

WELCOME

Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.

FHNew - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, text **FHNew** to **53123** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church, or stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium.**

You can also fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the back of the chair in front of you. If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST**, this is a good place to write it out and place in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary.

FHBaptism - One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

ONGOING/UPCOMING

- **MomCo** - [Foothills MomCo - Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](https://www.foothillschurch.com/momco)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](https://www.foothillschurch.com/smallgroups)
- [Decorate the Church](#) w/Christmas Cheer – Dec 5, 12-2pm
- **Christmas COOKIE Exchange** – Dec 8
- [Pour Over w/ the Pastor](#) – Dec 15 – New to Foothills? Come, ask questions, get connected. Coffee & Childcare provided

INTRODUCTION: Interim Pastor Trent Renner

- **Ministry Insight Tool Survey – 400**
- **Prayer Challenge**
 - **Ephesians 1:15-19**
 - **Set an alarm to PRAY @ 1:15 pm every WEDNESDAY**

TURN THE OTHER CHEEK?

When we know the beginning and the end, we can be confident of how we need to live in the middle.

- **Begin** = Masterpiece
- **Middle** = “Thy Kingdom come on earth”
- **End** = Gather relationally for eternity

The ultimate goal then is to **FINISH STRONG!**

- ▶ **Finishing strong** is an everyday occurrence as there will never be a race, goal, day, quarter or year that does not come to an end.
- ▶ This means **finishing strong** is not an end-act...it is a **DAILY HABIT!**
- ▶ Never forget... “We will be remembered by how we leave.” How you finish things is one of the most critical ways to be successful in life. Be a strong finisher!
- ▶ If you are brave enough to give your life to Jesus, you are strong enough to finish well for Jesus.
- ▶ You don’t need new goals in life, you need stronger grit to execute what you already know you want to do.
- ▶ Grit is an internal strength. Jesus exhibited this and I want us to learn a perspective of Jesus that is rarely taught.

TURN THE OTHER CHEEK DETAILS...

“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I tell you, don’t resist an evil doer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.” Matthew 5:38-39

- ▶ **RIGHT HAND: Luke 22:69 (NIV)** *But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.”*
 - There are about 60 verses about right hand of God!
- ▶ **1 Peter 2:22-25 (ESV)** *He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his*

wounds you have been healed. 25For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

GIVE THE SHIRT OFF MY BACK

- ▶ *“If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.”*

Matthew 5:40

▶ Discuss

- **Genesis 9:20-27 (NIV)** *Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. 21When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. 22Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. 23But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father’s naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked. 24When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, 25he said, “Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers.” 26He also said, “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. 27May God extend Japheth’s territory; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth.”*
- **Deuteronomy 24:10-11 (NIV)** *When you make a loan of any kind to your neighbor, do not go into their house to get what is offered to you as a pledge. 11Stay outside and let the neighbor to whom you are making the loan bring the pledge out to you.*

- ▶ T or F — Jesus meant when someone attacks you and steals your wallet, give them your car keys too.

- ▶ *“If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.”*

Matthew 5:41

- ▶ *“Look I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as harmless as doves.”* **Matthew 10:16,**

▶ Conquer evil by doing good

- ▶ **Romans 12:19-21** *“Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord. Instead, If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads. Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.”*

CONCLUSION...

- ▶ As I face evil, trials, and temptations, how should I behave?
 - ▶ **Do NOT FIGHT BACK.....Fight Forward!**
- ▶ Ask yourself . . .
 - What am I afraid of?
 - God, what are you trying to teach me?
 - What does love/God require of me?

VERSES TO GO FURTHER... (FOR SMALL GROUPS OR OTHER STUDIES)

- Leviticus 19:18
- Proverbs 20:22
- Proverbs 25:21-22
- Matthew 6:31-34
- Matthew 10:28
- Matthew 24:12-14.
- Luke 6:35
- Romans 12:14-21
- James 1:2-4
- 1 Peter 5:10-11