



Lemoore church of Christ

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SPLINTERS

-Ryan Parsons-

There has been no shortage of "honey do's" recently while we adapt our lives to two new humans. This has included routines, and at times, it has required power tools to adapt our domicile for their needs. My most recent project was to renovate a closet downstairs. It was refreshing to break out the miter saw and to cut the wood used to construct 6 new shelves.

A couple of days later, I got to looking at my left palm. I was surprised to see a sore and a discolored place. Come to find out, I had a nice little splinter embedded in my hand. It was lodged in there so deeply that my body had started to form some puss around the foreign object, and a small infection appeared to be setting in. Immediately, the nurse in me came alive. After a few minutes with a needle and tweezers, I was back to normal.

Sin is the same way. If we aren't careful, it can get embedded into our lives. If we let it linger, it becomes toxic to our entire life producing a dangerous infection. The Hebrew writer suggests that it can trip us up causing us to fail in our goal of walking/running in Christ (Hebrews 12:1). Sometimes, we see little splinters of sin, and we think, "That's no big deal!" However, Jesus was pretty hostile towards sin. To him, it was no trivial matter.

Matthew 5:29-30

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. In order to remain spiritually healthy we have to get rid of sin!

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, How do we do that? Jesus used a sharp instrument (Hebrews 4:12) when tempted in the wilderness.

Matthew 4

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ""You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."" 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Perhaps the Word of God is the needle and tweezers we need to get rid of the temptation and sin in our lives. Keep studying and watch out for splinters!

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 299	John 17:6-19
Monday	Day 300	John 17:20-26
Tuesday	Day 301	Mark 14:26-31
Wednesday	Day 302	Luke 22:31-34
Thursday	Day 303	Luke 22:35-38
Friday	Day 304	Matthew 26:36-46
Saturday	Day 305	Luke 22:39-46

Prayer List:

Cleta Sisk, Eula Rhoads' sister spine injury and testing for other medical issues

Eula Rhoads

Claudia, nurse friend of Krista Hodgson-Ramirez suffering from brain bleed

The Hendrix family. Toby's mother Darcy passed away.

Betty Standridge - soft tissue injury in her foot

Lynda Sander recuperating following infusions

Kerri Hodgson's brother Don suffering from hypothermia following a kayak accident.

Megan, Garth's Brother-in-law's niece cancer

Michael Davis, from Springville congregation (son Aaron and family have visited here) is very ill.

Kathy Shough, relative of Lynda Sander, - cancer

Kim Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom

Doug Standridge

Red and Marjory Cooper

Richard Hunsberger, Stephanie Tischmacher's step-dad,

Meryl Wamhoff, friend of Lisa Butts, has months of chemo ahead. Still needs prayers

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, started chemo

Linda Frye, Cancer

Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin, clots in his legs

Angie and Tito Cano- Tito on maintenance meds

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, stomach cancer

Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting