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Bible Verse

Ephesians 4:29

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Life Skills Class

Our **Wednesday night** Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are back! Come check it out every Wednesday night at LWA starting at 7:00pm.

Learn practical, Biblical principals to help you in your every day life.

Watch for Tom teaching on Sunday October 29th.

Community Service

The LWA Youth, along with several adult volunteers provide an

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 8/27/17

Greetings!



A week ago, we discussed how we respond to people who are mean to us.

We started off by clarifying that people are generally not mean even if they sometimes do mean things. We then talked about all the different ways

that people are mean to us and how it makes us feel. We also talked about what our typical responses are when people are mean to us.

We then looked at **Matthew 5:10-12** to see what Jesus had to say to His Disciples about people persecuting them for doing nothing more than following Jesus and His teaching.

Jesus told them that when (not if) they are persecuted because of righteousness (basically punished for doing good) they are blessed.

It doesn't seem to make any sense at first but Jesus basically tells us that we should feel happy to be persecuted because great is our reward in Heaven in the same way as the Prophets before us. So, we can be identified as Children of God just as those before us and our reward in Heaven will be great.

We agreed that is all well and good but we still don't feel very happy or blessed when people are mean to us. How can we be happy about people being mean to us?

We said that when people are mean to us, or more importantly by our response to them, we are given the opportunity to show them and others what it is like to be living Christ-like lives as God's children. We have the opportunity to show them the love of God and share the light of Jesus Christ with them. We have the opportunity to live out our purpose and should feel blessed for it.

We looked at **Proverbs 15:1** for some insight in how our response helps guide the interaction.

We said that usually one of the first things that happens is that the person being mean cannot continue being mean for very long without the world expected angry response from you.

ongoing monthly community service project with the Department of Child Services (DCS).

On the 3rd Saturday of each month we meet at 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

1 Youth is continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

Another more important thing that happens is that he and others see God's love in you and want to know more about how you can respond in such a positive way when the world expects negativity or anger. You are blessed with the opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with the world simply by how you respond to negative situations.

We showed a real world example of somebody responding in a Christ-like way when a person was mean to them for no reason and talked about it after (included in the link below).

The first thing we noticed is that the man seemed confused by her response, didn't know what else to say, and finally just gave up and left.

We then talked about the other affect this girl's response had. The Youtube video went "viral" reaching millions of people all over the world showing her response to this person harassing her for no reason.

She was also interviewed by dozens of news/talk shows wanting to know more about her unexpected reaction and her feelings toward the man who harassed her. She may not have felt very blessed at the time but she was truly blessed with the opportunity to share God's love with the entire world by just one simple response to just one person.

We finished up with a challenge. We said that the next time we experience somebody being mean to us, instead of just automatically reacting the way that the world expects, take a moment and ask God how this situation can be used for His glory and respond in a way that shows the world your Christ-like character and helps spread God's love to the world.

When people ask how you can respond to negative behavior in such a positive way, you have the perfect opportunity to tell them all about Jesus and the good news of the Gospel.



Video shown and discussed in class

Upcoming Events!

Michelle is on the radio!

Listen for Michelle's new Uplifting & Encouraging Christian Talk Show live every Tuesday night at her new time from 6:00-7:00pm only at www.centralcityradio.com/walking-in-grace

You can also find podcasts of Michelle's previous shows at the same address.

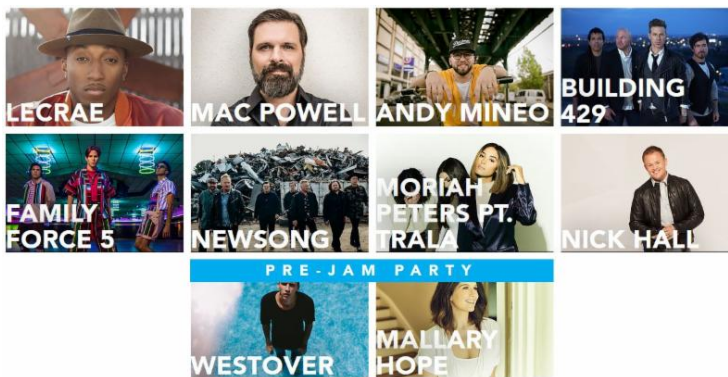
For those on Facebook, look for her page: walking in grace for inspirational messages throughout the week.

Contact Michelle at 602-684-1665 if you have a topic you would like her to talk about or if you would like to be a guest on her show!

First Fridays:

Starting on October 6th, we will be having a monthly youth event on the First Friday of each month (except for November, Winter Jam is 2nd Friday). October's First Friday event will be Bowling. Details will be provided soon. Join us for our monthly youth events for Fun & Fellowship with 1 Youth students and their friends in grades 7-12.

Winter Jam is coming up Friday, November 10th. See the line-up below. The cost will be \$35 for a VIP ticket that gets us in early for the best seats and for a Q & A session with the artists. We plan to leave together as a group from LWA at 2:00pm and typically return around midnight.



Let Chris or Michelle know soon if you want to join us so we know how many tickets to get.



Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Matthew 5:10-12, Proverbs 15:1

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller
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