



Fresh Air: Smell the Cooking

BOLDLY FACING THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF COMMUNITY

Week 2 of 5

ILL: Last night's rice dish smell v. taste / Crock Pot smell v. taste

THE FIRST LAW OF RELATIONAL DYNAMICS:

For every action, there is

an **u n p r e d i c t a b l e** reaction.

ILL: Clip from The Incredibles / save one man..., ignore one boy..., marry one girl...

:: stuff like that can make you want to become a hermit! ::

THIS IS WHAT MAKES RELATIONSHIPS SO DIFFICULT... SO POWERFUL!

Quick Review

God :: Community :: Growth :: Ministry

four weeks, calling you to make commitments in preparation for Commit. Sunday

BREATH #1:

I will give God first place in my life through his Son and his Word.

BREATH #2:

*I will invest my heart, my time and my resources into uncertain **r e l a t i o n s h i p s** with God's **p e o p l e**.*

Snapshot #1: David's Hobos (1 Sam 22:1-4)

David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him. From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?" So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.

1 Samuel 22:1-4

Lesson 1:

We rarely get to **c h o o s e**
the people God brings into our lives.

distressed, indebted, discontented AND his mom and dad!
(at least he found a place to drop them off!)

Snapshot #2: David's Heroes (2 Sam 23:8-12 p. 229)

Lesson 2:

The very people he invested in became
his **b e s t a s s e t s**.

ILL: Pamela Benner / Marque A. / Jerry J.

Snapshot #3: Shock and Awe (2 Sam 23:13-17)

tease the story

Lesson 3:

*After years of relationship, their **l o v e** was certain.*

The men plotted to go above and beyond

Lesson 4:

*After years of relationship, their **r e s p e c t** was mutual.*

David wouldn't drink it. "Your lives are too precious for water."

Lesson 5:

*Their love and respect pointed them back to **G o d**.*

But David didn't give the water back to them... "This water is sacred!"

The Commitment

*I will invest my heart, my time, and my resources
into uncertain relationships with God's people
because they bring me closer to him.*

ILL: Team Hoyt

A commitment to this church is a commitment to an uncertain relationship.

2009 LCC COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Having put God first in my life through a commitment to Christ as his Son and the Bible as His Word, desiring to grow daily more like Jesus, motivated to use my gifts in ministry to others, and eager to follow God into the future he has for this church, I hereby commit myself to join the community of Lafayette Community Church for 2009.

2009 LCC ASSOCIATES COMMITMENT

With a clear conviction that God's will for me involves fellowship with the people of Lafayette Community Church, I commit to use 2009 to explore God's simple commands to put him first, join in community, grow like Jesus, and use my gifts in ministry.

NEXT WEEK: CUT THE SMOKE