



Series Summary: Pillars

Pillars is a five-week series designed to deepen believers' understanding of five foundational qualities that Jesus modeled: confidence, service, discernment, self-control, and integrity. Each week explores a specific “pillar” of character that Christians are encouraged to embrace as part of their journey in following Jesus’ example. Through key scriptures and insights, the series emphasizes that these traits are essential not only for personal growth but for building a faithful, impactful community in Christ.

Key Themes and Messages:

- **The Way of Confidence:**

Jesus’ assurance to His disciples to “not be afraid” (Matthew 10:26-28) highlights the confidence we can find in God’s presence, even amidst persecution or difficulty. This message encourages believers to rely on God’s faithfulness and stay grounded in His peace, resisting fear and embracing the assurance that comes from a life lived with Christ.

- **The Way of Service:**

Jesus came not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:25-28). This week calls believers to embody Christ’s humility and prioritize the needs of others, following His example of servant leadership. Serving others as Jesus did is portrayed as a central expression of Kingdom living and a way to fulfill God’s will.

- **The Way of Discernment:**

Discernment, as Jesus teaches in Matthew 7:1-5, is about navigating our judgments and applying wisdom over criticism. This message urges believers to seek God’s guidance to understand His truth, exercise fairness, and avoid passing judgment on others, fostering a community of grace and understanding.

- **The Way of Self-Control:**

Focusing on the call to avoid sinful anger (Matthew 5:21-26), this week examines the importance of controlling one’s emotions and maintaining a Christlike response to injustice. Believers are encouraged to embody patience and temperance, mirroring the restraint Jesus displayed and growing in emotional maturity.

- **The Way of Integrity:**

Rooted in the command to “let your yes be yes” (Matthew 5:33-37), this message calls believers to live with honesty and integrity. Followers of Jesus are reminded that their word is sacred, reflecting God’s truthfulness, and are encouraged to faithfully uphold their commitments as a witness to God’s faithfulness.

Key Goals:

- Inspire believers to grow in confidence through God’s constant presence, especially during challenging times.
- Encourage a life of service that mirrors Jesus’ humility and commitment to others.
- Equip the church to practice discernment, balancing truth with grace in their relationships.
- Promote emotional maturity and self-control, helping believers respond to life’s challenges with restraint.
- Uphold the value of integrity, emphasizing the importance of truthfulness and reliability in daily interactions.

This series ultimately calls believers to cultivate these pillars of faith in their lives, reflecting God’s character and strengthening their impact as Christ’s followers in the world.

Series Description:

This Series Description is written to help church members understand the focus and purpose of the series.

Whether you can see them or not, any multi-story building relies on pillars to help carry the weight of the upper levels and to make the entire thing more structurally sound. To walk in the way of Jesus, we also need solid pillars to help support us and equip us to live a Jesus life that isn’t dependent on our circumstances. In our series, Pillars, we will look at the support we can build into our lives through trust, service, wisdom, self control and integrity. Together, these pillars provide a framework for building a solid foundation.

Series Asset Content:

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Week 1 - The Way of Confidence

Description

This week, we're digging into something you hope everyone you know has: integrity. Whether it's a business deal, a friendship, or a family member, integrity is one of those qualities that people respect but sometimes lack. Jesus teaches us that integrity isn't about perfection but direction—it's the consistent aim to live truthfully and authentically, aligning our words with our actions. In Matthew 5, Jesus pushes back against a culture of over-promising with "vows" and says it plainly: let your "yes" mean yes, and your "no" mean no. So, let's explore how to live with integrated lives where our words, actions, and beliefs match up, how to be authentic enough to admit our mistakes, and how to keep moving forward—even with some gaps in our lives. Join us as we embrace the power of a straightforward, honest life with Jesus at the center.

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Week 2 - The Way of Service

Description

This week in our Pillars series, we're diving into "The Way of Confidence"—but it's not the kind of confidence that comes from flaunting power or position. Instead, we're exploring a confidence that stems from serving others, even when that means stepping down from the spotlight. Jesus modeled this by washing his disciples' feet, showing us that real confidence and purpose come from a heart of service. Join us as we unpack why embracing a servant's posture isn't about taking a hit to your ego but rather gaining a front-row seat to how God works through us in the most unexpected ways.

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Week 3: The Way of Discernment

Description

Ever wonder what Jesus *actually* meant when he said, “Don’t judge”? Hint: it’s not about throwing discernment out the window! This week in our Pillars series, we’re unpacking the difference between judging and being judgmental—two very different things. Jesus isn’t asking us to accept everything without a second thought; instead, he’s showing us how to use discernment wisely and lovingly. With today’s world throwing all sorts of messages at us, this talk on discernment will help us navigate who and what we can trust, without letting judgment turn into criticism. If you want a practical, down-to-earth look at living with wisdom and grace, this message is for you!

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Week 4: The Way of Self Control

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Description

This week, we’re talking about something you want *everyone* in your life to have—self-control. Yep, it’s a heavy topic, but also, it’s one of the most freeing! Proverbs 25:28 compares a person without self-control to a city with broken walls—basically, wide open to trouble. But self-control isn’t about being perfect; it’s about choosing to respond, not react, when life pushes all the wrong buttons. Join us as we dive into why Jesus challenges us to live with integrity, shed anger, and practice self-control in our everyday lives. It’s a life-changer for us all—no anger management course required!

Week 5: The Way of Integrity

YouTube

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Description

This week, we're talking about integrity—something we all value and hope to be known for. Jesus kept it straightforward: let your “yes” mean yes and your “no” mean no. No need for elaborate promises or dramatic oaths. Integrity isn't about being perfect (we all fall short); it's about direction—aligning who we are on the inside with how we live on the outside. So, let's focus on living an honest, wholehearted life where our actions match our words and integrity speaks for itself.