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WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

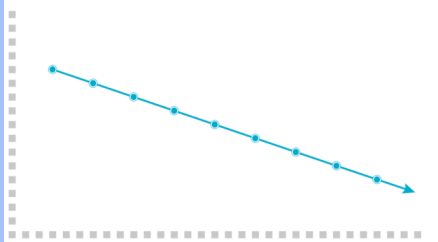
Have you heard of the term entropy? According to the dictionary the word can be used in physics regarding the thermodynamic quantities of a certain system that you are referring to. Not ready to jump into thermodynamics???

Me either... The dictionary also states that entropy is a: *lack of order or predictability; gradual decline into disorder.* The last definition is what I want to focus on for this article.

I'm sure that you have experienced this in one way or another in your life, or maybe you are going through entropy right now! If you made a "New Year's Resolution" there's an 80% chance that you are having a *gradual decline* in that resolution, as 80% of resolutions die by February. Did you know that we fight against entropy in the Christian life and in the Church as well?

In our walk with Jesus if we aren't staying connected with Him, praying, reading our Bible, etc... we can start to have our relationship go on a decline. The longer our

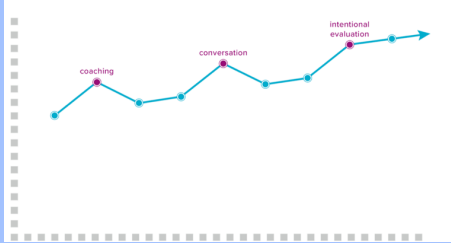
relationship goes without intentional connection it can start to look like this:



This can also happen in the Church, where it is called *Ministry Entropy*. If we just leave things alone, they become less effective over time. What used to work great a few years ago just feels a little more tired. It's not that anything is bad or wrong, it's just not as effective. Our new Northwest Yearly Meeting Superintendent, Jim LeShana, made this statement last weekend at the Mid-Year Board Meetings, "The sign of a great church is that its vision is greater than its memories." What is our vision for MFCC? We have great memories with MFCC, and a great foundation of faith to build on.

We have the gift and blessing of being able to "stand on the shoulders of giants", or in other words, to reach more

people and impact the Kingdom of Jesus because of the saints who have gone before us. The ones who had the vision to begin MFCC have given us the baton to carry on for Jesus. If we are intentional about not allowing entropy to happen individually in our lives and collectively as a Church Body, the graph can look like this:



May we keep the fire burning for Jesus in our hearts and souls and seek after Him and all these things will be added unto us.

- Pastor Jadon

WORDS FROM OUR MINISTER OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMING



Way back in early 1972 I came to the conclusion I needed help raising my two children. They were a two year old and a three month old. I had attended church now and then but not even faithful enough to attend Christmas and Easter.

I announced to my wife, "We need to find a church to attend. This job of raising children is more than I can handle on my own." Some how God spoke to me and let me know He wanted to help me raise my kids. This led to my accepting Christ and changed my life and our entire family.

We sometimes feel helpless in raising our children in this age we live in. Our Christian values are being trampled on all around us. So what are we to do? Metolius Friends Community Church offers support to families raising children in this area. We offer solid Bible teaching and a safe environment.

Starting in March, during Children's Church, we will be featuring important Christian Values in their daily lives. This series will last six months and with your support and input I believe it will make a difference in your home. The church is just a part of rearing your children in a Godly home, you as parents play a major roll but, I assure you, you're not alone.

Just as I realized over 40 years ago, I couldn't raise my children alone, I needed God's help. You don't have to do this alone, just ask the Lord for wisdom and His help and it will make a difference. I am including a couple of Bible verses and an illustration to help point out the need for God's help in all we do.

A father watched through the kitchen window as his small son attempted to lift a large stone out of his sandbox. The boy couldn't get enough leverage to lift the rock over the side. Finally, he gave up and sat on the edge of the sandbox with his head in his hands.

"What's wrong, Son? Can't you lift that rock out?" the dad asked.

"No, sir," the boy said, "I can't do it."

"Have you used all the strength that's available to you?" the father asked.

"Yes, sir," the boy replied.

"No, you haven't," the father said. "You haven't asked me to help you."

— Bob Russell

Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Philippians 4:3 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."


I find it a joy to work with your children and I thank you for trusting me with that task. I know without God's help I would not be up to the challenge of loving and teaching your children. I ask for your prayers and help in this important ministry of Metolius Friends Church.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	4	5 6:00 pm Small Group @ Ross's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's	6 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	7 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 6:30 pm Small Group @ Struck's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Alexander's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church	8 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	9
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