



Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
- Sunday AM Worship:** 10am
- Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

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Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

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Evangelist

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No Compromises Part II

Last week we saw the stubbornness of Pharaoh in the time of Moses. God told Moses to let His people go but he was unwilling to do so. The Hebrews were many in number and accomplished a lot of work for Egypt. During the ten plagues God sent against Egypt, Pharaoh kept trying to make a deal with God.

At first his compromise was to let them go sacrifice but they could not go too far away. Then he was willing to let them go with the exception of their children. Another time he did not want all their herds to go with them. God made zero compromises with Pharaoh and eventually the Egyptians were giving the Israelites anything they wanted if they would just go away.

We need to be very careful we do not make any compromises in fulfilling God's will. Many people throughout history have learned this lesson the hard way.

Nadab and Abihu made a compromise on what fire they used to sacrifice to God. They did so many things "according to the word of the Lord" but they compromised on the fire. They made a compromise and God struck them dead with His own fire. (**Lev 10**)

King David decided to compromise in his decision to move the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem using a cart and oxen. God was very clear in how He wanted the ark transported but David used a play from the Philistine's playbook and it ended very badly.

Week of October 15

Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 62
- ✦ **PM Service** - 46
- ✦ **Wednesday** - 54

Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$3,511

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ✦ Jeannie Blurton (10/26)
- ✦ Braden McCoy (10/28)
- ✦ Jennie Gray (10/31)
- ✦ Keith Malone (10/31)
- ✦ Luke Cawthon (11/2)
- ✦ Hannah Davis (11/4)
- ✦ David and Lori (11/4)

Calendar Items

Men's Meeting on October 22nd
at 4pm at the building

Women's Bible Study on
Tuesday at the building at 11a

Song Learning Class November
12 at the building at 4pm

Every time we try and lower the bar from what God demands from us, we are compromising. Every time we desire to negotiate with God's word in what He commands from us, we are compromising. This is what Jesus saw a lot of during His ministry so He addressed it in His sermon on the mount in Matthew 5-7.

The Pharisees and others took what God said and lowered the bar to their liking. Jesus raised it to the height God wanted it from the very beginning. Jesus hits several areas in which people were making compromises and making it easier for them to do what they desired instead of what God desired from them.

The Pharisees taught, "Thou shalt not murder." You can do anything else you want to someone but try not to kill the person. That's a pretty low bar. Jesus told them to stop compromising and work on your anger and do what you can to resolve any conflict you have with your brother. **(Mat 5:21-26)**

The Pharisees taught, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Again, this left a lot of things that were not committing adultery okay. Jesus raised the bar to where we should not even look at someone with lustful intent. Are we going to make compromises or are we going to follow what Jesus instructs us to do?

The Pharisees taught you can divorce someone for just about any reason you want too. Jesus taught you can't divorce someone except for sexual immorality. The world we live in is pretty similar to what Jesus was dealing with. Let's make no compromises and love our spouse the way Jesus instructs us.

The Pharisees taught to love your neighbor and hate your enemy. Jesus taught to love both our neighbor and our enemy. If we love those who love us back, any person can do that. Not only did Jesus teach this principle, He showed us how to love our enemies by praying for them on the cross.

It's easy to make compromises because the world's standards are a lot lower than God's. God did not let Pharaoh talk him down when Israel was fleeing Egypt. May we learn the lesson and do God's will.

Patrick