

HOLY SANDPAPER

Stand Alone Sermon

April 13th & 14th, 2024

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Life Group Questions:

1. What tool do you trend back to at your worst moments?
2. How do you take interruptions, are you inconvenienced by them or are they divine appointments you respond well to?
3. What are you missing right now?

“Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.”

James 1:2-4 (MSG)

The Measuring Tape: The Unpleasurable, Judgmental Perfectionist

The Hammer: The Tactless Truth Teller Who Causes Blunt Force Trauma

The Skill Saw: The Skillful Cut Down Artist

The Vice Grip: The Needy Personality That Latch On and Squeeze the Life Out of You

The Grinder: The Person That Grates On Your Nerves and Causes Sparks to Fly

The Axe: The Pessimist Who Always Has An Axe to Grind

The Hatchet: The Past Dweller Who Can’t Bury the Hatchet

The Putty Person: The Pliable People Pleaser

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

Matthew 7:3-5 (NIV)

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady.”

Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14 (NIV)

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.”

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)