



## House of Peace Outlines

# OUR VALUES

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Eagles Christian Family Center

## THE POWER OF THE CROSS

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the **cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is **the power of God**. **1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV**

<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the significance of the cross.</li> <li>• To realize that the sacrifice Christ made for us has released benefits that we can access today.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "He's Alive". April 14-16, English performance at 11am Sunday.</li> <li>• Retreat "3 Days of Power" for adults- April 21-23</li> <li>• Retreat "3 Formation" youth- May 19-21</li> <li>• Reviving the Fire (youth)- June 9-11</li> </ul>
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### The Best Gift

*Charley was looking at the mountain of gifts that were next to the chimney. His mother came into the living room and asked him, "What are you thinking about Charley?" He replied, "I'm trying to figure out which one of these gifts is the best one?" His mother told him the following, "The value of gifts is not measured by their size, color, price, neither by their wrapping paper or its function. A gift's value is measured by its heart. "By the heart mom? Gifts don't have hearts." She replied, "Charley, gifts do have hearts." "No mom, gifts don't have hearts!" Charley exclaimed, while bringing a gift up to his ear, "See mom, you can't hear its heart beat." His mother answered, "Oh Charley... gifts do have hearts. Their hearts are determined by the hearts with which people give them. When someone gives you a present, just because of a commitment or with the wrong motives, you receive that gift without a heart. However, when someone gives you a gift with all their heart, that heartbeat is felt in the gift and that is what brings true value to it. Charley smiled and said, "Um, I think I have to make another gift, because the gift I have for Rosy doesn't have a heart." His mother smiled and told him, "You see, we human beings have never received a more valuable gift than the one God has given us. He gave us His only son, Jesus and He did it with all His heart so that today you too, would have a heart that is vibrant and full of life. "Really?" asked Charley. "Of course, son. Therefore, you have to love that gift with all your heart, because that gift has God's heart. Live with that gift and for that gift." "Yes mom. I will!" Then, Charley ran outside to play with Rosy. (<http://www.devocionalescristianos.org/2007/12/ilustraciones-cristianas-el-mejor.html>).*

**Introduction:** "Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" (Mark 15:29-30 NIV). Nowadays, there are many people who still do not understand the power of the cross. Therefore, they cannot receive the gift of eternal life. Through this teaching, we will learn about the power and heart that is portrayed on the cross.

### 1. IT GIVES US PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALING (Isaiah 53:4)

- A. God did not form the human body to carry sickness. Nevertheless, sickness has happened because of sin, and it is ending the lives of people of all ages.
- B. Jesus died carrying our sicknesses to the cross, and he overcame death by resurrecting on the third day. He made miracles during the time he was on earth, and they are still happening today. If there is a sickness that is attacking your life, this moment we will pray for a miracle to take place in your body.
- C. We frequently hear people express how they do not get close to God because they do not feel ready emotionally, and because they feel like they have sinned too much to do so. Thus, Jesus himself said that it is those who are sick who need the medicine, meaning the miracles. If you feel emotionally or physically sick, Jesus is the same today and he has the power to heal you from any disease (Matthew 9:12).

## 2. **IT GIVES US PEACE AND TRANQUILITY (Isaiah 53:5)**

- A. There are people who cannot find the peace their souls long for, because their hearts have been wounded by the abuse, domestic violence, or sin they have suffered. One of the most violent men in the world was the ex-president Saddam Hussein, who suffered heavy violence from his father. Jesus also suffered everything and even more than we can imagine just so we wouldn't have to pay the price.
- B. Jesus bought our peace on the cross. The above passage states that the punishment that was on him bought our peace, and because of his suffering we have been healed. Everyone who has received Jesus as their Lord and Savior have experienced a lasting peace that cannot be received in the world nor by fame or vices. It is a peace that is hard to understand, but true and permanent (Philippians 4:7).

## 3. **IT GIVES OUR SOULS SALVATION (Acts 4:11-12)**

- A. Recognizing the sacrifice Jesus did for us on the cross, qualifies us to be saved. There is no other way to reach salvation, it can only be obtained through Jesus Christ.
- B. Isaiah 53.6 teaches us that we all get swayed by sin, we choose to govern our lives just as we want to and we end up being slaves to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and so many other things that attack us and control our will.
- C. Romans 6:23 tells us that we deserved eternal death in hell because of our rebellion, but God gave us Jesus so that through him we would access eternal life in heaven and a plentiful happy life on earth.

**Conclusion:** *Love is the only thing that can move someone to make a sacrifice for others. Love was the motive that made Jesus die on the cross. His sacrifice gives salvation, freedom, healing, and peace to everyone who accepts him as their Lord and Savior. Come on, give your life to Christ by making the following prayer.*

### **Personal Application:**

- *Invite everyone you know and see to the theatrical production, "He's Alive".*
- *Pray for someone who is sick or in need and declare their miracle in the name of Jesus.*

### **Interactive Questions:**

- *How can you reach salvation?*
- *What are some of the benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?*
- *What is the main reason as to why Jesus chose to give himself as a sacrifice for all humanity?*

### **SALVATION PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and heart so you can be my Lord and Personal Savior, amen.*

## THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

<sup>23</sup> *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,* <sup>24</sup> *since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. **Colossians 3:23-24 NVI***

<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn what excellence means at Eagles Christian Family Center</li> <li>• To understand the difference between excellence and perfectionism</li> </ul>	<p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retreat “3 Days of Power” for adults- April 21-23</li> <li>• Retreat “3 Formation” youth- May 19-21</li> <li>• Reviving the Fire (youth)- June 9-11</li> </ul>
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**Illustration:** One day, Walt Disney had a vision. His vision was to create a place where children and parents could have fun in a healthy way. As Mr. Disney enlarged his dream, his imagination expanded and his ideas were remarkable. In the beginning, he started off with buying an eight acres property to establish a theme park that one day would be known as the happiest place on earth. In 1953, he bought a land that was 160 acres in Anaheim, California, there he started the construction work and his vision became a reality. Nowadays, everyone around the world knows or has heard about Disney Land. God too, has given the Apostle Guillermo and Prophet Dinora Jimenez a vision to create a place where every generation reaches their purpose with a biblical and relevant discipleship, leaving behind a legacy known for excellence. In order to fulfill God’s dream in Las Vegas, we need a team that is passionate and who understands the standard of excellence with which we operate in the Kingdom.

**Introduction:** We believe that God is worthy of our best, not perfectionism, but practical excellence that is continuously evaluated and improved. We will also give people the best of ourselves, not the left overs. We will do everything we do at church and in our daily life for God and not for men. Therefore, today we will be learning about the standard of excellence.

### 1. EXCELLENCE IS NOT PERFECTIONISM

- A. According the dictionary, excellence is defined as the quality of being outstanding or extremely good at something. It is to treat people with respect, dignity, and courtesy.
- B. At Eagles Christian Family Center, we believe in excellence and not perfectionism. Perfectionism causes an individual to only see the negative details in a project, situation, or person. Perfectionism is not something realistic, it is standard that is impossible to reach, for this reason we say we’re not perfect, but forgiven thanks to Jesus Christ and his grace.
- C. Excellence allows us to focus on what is positive, whether it is a project, a person, or a situation. We evaluate the details that did not turn out as we expected, so that next time things have a better outcome. Excellence is something realistic and reachable for every organization, business, person, or church. It is a virtue that takes us to be better, not perfect, but outstanding in everything we do.

## 2. GOD DESERVES OUR BEST.

- A. Everything we do in our family, school, job, or ministry is done for the Lord with the purpose to please Him. We are not excellent because we are seeking approval or recognition from human beings, but because this is how we worship God.
- B. Giving our best is to be excellent and Jesus gave us the greatest example of all. Since the beginning, he was set apart, he prepared himself and then started his ministry around 30 years of age. Finally, he died on the cross, and he did it with excellence. The Bible says he carried the weight, pain, and sin of the world. He was tortured in an inhumane way and he poured out his blood until he bled the last drop, giving himself completely to God's will because he loved us.
- C. If Jesus didn't die on the cross half-way, then we cannot fulfill our purpose half-way. We owe Jesus our life, we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Him. Therefore, we must glorify him by giving our best service, time, money, love, and passion.
- D. He gave it all for us! As we serve Him, let's live doing the same, giving back for everything He has done for us, in gratitude.

## 3. WE GIVE OUR BEST TO PEOPLE.

- A. At Eagles Christian Family Center, the souls are the most important thing to us. We love people just as God loved us. The Heavenly Father's heartbeat is souls, therefore we win-over and disciple individuals, giving them the best of our service, time, counseling, and love.
- B. We believe we are a church made of Houses of Peace, not a church who has Houses of Peace. Meaning, we believe in extending the pastoral care with excellence through Houses of Peace and discipleships, so that every member in our spiritual family can grow and fulfill their calling.
- C. Our mission: To win souls and make disciples, forming every person into a successful leader in their spiritual, family, social, and financial life. This is what we live for. It is the engine that fuels us every morning, it is our passion to fulfill this mission, giving ourselves completely to His dream.
- D. We educate our spiritual family through the School of Success, where every person has the opportunity to learn the biblical foundations and to be educated in all aspects of their lives.

**Conclusion:** Excellence is a simple value we will keep practicing and instilling in our upcoming generations. Thus, if you have not accepted Jesus as the King of your life, and you want to be excellent in everything you do make the following prayer.

### Interactive Questions:

What areas do you need to improve to live with excellence? What does the "standard" of excellence mean?

How do you know you are living in excellence?

### Personal Application:

- Evaluate your personal life & look at what aspects you can improve whether it is your character, family, service, school, employment, etc.

### SALVATION PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and heart so you can be my Lord and Personal Savior, amen.*

## THE POWER OF EXCELLENCE

<sup>15</sup> *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 NIV*

<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discover the importance of excellence.</li> <li>• Learn how to be excellent in your family, job, and church.</li> <li>• Apply practical steps that will lead you to give excellent service wherever you go.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retreat “3 Days of Power” for adults- April 21-23</li> <li>• Retreat “3 Formation” youth- May 19-21</li> <li>• Reviving the Fire (youth)- June 9-11</li> </ul>
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**Illustration:** One day while Pastor Guillermo Jimenez was on a trip with Pastor Dinora Jimenez, he went into the men’s restrooms at the airport and exclaimed, “My God! I don’t know what is wrong with people.” He saw how the trashcan was overflowing with paper towels, yet people kept throwing trash in it. He became desperate, therefore he grabbed a clean paper towel and started picking up the bunch of other paper towels on the floor, even the ones that were on the counters. Then, he put all the paper towels in the trashcan and pressed down on them. Finally, he turned around to see if anyone was looking at him, and while he continued to press down on the trash, he felt his hands get wet, so he had to wash them again. If the restrooms at church ever look like this, let’s not wait on the ushers to come and clean them up, because it is our house, the house of God, and our spiritual home. We should also pick up pieces of trash or paper towels and wash our hands again if we have too. Can we start to have an attitude that is cordial and excellent wherever we go? Yes, we can!

**Introduction:** Excellence is one of our values here at Eagles Christian Family Center. We believe that God is worthy of our best, not perfectionism, but practical excellence that is continuously being evaluated and improved. Today, we will be studying the importance of excellence in every area of our lives.

### 1. EXCELLENCE IN OUR FAMILY. Galatians 5:22-24 NIV

- A. The spirit of God teaches us how to love others, be happy and live in peace with all people, especially at home. Excellence at home is developed when everyone treats one another with courtesy and respect.
- B. There have been fights in marriage, with sons and daughters, or sons and daughters who have fought against each other or their parents. However, having disagreements is not the problem, the problem is that we continue to allow ourselves to be influenced by a misleading culture that causes us to lose the standard of excellence as a family.
- C. The culture some of us were raised in have made us lose our self-control and believe it is okay to hit our children, to mistreat our spouse or for a husband to be a male chauvinist. The Bible says that love bears all things, but it doesn’t mean that a valuable woman is going to allow a man to lift his hand against her, neither does it mean that a man will let a woman slap him across the face or scratch him. No! We must be prudent and solve our conflicts with maturity through communication and with the order that has been established at home.
- D. By nature, men are more inclined to action while women are more inclined to understanding. There are occasions where the wife is sick, and instead of being understood by her husband, he starts to take her to action by telling her, “Did you take your medicine? I told you to go to the doctor...” when all the wife wants is to be

understood. Pay attention to these details, because once we understand them we are able to take our relationships to another step of excellence.

## 2. EXCELLENCE IN THE CHURCH. *1 Corinthians 13:1-2 NIV*

- A.** Disney Land is known as the happiest place on earth, and those who have visited this place have seen their quality service. Do you know why? Because, the first part of their job description is to pick up any trash they see and throw it away. If this is done at Disney Land, how much more should we do it in the house of the Lord. The Church must be the happiest and most excellent place in the world.
- B.** We shouldn't wait on an employee, usher, or server from Eagles Christian Family Center to pick up a piece of trash, when we too can do so. Once we realize we are in the house of God, and understand that He deserves the best, then we take the initiative like the employees at Disney Land to keep our spiritual house clean.
- C.** Three steps to represent the Lord well and to give excellent service in His Church:
- Put a smile on your face. A sincere smile makes the face cheerful and it makes you more approachable.
  - Do not use your finger to direct someone to a certain place, instead use your hands to show others where to go.
  - Let's not use the "military rest position" when you are standing. We must give a relaxed appearance by putting our hands together and expressing an approachable body language.

## 3. EXCELLENCE AT WORK. *Matthew 7:12 NIV*

- A.** When we become people who do not lower their standard of excellence in the vocational area, then we will definitely harvest more friends, money, promotions, and influence over our clients and people in general.
- B.** When you receive good service at a restaurant, you actually want to leave a 22% tip to the server. Why? Because they were cordial with you and that elevated their standard of excellence as a business.
- C.** Remember your values when you are working. Be cordial, kind, honest, and excellent in everything you do. Strive to get along with your coworkers and the authority figures, even if one of them is suddenly rude. Make the difference and show your kindness; remember, kindness shouldn't be mistaken with weakness. Your attitude and service proves the quality and excellence at any vocation.

**Conclusion:** *All our values are based on the context of love. Everything we give as a church is given with excellence, because we love God and His people. Also, because He too showed excellence when He gave His son Jesus Christ. If you have never accepted him, repeat the following prayer.*

### Practical Application:

- Practice the steps mentioned above and serve God with excellence at church.
- Husbands, open the door for your wife. Make dinner for your family.

### Interactive Questions:

How can you offer excellent service in your church or at your job?  
What changes can you make to form an excellent family?

### SALVATION PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and heart so you can be my Lord and Personal Savior, amén.*