

In Touch

GIVING UP OUR RIGHTS

Dear Friend:

**“If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or if you to the right then I will go to the left”.
(Genesis 13:9)**

These words may be familiar to you, the separation of Abraham from his nephew Lot. The two family member's flocks and family had become too large to continue to live with each other, so they had to go in separate directions. Abraham, the older patriarch, had the right of first choice. In a move of humility and love Abraham gave his younger nephew the first choice, He gave up his right to exercise his right.

That's not easy for me, I doubt if giving up your right to your rights is easy for you. Among two of my hardest rights to give-up involves discussions with people, especially family members. What are those two rights? First, the right to get the last word in and second, the right to have to prove I am right (especially hard when I KNOW I am right, which is true occasionally). Two observations about these two rights: First, not getting the last word in: by the time you get to your "last word" why do you need to make your point- again? You likely have already made your point and repeating it does not usually impress the other person in a positive way! Second, the right to prove you are right: Why must you PROVE you are right? If it has become a debate of sorts, the other person likely will NOT admit that you are right and you KNOW your are right, why not just be quiet and live with what you know? You need my prayers in this area DON'T YOU? (See...there I go trying to prove I am right!)

In Christ's Love, Pastor Mike

Events: Sunday 10:16 worship! (I'm putting 10:16 instead of 10:15, just to see who will need to prove they're right...just kidding)

Prayer: Stan Eller (kidney complications), Pearl Ward (passed catherization well. Breathing problems), all COVID19 effected people, Joy Fugate (arm surgery recovery)

P.S. IF you are not getting the monthly newsletter, Messenger, please let us know by emailing Clarabell@franklinub.org IF you are not getting this email then let us know, but that's kind of hard since you are not getting this email. (Finally, I have a couple extra hours on my hand today so I write things like this)