

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## *Living The Life*

### *Following Jesus into life – Matthew 5-7*

**Matthew 5:3-12**, God's promise to bless

- A solid life in a shaky world
- **Matthew 7:24-27**

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**Vs. 13-16**, Our clear calling & purpose

- Soaking in **Christ's flavor**, keeping it **fresh**
- Being **the wick** in the lamp of **His light**

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**Vs. 17-20**, Jesus – **the Fullness** of God's Word

- Keeping **His life** (Vs. 3-16) fulfills the law
- Be careful who you follow
- It's **not about performance**

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**Vs. 21-26**, Life from the heart (Christ's)

**Vs. 21**, "You have heard that it was said..."

- **By who...** God, or others speaking about Him?

**Vs. 22**, "But I say to you..."

- We have **God's word** from **Him who IS The Word**
- Trust, but verify – **Acts 17:10-11**

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"Whoever is **angry with his brother without a cause** shall be in danger of the judgment."

**Proverbs 7:11**, "God is angry with the wicked every day."

**Vs. 22**, "Angry" = **Passionate Wrath**

**James 1:20**, "The wrath of man does **not** produce the righteousness of God."

**Righteous wrath** belongs to God, (**Rom. 1:18-32**)

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"Raca" = **Worthless** (made in God's image & likeness)

- Who **God values enough to die for**

"Fool" = **Godless** heart (**Psalm 14:1 & 53:1**)

- Speaking **condemnation**
- "The Three Stooges"

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**Titus 3:2**, "Speak evil of no one, be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men."

- Our world is **overflowing** with evil speaking & condemnation

- If we're not **deliberate about our salt & light**, we'll be corrupted

- **Driving up Soundview** Tuesday morning

**James 3:3-10**

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**Vs. 23-24**, "Has something (**legitimate**) against you" (**Vs. 11**)

- Respond to unjust accusations like Jesus – **Don't**

"Leave your gift there **before the altar**"

- That is where conviction lives

**God doesn't receive impure offerings (Vs. 8)**

- Nothing is **more valuable** to Him
- **John 13:34 & 17:20-23**

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**"First be reconciled to your brother (Vs. 9)**

- What do we value more highly than **restored relationship?** (Peace)

**John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."**

**"And then come and offer your gift."**

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**Vs. 25a, "Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary"**

- **Why?** What if you are being wronged?

**This disagreement is before man, not God**

**How did Jesus settle our wrong against Him?**

- **Romans 5:8 & Hebrews 12:2**
- **The oil to light this lamp is very valuable**

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**Vs. 25b- 26, "Lest your adversary deliver you to the judge... and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny."**

- **What judge? – God**
- **What prison? – Unforgiveness**

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**Murder & crimes against humanity?**

- **It all depends on who we're listening to**