

2010

JANUARY 2010... CIVIL



DISCOURSE

SUNDAY #1

JANUARY 03, '10

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE THY NAME
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE
WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM
AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY
FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

Welcome to 2010 in the CiB family! We are going to be digging into the idea of and practice of "civil discourse" in our scriptures and daily lives through January. But today is the first Sunday of the new year!

So things are a little different today, we're collaging! But it's not just about scissors and glue sticks... some things can't be said. Some things are better seen than heard. Sometimes just cracking our knuckles and thinking about a different way to see something can help us integrate it into our lives. That's why we make a collage a couple of times a year at CiB!

As you look at images and words laid out before you on the tables, let the following words start to take root in you and to become an aspiration for the new year...

**"Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be always pleasing before you,
O Lord, my helper and my redeemer."
Psalm 19:14**

Welcome, we're in the Chapel today to start the new year a little closer together and to collage our verse printed below!

~ Opening Prayer, Intro and Scripture Reading
James 3:1-12, page 831

~ Doxology
~ Take All Of Me
~ 40
~ Mighty to Save

~ "Resolved for 2010"

~ Sharing the Bread & Cup
Special Music!

~ Prayers of the People

~ Weekly Grace

~ Doxology

~ Closing Blessing

It's easy enough to look around and see where I might be slipping a bit with my words. It's sometimes what I'm saying, and sometimes what I'm not saying. Sometimes it's that I'm simply saying too much. Here are some worthy biblical thoughts about our words...

Ephesians 4:25, 29

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body... Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Proverbs 12:6

"The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them."

Proverbs 12:25

"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."

James 1:19-20

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because our anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."

Now, the meditation of my heart gets a little deeper...

Jesus in Luke 6:43-45

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. Good people bring good things out of the good stored up in their heart, and evil people bring evil things out of the evil stored up in their heart. For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks."

Jesus in Mathew 6:22-23

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! "

Weekly Grace...

How will you practice this aspiration in the new year?

Daily habits and efforts at saying amazing things?

Doing a heart job on yourself, a day at a time?

Hmmm?

**AMAZING
LITTLE THINGS
TO SAY...**

"I'M SORRY."

"THANK YOU."

"GOOD JOB."