



Caught in Spiritual Drift!

Oct. 16, 2022 – Isaiah 29:13-24
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Navigating Spiritual Drift

1. Do not hide behind the **facade** worship at the neglect your own soul.
 - a. The Heart of the Issue: You **fixate** on the external behaviors of a worshipper while ignoring your own soul.
 - b. Action: Pay attention to your own **soul** and the soul of your fellow believer.

2. Do not **twist** theology to justify living the way you want to live.
 - a. The Heart of the Issue: We make God **smaller** and ourselves **bigger** to avoid the feeling of shame for our sin.
 - b. Action: **Humble** yourself before the Lord!
 - i. Be **Repentant**... confess your pride to the Lord!
 - ii. Be **Teachable**... accept instruction!
 - iii. Be **Submissive**... be obedient to God's ways!

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced spiritual drift? Can you put into words what that was like for you?
2. Do you think it possible to hide behind the façade of worship? Explain
3. In what ways has your pride hindered your pursuit of God?
4. In what ways do we sometimes make God smaller and ourselves bigger?
5. What is the condition of your soul? What do you need to do to address it?
6. It is important to pay attention to each other's soul. What does that look like for you?
7. What action are you going to as a result of the message?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

October 2022 Two Year Bible Reading Plan				
Week 1 <i>Starting Oct. 3</i>	Week 2 <i>Starting Oct. 10</i>	Week 3 <i>Starting Oct. 17</i>	Week 4 <i>Starting Oct. 24</i>	Week 5 <i>Starting Oct. 31</i>
Day 1: 2 Kings 18	Day 1: Isaiah 1-2	Day 1: Isaiah 13-14	Day 1: Isaiah 26-27	Day 1: Isaiah 38-39
Day 2: 2 Kings 19-20	Day 2: Isaiah 3-4	Day 2: Isaiah 15-17	Day 2: Isaiah 28-29	Day 2: Isaiah 40-41
Day 3: 2 Kings 21-22	Day 3: Isaiah 5-7	Day 3: Isaiah 18-20	Day 3: Isaiah 30-31	Day 3: Isaiah 42-43
Day 4: 2 Kings 23	Day 4: Isaiah 8-9	Day 4: Isaiah 21-23	Day 4: Isaiah 32-34	Day 4: Isaiah 44-45
Day 5: 2 Kings 24-25	Day 5: Isaiah 10-12	Day 5: Isaiah 24-25	Day 5: Isaiah 35-37	Day 5: Isaiah 46-47

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
-Isaiah 53:5-7 (NIV)

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?