

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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July 24, 2016 – When you're not happy with the way someone is doing something

Romans 14

1 Accept (makes them part of your life) ***the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.*** (matters of opinion)

Indisputable matters No other god, don't worship idols, don't use God's name in vain, keep God's day holy, honor your father and mother, don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't be jealous of what someone else has...

2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. Maybe the greatest verse in the Bible, only eating vegetables = weak faith!

The apostle Paul brings up an illustration of something that is disputable that people get passionate about – FOOD!

Illustration: The time Daphne brought home turkey bacon, TURKEY IS NOT BACON! Or the time we had all vegetables for supper, and the way I feel about it – chicken does not count as a meat unless it's FRIED!

3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Both of the, God loves people who eat Quinoa and Hummus!

4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? Great question, we are God's servants and nobody else's.

To their own master, servants stand or fail. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. It is up to God to decide who success for fails...God.

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

The WHY ***7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.***

It's dangerous to have people try and change you or you change them and not let it affect the way you live (or give them power over you).

Illustration: If you get accused of something over and over, eventually you will want to do it, since your accused of it anyway.

Kids who have a high moral standards being told you think you're better than us...in trying to prove them wrong, they'll do the same things...

What we do.

Pretend it doesn't bother you ... that doesn't work for too long

What you can't do...

Change them, get defensive

As Christians (followers of Christ) our Savior sat in this seat the entire time of his public ministry. He was consistently misjudged...

Matthew 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her actions.

They considered him a drunk, friend of prostitutes, thieves, supporter of Rome, then accused of trying to overthrow Rome, don't know who your dad is...Somehow, he never gave Power to those who judged him.

How can we do that? I'm glad you asked...

Fun to think how Jesus could have handled it.

He knew everyone's thoughts.

Jesus never used his power for his own benefit.

There is no way for words to paint the picture of what happened.

Luke 23:35-37 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Jesus dying and they kept judging him
Rulers, Soldiers, people he had healed not defending him, his followers ditched him

All of this happened following verse 34

Forgive them, they don't know what they are doing

Are you kidding me?

They really don't know what they have done,

They are insecure, doing what they know to do-don't hold this against them...

They don't know the significance

If there is any way out its through forgiveness

Mark 15:37-39 37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Veil torn -30 feet high, 4 inches thick, took 300 people to hang it

Separates holy God from sinful man, the barrier...

The High Priest went in on YOM Kippur (day of pardon)

When Jesus breathed his last breath THE BARRIER was gone

Earthquakes may have broken the lenth (big wooden beam the Veil hung on)

At the moment of the worst wrong judgement God broke the barrier between a Holy God and Sinful Man.

39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

The Centurion – saw thousands die. Saw how Jesus died

This was the son of God (I was wrong)

Not how Jesus could defend himself, justified himself, used his wit and insight, defense in court, but HOW HE DIED.

Luke 6:35-36 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Love your enemies – how bout just ignore them?

Do Good – how bout just don't put ruts in their yard, or all the other evil things I can think of to do..

We say, "It won't do any good" God says It's not for them, it's for YOU Sons of the most High – when you sit under judgement others are telling you who you are...

This is the most important message you will ever show others...

If there is any victory over being unfairly judged, it is through forgiveness

Romans 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Back to Romans 14

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgement seat. 11 It is written:

'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'

12 So then, each of us will give an account of OURSELVES to God.

13 Therefore, let us stop passing judgement on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

There will always be people who annoy you. You can never get rid of all the people who annoy you...fact of life.

What if the change I want to see in you is God's cue to change something in me?