

FEARFULLY + WONDERFULLY MADE

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Feb 23rd, 2020

The Adaptive Peacemaker, Enneagram 9 - Carl Rettinger
"I'm Fine" Genesis 12:1-4

"So Abram went, as the Lord had told him." Gen 12:4a

- Abraham simply _____ and _____.

Genesis 12:10-20

"Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." Gen 12:13

- Abraham is committed to _____ his _____.

Genesis 20:1-18

"And Abimelek asked Abraham, "What was your reason for doing this?" Abraham replied, "I said to myself, 'There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.'" Gen 20:10-11

- He _____ to avoid _____

Genesis 18

“Then Abraham approached him (God)...” Gen 18:23

- Abraham is willing to _____ God to
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• Abraham:

- _____ discomfort
- _____ to God
- God _____ Abraham’s heart for people

Answers: Trusted, Went, Preserve, Shalom, Lies, Conflict, Challenge, See Another Perspective, Risks, Draws Near, Draws Out.

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

ICE BREAKER: Someone once said that the phrase, “I’m fine,” is the most frequently told lie in the English language. What do you think and feel about it?

PRAYER: God is worthy to be sought - take time to pray together in your group.

“Fearfully & Wonderfully Made” - Type 9 - Adaptive Peacemaker

In this sermon series we explore how to **follow Jesus** in the way we were designed. Because... **you are not a mistake (Psalm 139:24)!** The *Enneagram Assessment* is a spiritual formation tool that can help us understand ourselves and others, in order that we may **increasingly love God and others (Mark 12:28-31)**.

When we know **who we are**— our heart’s motives and needs— we can see God’s grace, love and purpose for us (to become like Jesus - **Romans 8:29**) through the Gospel, which has the power to transform. When we know **whose we are**, we follow Jesus with the perspective that we are God’s most cherished and beloved children, sustained and transformed by God because of Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf.

EXPLORING TOGETHER

There is value in sharing perspectives about the weekend message in community. With dialogue around God’s truths, perspective broadens and impacts transformation.

1. What is something from this weekend’s message that stood out to you?

TAKING IT HOME

We are not meant to just let life happen to us, *conforming* rather than *transforming* (**Romans 12:1-2**). We can choose to allow God’s transforming power into our life.

We all bear the image of God within us, and depending on your type that image manifests in different ways. However, we can find parts of ourselves in other personality types. **Type 9’s** bear the image of God as **peace**.

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2. Read **Genesis 18:20-32**. How would a Type #9 resonate with Abraham’s negotiations?

3. How would a Type #9 find Abraham’s situations stressful or frustrating?

4. Type 9's feel compelled to seek peace both internally and externally. Read **Isaiah 26:3-4; Philippians 4:7**. How do these passages speak to 9's longing for peace?

The ancient Hebrew greeting **shalom** is a concept of wholeness, completeness, soundness, health, safety and prosperity, carrying with it the implication of permanence. God promises all the eternal qualities of *shalom* for those who turn to him.

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When 9's live out of the overflow of a Jesus-trusting life, they find peace in the presence of Jesus, not the absence of conflict.

5. How often do you find your self-talk to be realistic? In what do you find your confidence and worth?

6. Describe a time when you felt your voice (perspective) mattered and made a difference.

7. How does understanding other's strengths and weaknesses lend hope for yours?

Remember the **Johari window** - everyone has blind spots. We come to see our blind spots through courageous self-examination and courageous invitations to others to lovingly speak truthfully to us.

Ephesians 4:21-24. During this series we hear about *our transformation* as the hope of the Gospel. We can thrive as "fearfully and wonderfully made" people. God's invitation of growth comes through the mirrors of: Scripture, the Holy Spirit and Faith Community.

The Ephesians passage clearly delineates 3 steps to following Jesus:

Put off your old self (Repent).

Be renewed (Turn to God).

Put on your new self (Live differently - Do good).

8. Each week reflect on the following:

What do I need to take off?

What does it mean for me to turn to God?

What is the resulting new self (action/living)?