

Pressure or Principle

There are two things that determine how we respond to others – pressure and principle.

For instance, say you are out with your family or friends and someone asks the impossibly daunting question, “Where are we going to eat?” (Sarcasm intended, but seriously, why is this such a hard decision?)

The crowd of voices all agree upon the same restaurant. Except you. You don’t want to eat at that restaurant, but due to external pressure, you go along with the crowd.

There’s nothing shameful about going along with the crowd in an instance where there are no moral violations, so this is not intended to be a reprimand, but rather, an example of an instance where outside pressure motivates decision making.

But there are other instances where going along with the crowd would mean violating your principles. If you are a follower of Christ, His principles are your principles. You draw the line where He draws the line. At least, that’s how it’s supposed to be.

After dinner someone suggests going to the movies. The movie suggested is rated “R.” It is full of foul language and has sex and nudity. Now the follower of Christ is forced to make a decision. Do I go to the movie to keep the peace, even though going will mean a violation of my principles? Or do I make a principled stand and explain that I cannot watch that movie because it is full of sin and in no way honors God?

There’s a third alternative that too many Christians choose. They don’t go to the movie, but instead of giving their principled reason, they give a fake excuse. They instead say something like, “I’d go, but I’m too tired,” or “I don’t like movies with that actor.” They find a way out because they don’t want to violate their principles, but for fear they don’t explain their decision.

So I ask you, just as I ask myself, what motivates YOUR decision making? Do you make your decisions based on pressure or principle? This week as we continue to study what it means to “draw the line,” we’ll again see our long past brothers Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah make a principled stand and say to the king, “...*let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up (Daniel 3:18).*”

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PRAYER LIST

Lonnie Bennett—Lonnie’s surgery went great and the doctor was please with how the ankle looks.

Jim Crisler—Has been diagnosed with Covid-19 and has been very ill all week. He is diabetic and has other health issues. Pray for his strength.

Jim DeJarnett—would like prayers. He is having orthoscopic surgery on his knee this Tuesday.

Janice Johnson—is home recovering following a battle with Covid-19.

Violet Clay—sister of Leroy Lewis—is in Dodge City at a rehab facility.

Don Duscher—is dealing with cancer and heart problems and has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

REMEMBER! BIBLE CLASSES START TODAY!

Sunday morning Bible classes start today. The rooms have been cleaned and there are cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer stationed in each room.

HAYRIDE AT THE BRADBURY’S

There is a hayride planned for Sunday, Oct. 25 at Nathan & Sarah Bradbury’s home from 3:30 to 6:30ish. A meal will be provided. Nathan & Sarah’s address is 553 E 90th St. S (directly across from the Rome CO-OP).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Pam Rayl—19th Annie LeFlore—20th Sharron Willey—20th
Arlis Day—21st Joshua Sandoval—27th Doug Brown—28th

This week we’ll examine these men that made their decision based on principle, not pressure.

One final thought regarding movies. I would challenge you to not only not consume content that is sinful, which should be common sense to Christians anyway, but also to ask yourself the harder question: “Does what I’m watching in any way glorify God?” That’s a harder question because, regardless of the content, how much content should a Christian consume that in no way acknowledges God or brings Him glory?

I hope you know that as a follower of Christ, I only challenge you as I also challenge myself. If I didn’t love you, I’d keep my mouth closed. It’s because I love you and only want what is best for you, that I speak the convictions that the Holy Spirit places upon my heart.

Much Love!

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**Those Who Serve
September 2020**

	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
Elder in Charge:	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline
Opening Prayer:	L. Turney	J. DeJarnett	A. Shields	L. Lewis
Song Leader:	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
Communion Prayers:	R. Harris	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
Contribution Prayer & Collection:	K. Dodds M. Neal	K. Dodds M. Neal	K. Dodds M. Neal	K. Dodds M. Neal
Ushers:	J. Willson N. Bradbury	J. Willson N. Bradbury	J. Willson N. Bradbury	J. Willson N. Bradbury
Closing Prayer:	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris	R. Harris
Deacon in Charge:	M. Neal	M. Neal	M. Neal	M. Neal

Note concerning COVID-19: During this month we are asking all public non-speaking participants to wear a face covering while performing their duties. This applies to ushers and to the men collecting our contribution. If you are unable to fulfill your assignment for any reason, please call the Deacon in Charge.

ELDERS

Rex Harris Marvin Kline
Ed Newberry Tom Norris

DEACONS

Kevin Dodds Aaron Hines
Leroy Lewis Mike Neal
David Pierce Alan Shields

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Upward, Downward”*

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Welcome

Prayer

Song #709 “How Sweet, How Heavenly”

Song #264 “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

Song #315 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #708 “Reach Out to Jesus”

Closing Prayer