

Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 2/25-3/2

Sunday Service Times: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM
or online at laurelridge.online.church

Sundays, Nursery/Preschool: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM

Sundays, Kids (K-6th) Services: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM
Streaming online at 9:50 AM: "Ridge Kids" on YouTube

NO THE RIDGE Community Group: 9:50 and 11am
(7-8th grades, 9-12th grades)

Tuesdays, Celebrate Recovery: 6 PM, Oakley Campus

Wednesdays, Kids (K-4th) and Preteen (5th-6th) Adventure
6:15-8 PM

Wednesdays, THE RIDGE (MS and HS): 6:15-8 PM
(7-8th grades, 9-12th grades)

Thursdays, Prayer Team: 5:30 PM, Conference Room

Thursdays, Grief Share: 7PM, Room 301

**For all Nursery-12th Grade programs, contact brandon@laurelridgechurch.org

Bethel Island Campus | Week at a Glance

Sunday Service Times: 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

For other opportunities and Community Group info, visit laurelridgechurch.org

*Register at laurelridgechurch.org/register

Oakley Campus Planner

2/25: Contribution statements available
<https://laurelridgechurch.org/giving-statement>

2/25: No Gr 7-12 Sunday Community Groups

*2/25: VBS worker Sign Ups Begin

2/26: Mommy Meet Up, 9-11:30am, Gym

2/28: Mission Trip Meeting, Gr 7-12, 5:15 or 8pm.
Balance Due

3/10: Daylight Savings Time, spring forward

3/19: Boomers, Soup, Salad & Dessert, 11:30am, Gym

3/20, 27: No Wednesday Night Gr K-12 Programs

*3/22-25: Mission Trip, Gr 7-12

3/24, 31: No Gr 7-12 Sunday Community Groups

3/31: Easter Service Times: 8am, 9:15am, 10:30am,
and 11:45am

*4/7: Base Camp Starts

4/16: Worship Night, 7-8pm

*4/20: Women's Brunch, 10am-12noon, Gym

*4/21: Kids In House Signups for VBS begin

*4/27: Father Daughter Dance, 6-8pm

*4/28: Child-Teen Baptism Class, 12:10pm Rm.301

5/19: Baptism Sunday, 11am

*6/23-28: Summer Camp, Gr 2-6

*7/8-13: Summer Camp, Gr 7-12



TUG OF WAR
Conviction and Compassion
February 25, 2024

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- *Conflicting beliefs about politics*
 - *Conflicting beliefs about morality*
 - *Conflicting beliefs about theology*

Scene 1. The question was not asked to understand his teaching, the question was asked to _____ him.

John 8:1-6 - But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

Deuteronomy 22:22 - If a man is found sleeping with another man's wife, **both** the man who slept with her and the woman must die.

- They are asking Jesus to choose between conviction _____ compassion.

If Jesus chooses conviction, then this woman must die. If Jesus chooses compassion, in essence, He is saying sin is no big deal.

Romans 12:9 - Love must be sincere. Hate **what** is evil; cling to what is good.

Scene 2. What would Jesus' _____ be?

John 8:6-9 - ...But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the **older** ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

Author Hugh Halter writes about the scene:

"The powerful revelation is that the God of the universe---the only one who should have genuinely been offended, who could have postured Himself as judge and executioner---literally lowers Himself to her level and becomes her only friend, protector and advocate (the one on her side)."

✓ I think this challenges us with a crucial question:

If a person wouldn't say, "I am _____ them," do they have a right to challenge them with their convictions?

Scene 3. The _____ Jesus would give them.

John 8:10-11 - Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now **and** leave your life of sin."

▪ Compassion _____ Conviction

Jesus demonstrates that the most important word is "_____".

How do we learn to live in the “and?”

Scene 4. The twist is the fact that _____ are the woman.

Romans 3:22-24 - This righteousness from God **comes through** faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Jesus lives in the “and.” And he _____
us to be people who live in the “and,” too.

Big Ideas:

1. **AND Resist** _____ the bait.
2. **AND** _____ to understand.
3. **AND** _____ the truth in love.

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3. Online: laurelridgechurch.org/give
4. Bill Pay: Setup LRCC on your bank’s Bill Pay. Your name is your account number
5. Mail a check to the church: 2459 Laurel Road, Oakley, CA 94561

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