

"The Clear Call to Sympathize with One Another" Romans 14:1-12 November 8, 2020

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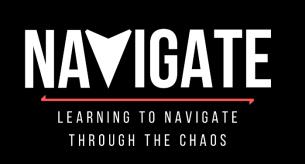
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- 3. We are called to hold each other accountable, and even bring discipline but never to condemn or judge.
- 4. We must learn to lovingly accept each other in the Lord.

Our Response:

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is there difference of opinion over them? How do you work through & resolve these issues?

- 2. What are some convictions you have about some of these? How do you stand on those and yet still offer grace to those who differ?
- 3. What does it mean those who are weak in the faith? How do you accept those who might be "weaker" in their faith than you might be?
- 4. How do we accept others and issues that we disagree on and walk the fine line of not compromising the truth (gospel) and yet offering grace?
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NAVIGATE: Learning to Navigate Through the Chaos

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We began a brand new series entitled **Navigate** a few Sundays ago that I believe is timely and needed for us and really for anyone to learn how to navigate through the chaos, conflict and confusion that we find ourselves in today.

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The acceptance of non-essentials

An attitude of grace requires releasing others to be who God wants them to be

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Acceptance of the Lordship of Christ

A commitment to grace forbids one to become the judge of another

- I am not omniscient
- I cannot be completely objective
- I can condemn but I cannot redeem

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Unity encompasses liberty

So as we close this morning – where are you this morning? Have you heard the clear call to submit and stand – this morning the call to pursue love and put on Jesus? For some this morning you have never put on Jesus for the first time and you can do that today – we sung a moment ago of praising the Lord and the Gospel story and our response is to praise His name. You can do that today – right now... ABC...

Invitation/Response For all of us the call is clear today that we need to look up and lay all the worries of this world at His feet and surrender to Him and have that perfect peace and choose to trust in Him for everything. I challenge us as we worship this morning to look up and bow down and declare that Jesus is Lord of All – to take Him at His word and put your life in His hands! Let us look back and see He is faithful and ahead believing that He is able – Jesus is Lord of All! – Let's declare this morning!

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