

Sermon Notes

Living the Unfiltered Life

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Galatians 2:11-15

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Practice #1 Life-Giving Worship

How did you see God this week? What caused you to worship? Did you find yourself saying, "WOW!!" over any way that God revealed Himself to you?

Practice #2 Life-Giving Truth

Last week's truth was "**I Need to Guard My Heart From Legalism.**" Did you remember to tell yourself this truth? What happened? This week's truth is **Living the Unfiltered Life.**"

The social media world is all around us and ever accessible. As a result, we've probably all found ourselves at some point, posting a picture, comparing ourselves or our family to the pictures we see. Maybe we even wonder why we can't have or do what others do. I think if we're honest, we might even feel like we have to post our own pictures that make us look like we have it all together. You could say, "we filter our lives" so that others see what we want them to see and maybe not the real or whole picture. But, what if we were never intended to live filtered lives? What if we are to live unfiltered lives? What if true freedom in Christ is found in living the unfiltered life?

What are a few reasons that could cause us to live a filtered life? (When we say filtered, we're not talking about guarding what we say from time to time. That is a good thing. "Filtered" is when you only let people see a part of you and not really the whole you.)

Read Galatians 2 together with your group. Focus in on 11-15.

Why did Paul seem so ruthless in calling out Cephas (Peter)?

Peter had originally felt the freedom to eat with either Jew or Gentile and had no problem with it. How could a Jewish man like Peter feel this type of freedom when food restrictions and separation was a part of his DNA? (Think about his time with Jesus. What did he see? Also, read Acts 10 for background).

Peter felt like he needed to live with a filter on his life around the Jews who had come from Jerusalem. It caused him to separate from table fellowship with the Gentiles in Antioch.

Have you ever felt freedom in your relationship with Jesus but then pulled back as a result of someone or others? Why?

If you were a Gentile who had come to know Jesus and had been welcomed to the table of fellowship with other Gentiles and especially the Jewish believers, how would you have felt when Peter withdrew from you?

This was a big deal and that's why Paul calls Peter out. He challenges him to not live a filtered life but to live the unfiltered life of freedom in Christ because it has dramatic effects. It has effects on individuals but also the larger population. The truth of the gospel was a stake.

Look at verse 13. How did Peter's filtered life impact those around him?

This might be uncomfortable but talk about this with your group. Are there any filters that you have put on that have caused others to miss Jesus? Are there filters you have put on that cause YOU to miss out on Jesus? (things that we have made prerequisites to being in

the faith or things we have camped out on that Jesus doesn't)

You are free to live unfiltered in Christ.
#unfilteredlife

[Practice #3 Life-Giving Relationships](#)

How can we pray for God to heal your heart?

[Practice #4 Life-Giving Impact \(Pray & Watch\)](#)

Let's share our pray and watch stories and pray and watch together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MINISTRY-OF-THE-WEEK - St. Mary's Catholic Church. Pray they grow in intimacy with the King and a passion for His Kingdom!

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Roger & Terri Maxon / Brad & Rosa Irland

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT WEEK – No Nursery – Thanksgiving Celebration Service!

RIGHT NOW MEDIA: Last Sunday we launched rightnow MEDIA. It's like the "Netflix of video bible studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

THE INTERSECTION:

TOMORROW - 6:30-8:00pm – Come enjoy a great meal, connect with other guys and hear how God has and is working in **Tom Sherman's** Life. It's sure to be a great night!

FAMILY THANKSGIVING & BAPTISMS:

Our BIG FAMILY THANKSGIVING will be NEXT Sunday, November 19th. We'll gather together for **ONE SERVICE @ 10am** and then share a meal together. During this service, we will have baptisms. If you're interested in being baptized during the service, please contact one of the staff for information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

It's OCC time again! It's time to pick up your boxes and hear about the special opportunities we have for you this year! The final drop off date at RCC will be NEXT Sunday, November 19th. **GRAB BOXES TODAY TO BLESS KIDS ALL AROUND THE WORLD!!**

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RCC CORE VALUES

SURRENDER

He is God, I am NOT

DEPENDENCY

Prayer is the work

CONNECTION

Because people matter to God

AUTHENTICITY

Real is better than perfect.
We believe in progress not perfection

GRACIOUSNESS

We have been saved by grace
to live graciously

SIMPLICITY

What matters most
is people finding Jesus

MULTIPLICATION

Multiply kingdom laborers, life groups and
life-giving churches

I choose to walk moment by moment in
absolute **surrender** and **dependence**,
making **connections** that are **authentic** and
gracious keeping one **simple** focus,
and investing my life for the
multiplication of kingdom laborers.

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