

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus

## #157 How To Make Lasting Change

December 30, 2024

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

January 4 & 5, 2025

This is Amazing Grace

Welcome

God of Wonders

Goodness of God

Lord's Supper Thought

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#156 - How to Make Lasting Changes - Pastor

Ed



### Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs** - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place. You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.

[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➡ Bible Study Wednesday
- ➡ Thrive Thursday
- ➡ Church undecorating Saturday at 10
- ➡ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➡ Potluck next Sunday

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Christmas Undecorating** - Saturday, January 11 at 10 AM. Join us at the church to undecorate—no experience needed. See Pastor Ed for details.

**Bible Study** - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome; no experience is required.

**Community Group** - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! We aim to encourage fellowship among believers, teach each other new skills, and enjoy life together! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, January 11th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - January 12th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Write to our missionaries** - Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



**Feed the Teens** - Like to cook? Sign up to feed the teens. There's a sign-up in the lobby. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

**Thrive Retreat** - Coming February 21-23. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, January 27th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Cassie.



**Thursday, January 9th, 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

*Following*  
**The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #157**  
**How To Make Lasting Changes**

# HOW TO CREATE

# LASTING CHANGE

*The LORD says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it?*

*—Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)*

*I am allowed to do all things, but all things are not good for me.*

*—1 Corinthians 6:12 (NCV)*

## 3 “W”s Of Lasting Change:

### 1. Who Am I? Roles. .

- *I ask God... to make your eyes focused and clear, so you can see exactly what it is God is calling you to do.*

*—Ephesians 1:18 (MES)*

- *Live creatively, friends... Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that... Each of you must take responsibility for doing the*

*creative best you can with your own life.*

—*Galatians 6:1-5 (MES)*

- *Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!*

—*Matthew 25:21 (NLT)*

## **Roles Exercise:**

Sample Roles: Follower/Child Of God; Husband/Wife; Parent; Child; Sibling; Friend; Employee; Employer; Self

Role - Key Person - Tribute Statement

- a. \_\_\_\_,
- b. \_\_\_\_.
- c. \_\_\_\_.

## **2 What Am I Aiming At? Goals**

- *An intelligent person aims at wise actions, but a fool starts off in many directions.*

—*Proverbs 17:24 (GN)*

- *To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who are unfaithful, even what little they have will be taken away.*

—*Matthew 25:29-30 (NLT)*

## **Direction Exercise:**

Based on your roles that you defined in the previous exercise, Choose some directions that will make it possible for you to take steps towards fulfilling the roles that are most important to you. These directions should support the tribute statements you created bringing them closer to becoming a reality.

Direction For Role #1- \_\_\_\_.

Direction For Role #2- \_\_\_\_.

Direction For Role #3- \_\_\_\_.

### \*\*3. How Will I Get There? Values

- *We can choose the sounds we want to listen to; we can choose the taste we want in food, and we should choose to follow what is right. But first of all we must define... what is good.*

—Job 34:3-4 (TLB)

- *Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked, who don't go where sinners go, who don't do what evil people do. They love the Lord's teachings, and they think about those teachings day and night. They are strong, like a tree planted by a river. The tree produces fruit in season, and its leaves don't die. Everything they do will succeed.*

—Psalm 1:1-3 (NCV)

- *Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

—Romans 12:2 (MES)

## Values Exercise

### Value Clarifying Statement

Example #1- Value: Faith- Clarifying Statement: I am listening for God's direction and following that direction as best I can.

Example #2- Value: Enjoyment- Clarifying Statement: I am discovering & living out the life that God created me to live... and loving every minute of it.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming- it can hardly wait!"*

*—Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MES)*

Where would I be & what would I be doing in 5 years if money wasn't a barrier and I knew I couldn't fail?

### **My Big Dream For 2025:**

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### **Follow Through Step:**

**Work through your roles, goals and values and write out your BIG DREAM.**