

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Encounters

Matthew 27:57-28:15

Jesus has broken the seal of death on your life!

Jesus has removed the ropes and stone that would prevent you from knowing freedom!

Go and tell others about His life and how you know it to be true!

1. Trade in your armor!

What is armor for?

- Addie asking about armor
- To show off or and to intimidate
- Big man big armor, little rock

The guards lost their armor

Give up those things of yours that "make" you strong

- Judges 6:15-16
- Romans 8:31
- Philippians 4:13
- Proverbs 3:5-6

2. Take the truth not the Bribe!

Don't settle for the rewards of staying silent

I would love to ask the guards
"Was it worth the bribe?"

- Leviticus 19:11
- Exodus 23:7-8

Life defining encounters:

The guards had to process what to do with what they encountered that morning.

The priests had to decide what to do with their encounter

The women had to decide what to do with their encounter

The disciples had to decide what to do with their encounter

You must decide what to do with your encounter

- Will you take the bribe of settling for your silence?
- How would you respond if asked "Was it worth it?"

3. Receive those who have been Shaken!

- Will the church receive those who have been shaken?
- Roman soldiers who became believers
- Paul – Similar story to the guards at the tomb

- Colossians 3:10-11
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

It starts with you, are you a new creation because of Christ?

How will you receive those who are made new?

Christ's example of receiving the criminal!

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Without the need of a bribe, He asks you to share your story of being shaken!

What will you do with your encounter?