

- ◆ Women's Prayer breakfast this Saturday at 9 am.
- ◆ Potluck today after Worship.



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Reality: Living with Differences

By David Cariaga








We realize that we exist in this world not only alone but with many different people. The cause of many conflicts today is because of selfishness on the part of people wanting to cause chaos and turmoil and on the part of those who want to protect their lives. The recent issue about “banning some Muslim immigrants” is caused by evil people who caused so many deaths to a peace loving country or either “leaders who only look selfishly at their own.” What is the effect of this on other countries? Are all living in those “banned countries” evil and deserved to be banned? Must all these Muslims be banned because they belong to predominant Muslims? However, can a country also decide what is best for their own and push the policy anyway? Questions and Answers can never end but we can only be aware that “this is the World we are in.” It is a world of so many differences!

The gospel has taught us about keeping the commandments while living with or among people with different values, beliefs and practices. Our knowledge about conflict and differences are common and accepted, yet the Savior did not limit His warning against contention to those who were not keeping the commandment. He forbade contention by anyone. Even those who keep the commandments must not stir up the hearts of men to contend with anger. The “father of contention” is the devil; the Savior is the Prince of Peace. Christians are followers of Christ and must be advocates of peace!

In Proverb:29:8: “Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath” because James 1:20 says “for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” Paul the Apostle of the Gentiles said in Romans 14:19: “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another” and in Ephesians 4:15 “speak the truth in love.”

Many times we Christians encounter conflicts but even as we seek to be meek and avoid conflicts, we must not melt down and compromise our commitment to the truth that we carry. We must not give up our Biblical positions and values. We are in a war and it is a spiritual war. Let us brace ourselves with God's teaching to strengthen us and give us the strength to go on and continue doing God's word. The word, our only weapon and encouragement, is a “Two edged sword” and has made us combatants in the eternal warfare between truth and error. There is no middle ground or “bystander” in this war.

In our Bible study, our Savior showed the way when His adversaries confronted Him with the woman who had been “taken in adultery, in the very act” in John 8:4. After they were shamed with their own hypocrisy, the accusers withdrew and left Jesus alone with the woman. He treated her with kindness by declining to condemn her at that time but Jesus also strongly told her to “sin no more.” Brethren, “Loving-kindness” is so needed, but we, followers of Christ—must be strong in upholding and spreading the truth. Peace be with you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 No Bible Class	1	2	3	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am
5 Potluck 	6	7 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	8	9	10 Vision Channel 9:30 am 	11 Women's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am
12	13 Scottie Simmons Adoption B'day 	14 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	15	16 James Bortey B'day 	17 Vision Channel 9:30 am 	18
19	20	21 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	22	23	24 Adrian Nocon B'day 	25
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Bible Mad Gab: Beef Root Fill Land Mulled Apply (See Genesis 1:28 for answer)

On for cleaning..... . Leah and the girls

Food Bank Items: Peanut Butter; Soup; Kraft Dinner;

Condiments; Canned Meats/Fish/Fruit; Dry Spaghetti/Sauce

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Order of Worship

Bible Class



9:45-10:30am Sundays
David Cariaga (John Chapter 14)

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays
David Cariaga



Prayer Time

10:30—10:45 am Sundays



Worship

11:00 am Sundays

Leadership for Worship

Song Leader.....Wayne Taylor
Worship Prayer.....James Bortey
Presiding at the Table.....Shola Komolafe
Assisting.....Jonah Simmons
Scripture Reading.....Kwasi Asare
SermonSinging & Daren Simmons
Collection.....Shola Komolafe
Closing Prayer.....Dennis Peters
Announcements.....Dennis Peters

John 4:24

**God is a Spirit: and they that worship
Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

Prayers for those we love...

1. Wisdom for the spiritual Leadership of all the churches.
2. Our bible class teachers and students.
3. Church evangelism, spiritual growth and unity.
4. Missionaries—Joel Osborne, Ruth Zimmerman and Ron and Karen Clayton.
5. Key to the Kingdom program, teachers and students.
6. Wisdom for the leaders of our country and the military.
7. Those not worshipping with us today.
8. All Brethren living in isolated areas.
9. That Sel's dad will be healed of his prostate cancer and that her mom will have the strength to live through the process.
10. That Jocelyn's Brother-in-Law will be saved and God will ease his suffering.
11. That the Evacuees of Fort McMurray will find homes, financial help or new jobs, and have their needs met.
12. That Corey and Claudia will become strong in the faith again.
13. Ann Landry is out of the ICU. Pray for her health.
14. Those of our congregation travelling.
15. That Gizel Attedjro would stay focused and grow in faith as she studies at the Great Lakes Christian college .
16. That Paul & Heidi Taylor would return to Jesus's Church.
17. Our sister Susan McLellan had a baby boy named Quintin. Although she was discharged, he is currently in the neonatal intensive care unit. Pray for Quintin's healthy development during this sensitive time.