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Our mission is to help people **COME** to know Jesus as Savior, **GROW** in a relationship with Him, and **LIVE** their lives for Him.

God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Series: A Different Way to Live - Jesus, Grace, and an Unoffended Life

Sermon Title: Foothold

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-27

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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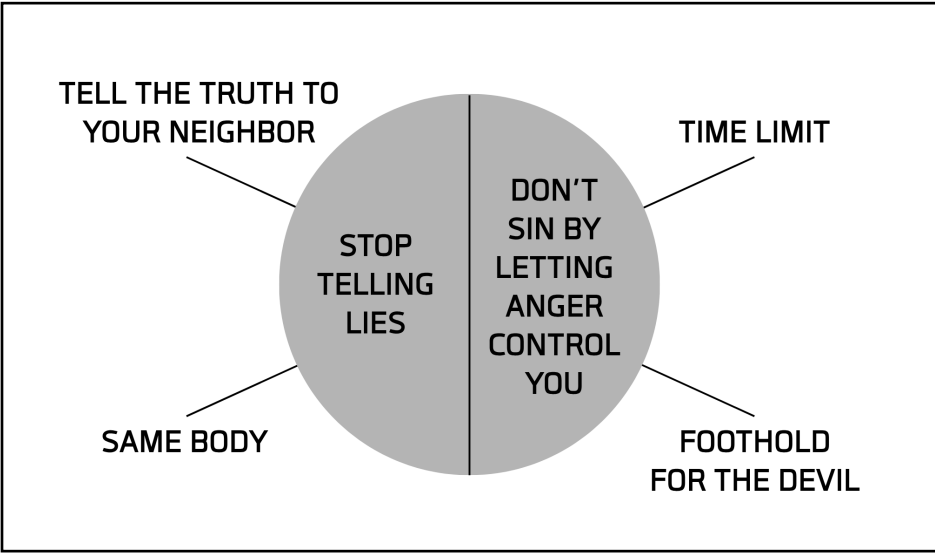
Sermon Notes
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Foothold

Big Idea

We can give the Devil a foothold,
but better - give Jesus a foothold.

Ephesians 4:25-27



Ephesians 4:25: "So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body."

The new nature, you have to put on, tells the truth. Lying builds walls. The new nature builds no walls.

Ephesians 4:26: "And 'don't sin by letting anger control you.' Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,"

When anger controls us - it is sin.
Anger is a human emotion or feeling.

Ephesians 4:27: "for anger gives a foothold to the devil."

Don't give the Devil a foothold.
Not controlling your anger gives the Devil a foothold.
I believe lying gives the Devil a foothold.
Don't let the Devil dig in.

Sermon Reflection & Application

Icebreaker

When you were growing up, what was the rule in your house about arguments or conflict before bedtime? Did your family have any sayings or habits around resolving disagreements?

Questions

1. Read Zech. 8:16 and Eph. 4:25. Why do you think truthfulness is so closely connected to being part of the same body?
2. Are there situations where you find it most tempting to bend the truth, perhaps to avoid conflict, protect yourself, or spare someone's feelings? How does the new nature in Christ help us face those moments differently?
3. How do you recognize the moment your anger shifts from a natural emotion to something that begins to govern your actions? What does letting go of anger look like in practice for you? What has helped you do that well?
4. James 1:19-21 calls believers to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. Which of these three is the greatest challenge for you personally, and why? Where in your current relationships do you most need to apply that principle?
5. How does the statement "When we harbor anger in our heart, we do the devil's work for him" change the way you think about holding onto a grudge or letting a conflict go unresolved?
6. What usually happens when we respond to a situation too quickly? What could change if we put Psalm 4:4 into practice and learned to pause before we react?
7. How does meditating on what Christ carried on the cross change the way you approach your own struggles with anger or dishonesty?

Applications

1. When you feel anger rising this week, practice the principle from Psalm 4:4. Before responding, pause, be silent, and bring the situation before God. Journal what comes out of that time.
2. Pray specifically and by name for someone you are currently in conflict with or have unresolved anger toward. Ask God to give you His perspective on that person and that situation.