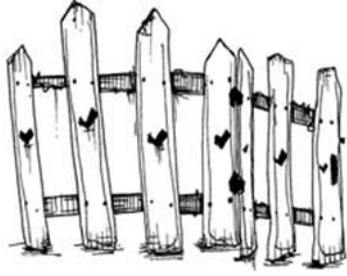


Message Notes



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“Get off the fence!”

Mark 1: John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins... Jesus said, ¹⁵ “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Four stories:

1. Joshua 24: ¹⁵ Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”
2. 1 Chronicles 29:5: “Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the Lord?”
3. Acts 2:38-39: Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”
4. Revelation 3: 15-16: “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth... ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

Why this message, why five stories, and why a fence?

- Tap of the Spirit
- Reconciliation with someone/family
- Much needed conversation
- Work related concern
- Drifting/apathy/complacency
- Addiction/counseling
- Recommitment to God, His Church
- Reengage in community and service
- Witness to a friend/coworker
- **Baptism**