

BUILDING GODLY FAMILIES
WEEK 2

- A. Where are we going?
 - 1. We discussed how we will continue to talk about dependence and the importance of our dependence on God.
 - 2. We will continue the theme of dependence in one form or the other throughout this class.

- B. Who did not get an email with an attachment of what we did last week?
 - 1. It appeared everyone did.

- C. Prayer requests and praises:
 - 1. What were some new ones from last week?
 - a. Elijah's grandfather and falling out of bed.
 - b. Andrew Roach and Sydney getting married in October.
 - 2. Gentle accountability and why?

- D. Review questions:
 - 1. Basement?
 - 2. Why?
 - 3. Dependence?
 - 4. Independence?
 - 5. Scripture?
 - 6. Tasks that were suggested?

- E. The Cancer of Radical Individualism
 - 1. Why would this be a cancer?
 - a. Makes us a slave to sin.
 - b. Crowds out God.
 - c. Man is designed to need God and others and exists best in community.
 - 2. Satanic/Pagan/Just Plain Dumb
 - a. Genesis 3 and the animating principle that you can be a God. The Greek Protagoras – "Man is the measure of all things."

- b. Numbers 20:2-13 and Moses and Aaron. The Mountain Dew slogan – “Just dew it”.
- Perhaps the critical phrase is in verse 10: “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” Taking credit instead of giving credit to God.
 - Radical individualists believe they are responsible for almost everything.
- c. Dying to self and the NT – Scriptural examples?
- Take up his cross and follow me.
 - The Sermon on the Mount.
 - Living sacrifice.
 - Put off the old self and put on the new self.

Conway Twitty -

Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble
When you're perfect in every way
I can't wait to look in the mirror 'Cuz I get better lookin' each day
To know me is to love me I must be a hell of a man
Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble
But I'm doin' the best that I can

- d. John 12:24: read and discuss. Dostoevsky's magnificent character in *The Brothers Karamazov*, Father Zosima said, “Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing compared with love in dreams.”
- We compared the two and how too often we do not put love into action.

F. Building Godly Families starts and ends with dependence on GOD!

- G. What do you **perhaps** (remember gentle accountability) need to be doing?
1. Read Scripture App.
 2. Discuss with your family how you are reliant on each other.
 3. Discuss with your family how you are reliant on God.
 4. Who is my neighbor and your family and action!

