



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Finding Your Place at the Table: The Fruit of Peace

Speaker: Jacqueline Snape, Executive Pastor

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-11

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

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Sermon Outline:

- I. Peace is fragile, can only be cultivated in our true self, the "you" God created you to be.
- II. Feelings of fear, need for control and the voices we hear, hold us back from being our true self.
- III. Instead of generating peace, our culture produces anxiety.
- IV. Today Jesus challenges our image driven/creating culture.
- V. To cultivate peace, we must get to God.
- VI. We need community where we feel safe and can share our struggles.
- VII. To be our true self we must set limits.
- VIII. Jesus wants more for you, not the life the world has to offer you, but what he has to offer.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday New Life, Executive Pastor, Jacqueline Snape preaches out of Luke 14, and starts a new series "Walk This Way" focused on the first fruit of the spirit -- peace.

Sermon Questions:

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
 - How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
 - In your family of origin what rules or practices were put in place that held you back from being your true self, who God made you to be?
 - What in your life today makes you anxious? What gives you peace?
 - What stops you today from living as your full true self?
 - If to find peace, we must get to God, how does that look in your life?
 - Sometimes our lack of limits holds us back in being our true self. Are there limits you need to implement in your life?