Fellowship to discuss community experience

On Sunday, May 22, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Rev. Ruth Miller will lead the worship service titled: Commitment and Community.

"Experiencing community is essential for human well-being, and our experience of community is defined by our willingness to consistently participate, support, and be supported by others, in and through the shared activities of the group," said Miller.

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tual developmental process. Yet, through the media, many people today are identifying with individuals and groups they never actually interact with ... "

The UU Fellowship, 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Rd., is wheelchair accessible. Each service concludes with refreshments and dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

For more information, visit www.uuflorence.org or call 541-997-2840.

Also, this afternoon, May 21, Rev. Ruth will give a seminar along these same lines at this same location from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Donations are appreciated.

MOVING UP HIGHER Joyce Meyer

Isaiah 54:17 gives us a wonderful promise from God. It says, "No weapon that is formed against you will succeed; and every tongue that rises against you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me,' says the Lord" (AMP).

No one likes to be judged or criticized by others, and this verse clearly says "every tongue that rises against you in judgment you will condemn."

The question is, how do we show those who judge and criticize us unjustly that they are wrong? Do we defend ourselves? Do we get mad at them The secret to putting your enemy in his place and say equally bad things It's Spiritual Warfare

about them, trying to get back at them? No, none of that works and it's not what this scripture is talking about.

Jesus is our ultimate example of how we should live, and the Bible says in 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT), "He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly."

When someone comes against us, we're often tempted to defend ourselves.

But the way we show those who judge and criticize us that they are wrong is by behaving in a godly way instead of letting what the enemy the devil – did through them cause us to act the same wav.

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As believers in Jesus Christ, we are in a war, but it's not a war against human beings. Ephesians 6:12 (AMP) says, "We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." I realize that talking about

the devil is unpleasant, and many people don't want to do it. I attended church for years and, although I knew the devil was real, I didn't understand that he could be a real problem in my life.

The truth is that all of the evil in this world - all of the bad things that happen — the source of it all is our enemy, the devil. It's so important for us to really get this if we want to effectively fight and get victory in the spiritual warfare we face.

The Way It Works

Sometimes we take a verse, like Isaiah 54:17, and focus on the part that we like or want to do and expect to reap the benefits of the whole thing.

For example, we like saying, "No weapon formed against me will prosper, and everyone who says wrong things about me will be proven wrong!"

But we need to take the rest of the verse to heart to. It says, "This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord" (AMPC).

The heritage we have in Christ - His peace, righteousness, security and triumph over opposition - is experienced by those who follow the example of "the ideal Servant of the Lord," which is Jesus Christ. This means that true faith in Christ produces a lifestyle that represents His heart... His character and His behavior.

When you have a real relationship with Jesus, His Spirit lives in you and He changes you little by little, from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). The exciting thing is, you cannot be born again and never change because Christ is living in you and you won't be comfortable with an ungodly lifestyle as you grow closer to Him.

The Best Retaliation So, practically speaking, what does it mean to act like Jesus in these situations?

The first thing we need to do when someone comes against us is pray for them. They need to have an understanding of how dangerous is it to treat others this way.

We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and trust Him to give us the wisdom and strength to do what He would do.

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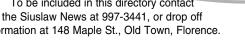
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The evening will begin with bowls of chicken noodle soup, homemade sourdough bread, fruit and vegetables.

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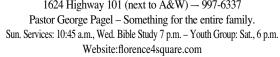
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