

FCEMF  
Grace Christian Fellowship  
April 4, 2017

Opening Prayer – Steve Cole

Lunch

Welcome – Shawn Whitworth

In attendance: Tony Beach, Jim Case, Landon Churchill, Steve Cole, Larry Creamer, Becky Deuel, Alvin Dupree, Vaughn Groen, John Kieffer, Lyndsey Kirk, Tami McLaughlin, David Meyers, Kathi Miller, Lyndell Morgan, JoEllen Schwandt, Brenda Spina, Jason Steger, and Shawn Whitworth.

Devotion: Accountability

We have heard it said that we should each be in a Paul relationship, a Timothy relationship and a Barnabas relationship. We should have a mentor pouring into our lives. We should be mentoring someone else, pouring ourselves into their lives, and have peers walking alongside us, providing us with encouragement and accountability.

In 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, we see many things that Paul wrote to Timothy, instructions in being a pastor, instructions for deacons and women, for the people in the church there. These instructions are pro-active. This is something to keep us as leaders out of trouble.

In 2 Samuel 12, the passage where Nathan rebukes King David, we see a different kind of accountability – a conversation that happened after King David got into trouble. He spoke to David in truth and in love. David finally understood the impact of what he had done. David was forgiven, but still had to suffer the consequences of his inappropriate, sinful behavior. Unfortunately, many others also suffered.

We are all still human. We are all still subject to temptation. We have all read about pastors who have had moral or spiritual failures in their lives and had to be replaced in their church. Some of us may even know some of these pastors. It is important that we have a Paul in our lives so that we don't need to have a Nathan conversation at some point.

So, our interactive conversation for this devotion will be about these questions: Do we have someone in place in our lives that provide accountability for us? Have we asked someone to speak truth into our lives, to have those hard conversations with us when they see us heading down the wrong path? What obstacles get in the way of having someone speak into our lives?

After interactive discussion, broke up into small group prayer

Our next meeting will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Mission.