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This Eastertide we each have the opportunity to take part in our "Together in This" campaign. For 8 weeks we are going to share the stories of our community. We're going to celebrate the profound life change experienced here at Forefront, and we're going to highlight the ways that new stories can and will be created.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

Our church community has changed the lives of hundreds, maybe even thousands of people, because of the grace and generosity given through the committed people of our church. We want to continue to do this work for years to come, but we need resources to make it happen.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Give of your resources as a testament to God's grace in your life so others can experience that same grace within community. Give a generous one-time gift or set-up a recurring gift to help us reach our goal of \$250,000 by May 22.

OPENING QUESTION:

Have you ever felt compelled to stand against conventional wisdom?

What compelled you?

Did you follow through?

BIBLE STUDY:

Read 2nd Corinthians 3: 1-6 and John 7:53-8:11

Thoughts & Questions for Discussion:

What do you think Paul is referring to when he says "The letter kills but the spirit gives life?"

Can you think of any way that by saying this, Paul is standing against conventional wisdom?

In what ways did Jesus stand against conventional wisdom when he stood against the Pharisees in the passage from John?

Why is it important to be sensitive to the spirit as well as the traditions from scripture?

Can you think of any personal experiences where a your mind was changed by someone's personal story? Do you think that God can speak through those experiences as much as he speaks through the scriptures?

CLOSING PRAYER:

As you close in prayer tonight, take a moment to consider that when you give to the church, you make it possible for others to know they are called into sainthood, to be loved, and to find their identity in Christ, no longer alone and afraid in their sins. It is a transformed heart that will transform others...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

For more info or to RSVP to any of these events, go to forefrontnyc.com/calendar

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4/19 - Do For One Info Night

4/20 - Together in This Town Hall

4/21- Leadership Community

4/25 - Passover Seder

5/13 - Together in This Gala

5/14 - Good Sense equip course

Father God, help us to remember that our ministry is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to you. Bless our efforts, so that we will glorify you. Help us submit to your Spirit and joyfully confess the Gospel of Christ in our lives. Transform our hearts so that we might know the generosity of your surpassing grace for us and for all others. Inspire us to show that generosity to others as we learn to find our identity in you. Thanks be to God for this inexpressible gift! Amen.

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