## Sticks and Stones, Fear of Man Fear Not Series

The tongue has the power of life and death... Proverbs 18:21

When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles <u>because he was afraid</u> of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas (Peter) in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? Galatians 2:11-14

## QUESTION YOUR FEAR (WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?)

Fear of man will prove to be a snare... Proverbs 29:25

... but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

Do not give authority to anything that comes from Man unless it has been run through the filter of what God has said

## KNOW YOUR TRUE SELF (WHAT IS IN THE MIRROR?)

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:45

Identity is not found (not determined by others) but rather it is given by your Creator.

## KNOW THE TRUTH, SPEAK THE TRUTH (HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION)

Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. James 1:8

...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Ephesians 4:13-14