p>Discussion Question: READ Ps. 13</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are some of your initial thoughts about the sermon on Sunday? 2. Have you ever "let God have it" when praying? If so, what was that like? If not, why not? 3. Has there ever been a time where someone close to you was upset with you, but didn't say anything for a long time (or ever)? What was that like? What happened to the relationship? 4. What do you like better, meeting digitally (like this) or meeting in person? <i>(discuss the different situations where one is better than the other)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What makes one better than the other depending on the circumstances <i>(birthday party vs board meeting)</i>? 5. Why is it so important that we know that God is actually here with us when we pray? 6. Why is it so important to find ways to rejoice in the painful moments in our lives? 7. Think about the painful moments in your life. Was there anything you could praise God as a result from going through that difficult time? 	<p>EXTRA PASSAGES PERTAINING TO THE MESSAGE (please read and discuss further if there is time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Luke 18:9-14 2. Ps 6:6-10 3. Jer 15:10-18 4. Luke 22:41-42 5. Ps 64 6. Ps 22:1-3 <p>How do these passages reflect what we learned from our message this past week?</p>

	<p>Application</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practical ways to be painfully honest with God <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Write it down. Sometimes seeing the words help! b. Say it out loud! Sometimes hearing the words help! Especially when they come from your own mouth c. Don't be afraid to hurt God's feelings. He's a big God, He can handle it. Don't hold back, because He's not waiting for you to mess up. Most likely you already did. He's more likely waiting to hear from you and remind you that you've already been forgiven. 2. What areas in your life have you been avoiding praying about? 3. What emotions do you ignore in your prayers? 	
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Prayer Topics and Requests

- **Coronavirus 2020**
 - All Healthcare Professionals (especially anyone who is from 4Pointes)
 - A vaccine to be made efficiently and quickly
 - All who are suffering from COVID-19 and the families who are caring for them.
- **4Pointes**
 - Community can become closer through this global pandemic
 - Pray for anyone in our community who has tested positive for COVID-19
 - Pray that 4Pointes can be a light in the darkness that points others towards Christ
- **Personal**
 - Share any personal prayer request you may have