

August 3, 2025

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Welcome and Announcements

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship: Isaiah 49:13

*Sing: **Behold our God
Who You Say I Am**

GOD SHOWS US HIS GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Sing: **It Was Finished Upon that Cross**

God's Word of Assurance: 1 John 3:19

Sing: **490 Blessed Assurance**

*Words of our Faith: Psalm 8

*Children's Song: **What an Awesome God**

Prayers for the Offering

Thankful Giving for the Ministries

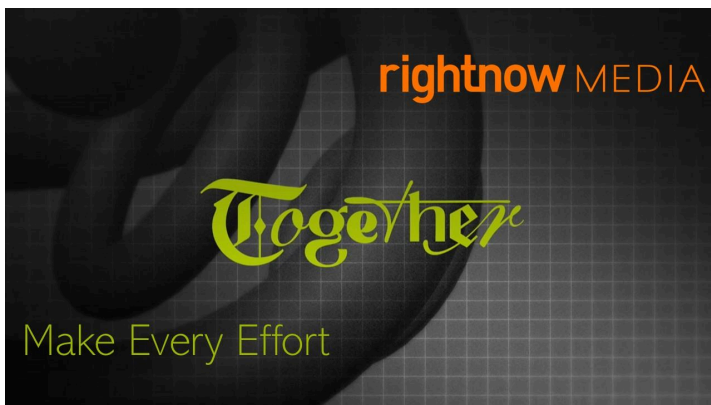
Maranatha Community, here at Bethany
& Pelham Cares

Bethany Kids dismissed (ages 3-5 ONLY)

Prayers of God's People

& for the Proclamation of the Word

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD



Kyle Idleman

Prayer of Blessing on the Message

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY AND COMMITMENT

*God's Word of Blessing

*Sing: **638 Praise God from Whom all Blessings**

*Postlude

WELCOME TO BETHANY

It is good to be here
together with you

Good morning! Greeters, Ushers, and Welcome Centre attendants are ready to answer your questions. This morning we'll be watching a pre-recorded message together from author and Pastor Kyle Idleman. Below are some follow up thoughts and questions for further study.

In his session, Kyle addressed what the Bible refers to as "disputable matters" (Romans 14:1, NIV). In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul highlighted two examples of these disputable matters—issues around eating certain foods and observing certain days of the week—but the list could include any number of examples. **What are some of the most prominent "disputable matters" in your church community? Would you categorize them as matters of opinion, matters of preference, or matters of interpretation—or a mixture of all three? To what degree have those issues infringed on the unity of your church?**

Kyle mentioned that we often handle disputable matters in several ways, which he listed: defensiveness (trying to justify ourselves), sensitivity (interpreting disagreement as personal attacks), rumination (replaying disagreements in our mind), all-or-nothing thinking (looking at disagreement in extreme terms), personalizing (assuming negative intentions), or "pineappling" (refusing to be open to new ideas). **Which of these ways of handling disputable matters do you resonate with most? For what reasons do you think you respond in that way? What steps could you take to handle them in healthier ways?**

Kyle showed us how we can obey Paul's command in Romans 14 to not "quarrel over disputable matters," and he did it by pointing us to Jesus. Jesus never felt the need to defend himself or protect his reputation, and he never seemed to take things personally—he was deeply humble. And as Kyle said, Jesus's humility is the kind of humility we need if we want to see unity in our churches. **Why is humility so important for handling disputable matters well? What habits or practices could you take up that would help you learn and imitate Jesus's humility?**

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