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Sermon	Joe Lewis
Closing	Michael Pickering



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Drawing Your Line In Sand

Two weeks ago, I began my sermon highlighting one of my favorite presidents George Washington. I expressed one of his characteristics that I admired was his ability to look beyond the moment of time he was currently in, and make decisions that would positively impact our country for generations to come.



Another one of my favorite presidents is Abraham Lincoln. When Lincoln was elected president in 1860, America was ripped apart and pitted against one another by its political leadership. The nation was split with one side calling for the abolition of slavery and the other advocating for states rights and the fate of their entire economy. Lincoln was presented with the arduous task of preserving a union that at the time could not have been more divided. At first, Lincoln, elected from the free state of Illinois, attempted to compromise with the Confederate cause, believing that the only way to preserve the United States was to not interfere with their way of life. However, when Confederate forces fired on Union troops at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, Lincoln **drew his line in the sand**. He signed the Emancipation Proclamation declaring the slaves freed in the 10 states not then under Union control. Lincoln's comment on signing the Proclamation was: "I never, in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper." The Northern Union eventually won the war, and on June 19th, 1865, (later referred to as Juneteenth) slavery was officially abolished in the United States.

Like Lincoln, our first inclination when presented with conflict is to tip-toe around the situation. However, while there is time and place for compromise, there are points in life where we need to stand our ground and do what's right, no matter the cost. Some of these stances may cost us friends, family or even our livelihood. However, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to discern right from wrong and trust that God will provide for us and protect us in our times of need.

In Part Two of our sermon series "Drawing Your Line In Sand" we continue our study on how Daniel, our main character, maintains his biblical integrity through his lifetime of Babylonian captivity. We can learn from Daniel on how to live a righteous life in a fallen world that wants to find every reason to persecute us.

Joe Lewis

Prayer Request

- Gene Pollastro's brother-in-law Robert Tilton suddenly passed on Wed., March 1st. Robert was 66 years old. Pray for his wife and two children
- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia was admitted to Yale hospital on Wed. Mar. 8th. He was diagnosed with bacterial pneumonia
- Bridget Lewis ask for prayers for progress in her gastro health issues being remedied soon. Bridget's friends father, Jim who is battling stage 4 liver disease. Doctors are cautiously optimistic. Prayer that God heals the disease within Jim's body and give him encouragement and hope for the future. Bridget's friend Amy who is traveling in India. Pray she come to know God and be protected on her journey. Bridget's friend Lu who is going through some difficult times. Pray she come to know God and her worth and purpose in Him.
- Jo Harvey's long time clients wife Anne Mccutchan who is in her 60's needs her esophagus removed due to cancer from GERD. Her surgery is scheduled for this month
- Marion Samaha's friend Diane Bruno's daughter Meghan Underwood is having great challenges with Multiple sclerosis, Megan has two young children. Marion Samaha's daughter Monica Beck's friend Casey's grandmother passed on. Casey is taking her passing quite hard
- Michael Morris' nephews wife Debbie is having a liver transplant on Fri., Mar. 10th. Debbie's friend is donating part of her liver
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky received ***Great News*** on Tues., Feb 14th the results of her latest scan and her pancreatic cancer tumor is stable and has not grown. Becky started radiation on Mon., Feb. 27th for five weeks Mon.—Fri coupled with a chemo infusion at the same time, then six weeks post the radiation. They decide if surgery is an option.
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Continue prayer for Don & Doris Garrick's son-in-law Kurt Ogrinc
- Pray for DcOC minister search
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, teachers, leaders, and each other

Praise and Thanksgiving

- ***Congratulations*** Tyler McDonald had a baby daughter who was born on Sat., Mar 4th
- ***Congratulations*** Michael & Marion Morris' daughter Elizabeth and Nick Wolfhart has a new addition to their family. A baby boy Michael was born on Tues., Feb. 21st. Baby Michael weighed 7lbs 10 oz and is 20 inches long.
- Marion Samaha's sister Joanne who lives in Florida has asked for prayers for her son Michael who had colon cancer surgery on Thurs., Feb. 16th. The doctors removed a large mass. Michael is still moving slowly but has been discharged from the hospital. Michael will need three months of chemotherapy
- Marti Hopper's cousin Molly Love had several related heart surgeries, her last surgery where a mitral valve was put in place. The mitral valve was leaking. On Wed., Mar. 8th Molly had surgery to repair the leak to which there were two leaks. The surgery went well. There is still a slight leak but with medication it should be resolved. Marti Hopper's cousin Terry Love had back surgery on Sat., Feb 25th to remove fluid on his spin. Terry was discharged on Wed., Mar. 1st
- Zoom meeting attendee Shanthi's wife Sandhyarani has recovered

Services & Meetings: Week of March 12, 2023

Sunday AM Worship **9:30 am**
Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES **11:00 am**

Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study

****Zoom Meeting** Virtual** **7:00 pm—8:00 pm**

*If you are interesting in attending
email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com*

Event Calendar

Mar 12th Daylight Savings-Spring Forward- Set your clock(s) ahead **One Hour**
 Mar 16th Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm
 Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT
 Contact : Michael P.
 Msr 20th First Day of Spring

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

Adult Upstairs Class

"Are You Behaving?"

Christian Behaviors — Romans chapter 12—Randy Walker

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm
 Rehearsals
 ⇒ Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
 ⇒ Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

Events



Sunday, March 12th

Daylight Savings Begins 2:00 am
 Spring forward -Set your clock(s)
 ahead **One Hour**



Monday, March 20th

Welcome Spring
 Spring Begins

Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study

****Virtual****

****Zoom Meeting****

7:00 pm—8:00 pm

If you are interested in attending the virtual bible study, please email us at info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

It's a chance for us to connect, come together digitally to share, laugh and see each other as we unlock the bible together.

Come join us!



Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

12:15 pm—2:00 pm
Strikers
840 Federal Rd., Brookfield



