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If you missed the first Messed Up message go to jacobswellec.org and follow the message resources tab and watch week one.

Read all of 1 Corinthians 7,8, and 9.

Personal Reflection

What does it mean to you that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? Why do you think God wants to live in you by His Spirit? How can you honor God by treating your body as God's temple?

Study Questions

In **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**. Paul explains to the Corinthians that even though they know there is nothing wrong with eating the meat sacrificed to idols, the loving thing to do is not eat it if it is offensive and creates a stumbling block to the person they are eating with. This is what the Scripture meant for the Corinthians at the time Paul wrote his letter. How do you think this timeless truth applies for Christians today? The message from October 21st and 22nd spoke directly to this passage. If you have not seen the message, please access it under message resources at www.jacobswellec.org.

Is there anything you are doing out of selfishness, arrogance, or insensitivity that could be causing a brother or sister in Christ to stumble? Are there places in your life where you are being "puffed up" by knowledge instead of building others up in love?

This past weekend, Paul talked about marriage and gender. Though we understand God's truth about marriage and gender, it is important that we do not judge or act insensitively toward those who struggle in these areas. Coming to a judgement about an issue is not the point. As Christ-followers, our hearts are for people to know and become like Jesus. They cannot take steps toward Jesus without the people of Christ loving them and listening to their story to understand, not to label or judge. Think about how you best learn? Is it helpful if someone treats you with disdain, or are you more apt to take a step under loving and compassionate guidance? **Read John 8:1-11**. How are we to imitate Christ and follow His example?

Please read Jacob's Well's Statement of Faith concerning the Christian Covenant of Marriage: We believe The Christian Covenant of Marriage, by which one man and one woman establish a lifelong union for the protection and wellbeing of the spouses, and the procreation and bringing up of offspring in a godly manner, is to be honored as holy. This covenant should only be entered into by two professing followers of Jesus Christ. This is a binding covenant between the man, the woman and God.

Jacob's Well Church believes that the Bible clearly instructs that sexual activity is to be enjoyed exclusively between a man and a woman that have been joined together in holy matrimony. All other sexual activity violates the Biblical standard for Christians.

This covenant may only be broken in the extreme cases of marital infidelity, abuse, or abandonment. The spouse who was abused, abandoned, or treated with infidelity is free from the obligation of the covenant. However, on occasion, reconciliation may be possible even after times of deep hurt and betrayal. Divorce is a painful experience, and those who go through divorce will be loved and supported as they seek the Lord for healing and forgiveness to live a whole and healthy life.

We acknowledge and celebrate that some are called to singleness for a season or for their entire life. The calling to singleness is a call to celibacy and considered a gift from God.

At Jacob's Well our vision statement is "Wherever we are on our journey, we will take steps together to know and become like Jesus." Write the definition for "wherever" below:

How do you accept people who have a different struggle than you?

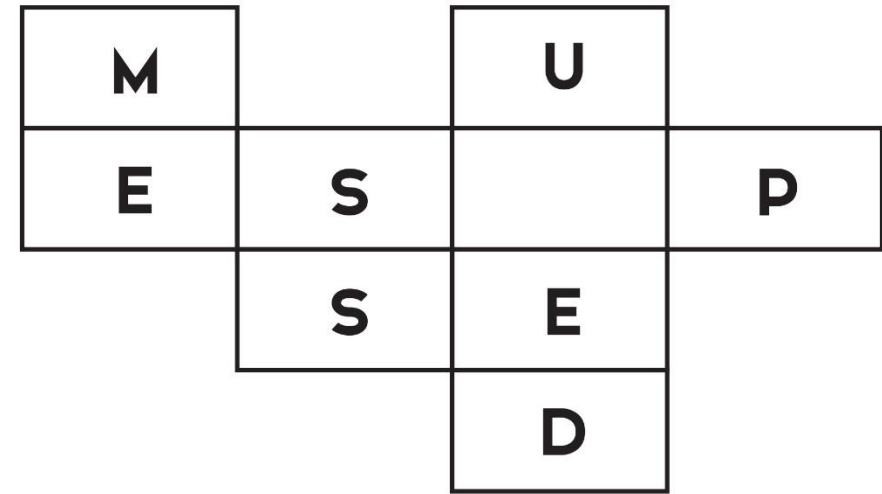
If you are married, how do you find fulfillment in your marriage? What is a step you and your spouse could take to grow your marriage? At Jacob's Well we have Marriage Journey classes. The classes just started last Tuesday evening at 6pm. If you are interested in attending the next session, please contact Diane Bryant at dbryant@jacobswellchurch.church.

How are you remaining sexually pure in your relationships and in your life? If this is a struggle for you, Jacob's Well offers Pure Design. Please email Grant Schultz gschultz@jacobswellchurch.church or Diane Bryant dbryant@jacobswellchurch.church for more information about class dates and times.

As we end this week, reflect on your life. Where are you struggling with what we are learning this week? Maybe you are having a difficult time forgiving yourself for past sin. If so, come to the Worship Night on **Friday, November 10th at 7pm**. The theme of the night is "God's Great Love." Come let God's love wash over you in a time of shared worship and communion.

Prayer of Saint Francis:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be
loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is
in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*



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