



fired up

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Inside Out • Message 3

We exist to help people discover life in Christ.

JANUARY IS A SPECIAL MONTH FOR LCC.

Inside Out

WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO LIVE OUR LIVES BACKWARDS, OUTSIDE IN • STAR METAPHOR

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 NIV

TWO WAYS TO LIVE... OUTSIDE IN OR INSIDE OUT.

Review

- * We need a sense of dependence on God: God is my **Air**.
- * We need a readiness for internal change: I am God's **Earth**.

THAT'S THE VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP, BUT ONLY HALF THE STORY

YOSEMITE CLIMBERS • TOMMY CALDWELL AND KEVIN JORGESON • VIDEO AND QUOTE ON SCREEN

Fired Up

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 NIV

We need the **FUEL** of positive **RELATIONSHIPS**.

AN INTERNAL REALITY • YOUR RELATIONSHIPS COME FROM YOU! • BOYFRIEND IS ANGRY PERSON?

The Greatest Commandment(s)

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP • HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIP.

Love 101

I LOVE INDIAN FOOD • LOVE... AS YOU FEEL LIKE IT, AS LONG AS..., AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF?

Love: **YOUR NEIGHBOR = YOURSELF**

RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS, ME THINKING I'M MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOMEONE ELSE

ILL: COWORKER SPEAKS TRUTH ABOUT YOU? • ILL: MY OVERDRAFT FEE • CHURCH CONFLICT?

Never let yourself believe that you are more

VALUABLE than someone else.

BUT WE CAN'T STOP THERE

Love 201

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 NIV

WHAT MAKES THIS "NEW"? • NEW COMMUNITY AND NEW STANDARD

We must have an **"OTHERS FIRST"** relationship with other **BELIEVERS**.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10 NIV

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.... From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:11-13, 16 NIV

BECAUSE OF THIS NEW COMMUNITY JESUS HAS BUILT, I HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE TO GET FIRED UP!

Element #3: God's **FAMILY** fuels my **FIRE**.

Take it Home

- * Make time with believers a **HIGH PRIORITY**.
- * Take advantage of opportunities to **GIVE** and **RECEIVE**.

Preparing for Commitment Sunday

GOD'S FAMILY FUELS MY FIRE:

The Spirit dwells in me, but his power is revealed in community. I intentionally prioritize Christian relationships because I have something to give and something to receive.

(Matt 22:39-40 :: Acts 2:1-4 :: Gal 6:10 :: 1 Th 5:19 :: Eph 4)

Specifically, I affirm the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life and heed the guidance he gives through the counsel of others in this church. I will view this community as my spiritual family and offer my time, talent, and treasure here before serving or giving elsewhere. I will prioritize the weekly gatherings for worship and join a Core Group. I will pray for and support my leaders, love my fellow believers, and vigorously defend the unity of this church.