

**Series:** Galatians - Remaining Faithful

**Title:** Holding Our Convictions

**Text:** Galatians 2:11-14

**Accountability:** Share about any ways you applied lessons from the previous week/meeting.

**Conversation Starter:** Talk about a time when you felt convicted to do something but ended up not doing it. What do you think stopped you?

**Synopsis:** Peter is a leader in the church, respected and admired by all. He was also convinced that the gospel should be shared with the Gentiles without additional cultural restrictions and supported the ministry of Paul. When Peter visited Antioch he fellowshiped with the Gentiles but when the Judiazers came, he stopped this practice separating himself from the Gentiles. In response many others were influenced to do the same. Paul saw the hypocrisy of this and confronted Peter, rebuking him in front of everyone. Paul knew that by not taking this action the false gospel that Jesus's work was not enough for salvation could take hold. Both Peter and Paul were leaders who loved Jesus passionately and were men of conviction, yet at this moment they had very different responses.

**Dig: Read Galatians 2:11-14**

1. What were your thoughts about Peter when he first led people astray with his actions? Do you feel like Paul is the better leader? Are Peter and Paul adversaries in this situation - or are they coworker's in Christ?
2. If God has placed a certain conviction in your heart, do you feel like you are ready for the time inevitably when it is tested? How should we prepare for that? What do you feed your soul with?
3. **Read 1 John 4:18** Sometimes we are tempted to believe that following God and Jesus is dependent on our strength and discipline. How do we truly depend on Jesus in the midst of hardships and challenges?

**Application:**

1. Be mindful in continually inviting Jesus into your decisions and actions each day.
2. Scripture talks about iron sharpening iron. Think about who in your life sharpens you. If you can't think of anyone, ask God to help you find those relationships
3. Spend time with God and his scripture daily.