
Religion: A set of rules, rituals or practices we control.
Religion seeks to control God and people.

We get stuck when:

Lamentations 3:17-33 | Matthew 15:1-20; 23:23-28 | Isaiah 59:1-2
Proverbs 28:9 | Micah 3:4 | Proverbs 1:22-33

- God doesn't answer our prayers.
- We are disappointed in God when He doesn't solve a problem that He easily could.
- We replace ritual over relationship.
- I'm doing the right rituals with the wrong lifestyle.
- My focus is on what I get, not the giver.
- The words and actions of others don't match up.

Getting unstuck: The relationship God wants with you.

Matthew 26:36-46 | Mark 12:28-30 | 1 Samuel 15:22-23 | Micah 6:6-8
2 Chronicles 7 :14-15 | Exodus 19:5 | Jeremiah 29:13
(Psalm 29:11 | Matthew 11:28-30 | Romans 15:13 | Ephesians 2:4-9)

- Instead of getting religious, I need to get right with God.
- God wants to be with you, not used by you.
- God wants you as you are right now in the exact condition you are in.
- God wants you for the long haul. (forever and then some).

Together in prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer.

- ◆ Give thanks for plans approved, roof issue resolved, construction beginning.
- ◆ Pray for funding plans for remodel.
- ◆ Pray for the broken-hearted in our community.
- ◆ Pray for opportunity in your life to speak life, pray for courage and wisdom to make the most of every opportunity.
- ◆ Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- ◆ Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- ◆ Pray for my next step in reaching the one I am praying for.
- ◆ Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.

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