



**Let's Keep Praying For**

- Joyce's friend, Dorothy's Mom, two broken arms
- Art and Ruby's friend, Gloria, with advanced cancer
- Ruby's great-nephew Shaun, radiation treatments
- The people of Ukraine & other war-torn areas
- Betty
- Dale and Marion's health
- Brian as he struggles with health issues
- Cancer patients: Anne, Jen, Tim F, Chad's cousins Grace & Harold, Laura Lynn, Patti-Anne
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues

Use this space to note an idea from the sermon that you would like to remember:

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June 5, 2022

**“Quote”** of the week

“The God of the Bible is a God of grace, who is faithful to us even when we are unfaithful to him.  
 –Timothy Keller

**Scheduled to Serve:**

	Today	Jun 12	Jun 19
Chair	Chad	Art	Chad
Preaching	Art	Chad	Art

**Contributions:** send to [churchcollege@yahoo.com](mailto:churchcollege@yahoo.com) or leave in box in foyer.

**Key to the Kingdom** – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

**Bulletin:** If you have news you would like to see shared in the bulletin, please get it to Art by Thursday noon ([kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or 613-876-4605).

*Visitors, Welcome to our gathering! Join us in worship and fellowship.*

Please join us in worshipping God as we sing, pray and read the Bible. We also share communion each Sunday remembering the sacrifice of Jesus who gave himself to die for our sins. If you wish to partake with us, you are free to do so.

We hold the Bible to be God's inspired message for us and hold it in highest esteem.

If a question comes to mind, please ask it. We will try to help you find answers from God. Please let us know of any way we can serve you.

## Living Undistracted in Our Relationships (2)

### 1. What is the most generous explanation?

It's hard to be generous with your thoughts when your feelings have been deeply hurt. I get it. It happens to all of us. Ask God to help you find a more generous, honorable explanation for the odd and off-putting behavior, mean words, rumors or other offenses that come your way.

Keep this in mind — evil seeks to distract you as a means toward the end of destruction. (John 10:10) Evil feeds on distraction, and distraction is like unhealthy carbs for relationships. Put distraction on a diet of the most generous thoughts and assumptions you can muster about the motives behind your friend's mess-up by finding the most generous explanation you can think of. Maybe they thought they were being helpful. Perhaps the wound they inflicted was actually a failed attempt at expressing concern.

### 2. What is the most realistic explanation?

Most people do things for a reason. It could be a silly reason, an unidentified bias or a simple misunderstanding. Put the hurts aside for a moment and ask yourself: What was really going on? What was the most likely reason this misunderstanding happened, and why was the unkind word said or repeated? Was there an underlying insecurity or sense of marketplace or relational competition?

Once we come up with a few realistic, honest and dispassionate explanations, we can do the heavy lifting required to find a way forward. Grace never seems fair until you need some.

### 3. What is the most optimistic explanation?

The most optimistic explanation is the forward-thinking, next-time approach the Scriptures hover over quite a bit.

## News & Notes

**Pot Luck:** Everyone is invited to Art and Ruby's for a pot luck lunch on June 26. All are welcome. More details to follow.

**Food Cupboard:** Donations are always welcome.

**Camp Omagh** session for age 55+ is July 5-8. Cost is \$145 per person. Art has more details.

Dates for children 8-10, 11-13, and for teens as well as a family camp are available at [www.campomagh.org](http://www.campomagh.org)

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Think of Peter, while the rooster crowed, denying he had even heard of Jesus. (Luke 22:60) It wasn't long before Jesus called Peter a rock. (Matthew 16:18) The reason is simple: Jesus saw who Peter was becoming, not who he had been.

Perhaps we can do the same. Think about what your relationship might look like at some point in the future. Pick a direction for the future of the relationship; hang a target on it, and keep pointing in that direction.

Paul told his friends in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that there will only be a few things that will outlast everything else: faith, hope and love. Don't let unresolved conflicts distract you from your faith, rob you of your hope, or interfere with your ability to give and receive love. Instead, have a plan in place to understand the conflict from a few new and different angles, and lead with the kind of love and grace you would like to receive.

~ Bob Goff