

# JACOB'S WELL



Sunday Paper

23 April 2017

## BACK TO SQUARE 1 WITH GOD

The challenge of a maze is that when you get stuck you can't just push on, you have to go back to where you turned wrong and start fresh. That describes our situation with God pretty well. Human beings got a few inklings of what God was like from what they could understand and ran with it. Now we're in a corner with an image of God that just doesn't work or make much sense. It's time to back up to square one and explore again.



### What to expect today (it's pretty simple)

*We're glad you're here. Have some coffee & a seat.*

**Music**—sing along!

**Welcome & Say Hi**

**Message**—"Back to Square 1 with God" ~Chris Lillehei

**Offering**—Thank You

**Songs & Closing**

*Go and be Jacob's Well!*

## Also today...

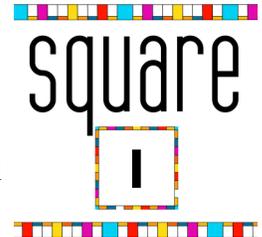


**We're glad you're here!** There is a lot to notice, enjoy and wonder about with your friends and family in our gathering today. Find the kids table with stuff just for you. The Pond (ages 6mo-2 yrs) is open, Splashville (preschool) and H2O Kids (grades K-3) are in the Commons, and River RATS (grades 4-5) and The Lounge (grades 6-8) are in the gym for Fun Factory training.

## Coming Up and More...

### Next Sunday: BACK TO SQUARE 1 WITH US

The feeling of being at a dead end in a relationship is probably not an unfamiliar one. Maybe it is with a partner, child, friend, co-worker; maybe it's between the police and minority populations, or the political system and the American people. The point is we can't just stay where we are, and there doesn't seem to be any hope of moving forward from where we are. Something needs to be undone first. Let's take a look at getting back to Square 1 with Us.



### Financial Update from the Board

Last fall, the board had to make the difficult decision to cut staff salaries by 5%. Your efforts over the last six months - including a tremendous response to the March Giving Challenge! - have helped us overcome the cash flow crunch we were facing in the fall. We've made great strides in increasing our regular monthly giving, which helps improve the imbalance between our income and expenses and helps us plan our budget. We still have some work to do before we can completely restore staff salaries, but thanks to all of you, we were able to commit to a partial restoration beginning this month! For more information about the Jacob's Well finances, please join us at What's Up With Jacob's Well on Monday (see article below).

### WUWJW—April 24, 6:30-8:00pm

A couple times a year we gather Jacob's Well-ers to share what we see as the 'burning issues' in order to get you up to speed and get your ideas and direction.

**Here are the 3 things we'll talk about:**

- 1)The results of the Giving Challenge and where we now stand fiscally.
- 2)The Intern and refilling the Youth Position...both happening late summer.
- 3)Dr. Terri Elton will be discussing research she published that Jacob's Well helped shape.

There will be complimentary coffee, water and desserts. We'll also have wine for a small donation. Learn more and RSVP at [www.jacobs-well.net/WUWJW](http://www.jacobs-well.net/WUWJW).



# back to square 1 with god

listen again on the Jacob's Well podcast!



Read with us...

- April 23: Acts 2:37-41
- April 24: Acts 2:42-47
- April 25: Acts 3:1-10
- April 26: Acts 3:11-16
- April 27: Acts 3:17-26
- April 28: Acts 4:1-12
- April 29: Acts 4:13-22
- April 30: Acts 4:23-31

What's SOAP? [jacobs-well.net/SOAP](http://jacobs-well.net/SOAP)  
Do it online! [facebook.com/SOAPdaily](https://facebook.com/SOAPdaily)

To get back to square 1 with God, you have to deal with your baggage about God.

Remember:

Your baggage doesn't need to be labeled GOOD or BAD.  
You are a sample size of one.



How does our baggage get in the way? Building BOXES for and around God.



What does square 1 for God look like to you?

God is <u>LOVE</u> .			
We are the <u>HANDS &amp; FEET</u> of God			

Match your idea and practice of God when you go back to square 1.

Create and foster a community of AUTHENTICITY and INTEGRITY.

"Which of these three do you think became a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The expert in religious law said, "The one who showed mercy to him." So Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same." Luke 10.36-37

**Homework practice...** Find sometime this week to

consider at least one way you might reimagine God. How might you reimagine yourself in that place?

If you're new, welcome!

Thanks for being Jacob's Well today. We'd love to meet you and share some chocolate.

Find the table with this question mark...



It's warming up out there!



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