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St Francis



September 23, 2015

Overflow

To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?
I Corinthians 5:7

Hard Sayings In The Bible

I read this verse from Morning Prayer this morning and thought, "How would I be able to do that?". I almost immediately recognized two things about myself. The first one is how legalistic I am. I am expecting myself to

be able to what God asks of us in the Bible on my own power. Expecting to perform the rhythms of the Christian life with no outside help, especially from God, is a very inflated view of myself, and a very rules oriented, or legalistic, way of living.

The Second Thing I Saw About Myself

I really cannot do what God asks me to do on my own power. That realization is at the core of living a Christian life. I need God to follow God. I need Jesus to be like Jesus. I need the Holy Spirit to respond to the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to become who I am created to be by myself. I need the Creator to do that. I am not being sued by another Christian. The verse above is only one verse taken out of context. But if I were to find myself in a serious legal situation I know that I could not live up to the humility and sacrifice Paul describes on my own. I would need to rely on the grace of God.

Overflow

Anything we do as a Christian that will bear fruit for the kingdom of God will come from the overflow of my engagement with Jesus. Worshiping with others, seeking after Jesus and His Kingdom, will fill me with the Spirit of God. The fruit that comes from my life and work will be from the overflow of the Spirit of God through my life. That works for anyone. What is God asking of you today that requires His presence to accomplish?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday September 23, 2015 6:15pm Family On Mission Learning Community

Sunday, September 27, 2015 worship at 10:15am

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:15pm Family On Mission Learning Community

Saturday, October 3, 2015 Blessing of the Animals at MyManakin Market 9am-1pm

Sunday, October 4, 2015 10:00am worship and Blessing of the Animals

Please bring nonperishable food with you to worship to donate to the Goochland Family Services and Free Clinic Food Pantry

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet on October 18, 2015 at 5:30pm for pot luck and worship at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Color Me Friends outreach will be on Wednesday October 7th at 6:00pm at St. Francis. Contact Carol Maher at carolsdream@gmail.com

Symphony will meet at Symphony Assisted Living to lead worship at 9:00am on September 27th. Contact Bobbie Leviness at

bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Bishop Goff will visit St. Francis on the afternoon of October 25th. If you desire to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church please contact John Maher at vicar@stfrancisva.org

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Essex Bank; John D. Forkey, Assistant Vice President, Branch Officer. That the employees would lead solid, healthy lives

Diocese of Virginia

For the clergy and people of Emmanuel, Middleberg, McIlhany Parish, Albermarle, St. John's, Arlington, Emmanuel, Greenwood, Our Redeemer, Aldie

Metropolitan Richmond

For schools and educational institutions: for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout the metropolitan area.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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