

House Feast Network

5.09 Hypocrisy

EN fundament sanctification



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

King Jesus warns us for two enemies. In this program we deeply study the identity of these enemies. This way, we learn how King Jesus wants to equip every family to resist these enemies, because He has already defeated them! Is your family prepared already? We have written this program during Purim, a feast during which we celebrate with our Jewish brothers and sisters that we are more than victors in the Name of God the Father.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go indepth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the fifth fundament: sanctification.

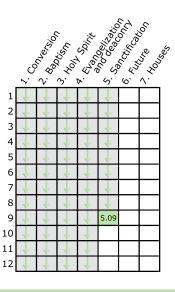
We recommend you to read the books of James. Matthew, Luke, Proverbs, and the entire Bible while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

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Next program: 5.10 Penance

For an overview of all programs, see the Learnhouse.





1a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) Mark 8:14-18a (NKJV) says:



Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread."

But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?"

Someone from the team asking the question will draw what the disciples were discussing. The other team will try and guess this. (answer) A shortage of bread.



2a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) Leaven or sourdough is bread dough made of flour and water. No yeast is added, because yeast and lactic acid bacteria are already naturally present in the dough. Someone from the team asking the question will describe what yeast really is, without naming the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".

(answer) Fungi (mould).

3a. For which two things does King Jesus warn?

(answer) The other team must name both answers:

- 1. The leaven of the Pharisees.
- 2. The leaven of Herod.

4a. Say in your own words: "Being mindful of the things of man."

(answer) Seeing everything from the perspective of humans, not the way God the Father looks at them.

5a. Name two other such creeps that we know from the Biblical and/or recent history.

(answer) Possible answers include:

- The Egyptian pharaoh (from the Bible book Exodus)
- Haman / Ahasuerus (from the Bible book Esther)
- Nero (Roman emperor)
- Adolf Hitler
- The antichrist •
- (other tyrants and dictators)

6a. Name one central characteristic of a tyrant's work.

(answer) Each of these answers is correct:

- It always originates from the satan.
- It is always mindful of the things of man.
- It tries to destroy the work of God the Father.



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7a. Esther 4:11–17 says:

"All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.'

So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions. Through the totalitarian regime of Haman, the satan tried to destroy the Israelites. Esther manages to prevent this from happening through a dangerous action that could cost her life, supported by her uncle Mordecai. Which two points are important to resist satan's attacks?

(answer) The other team must name both points:

- 1. Courage of faith.
- 2. Praying and fasting.

8a. Romans 16:17-20 says:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

What does the apostle Paul say here about fearing the coming dictator (the antichrist)?

(answer) The God of peace will crush the satan under your feet and submit him to you. So we don't need to have fear for the satan, nor for his subordinates.





9a. The team asking the question will read Mark 7:1–13 aloud. The other team will count how often it says the words "tradition", "traditions" and "commands".

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)-then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your <u>tradition</u> that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

(answer) Eight times.

10a. The things of man (see question 4a) go in against the will of God the Father. It could, for example, be a human teaching. Take Adam and Eve, for example. They were allowed to eat the fruits of any tree, except one. What was the human teaching about this?

(answer) You can just eat from the tree and you won't die.



11a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what King Jesus calls you, when you let go of (or invalidate) God's commands, in order to hold on to your own traditions/rules. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Hypocrite. (comment) You can read it in the text from question 9a (Mark 7:1–13).

12a. King Jesus clearly pointed out his two enemies to us: Herod and the Pharisees. If you would translate these two enemies to the here and now, how would you describe these two enemies?

(answer)

- 1. Totalitarian regime / antichrist.
- 2. Hypocrites that try to seduce believers who are true to the Bible.





1b. While the disciples were engaged in a discussion of their own, King Jesus spoke of something totally different. What was He talking about?

(answer) Leaven in a figurative sense.



2b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) Someone from the team asking the question will draw which two things you can among others do with leaven and yeast. The other team will try and guess both.

(answer) The other team must name both answers:

- 1. Fermenting beer.
- Making bread rise.

3b. Mark 8:31-33 (NKJV) says:

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He spoke this word openly.

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." What does King Jesus say here about the behavior of the satan?

(answer) That the satan is mindful of (preoccupied with) the things of men, not with those of God, the Father of King Jesus.

4b. Who was Herod, and how did he treat the Israelites?

(answer) Herod ruled over Israel in name of the Roman emperor. As a tyrant, he suppressed the people of Israel, under his authority Christ was crucified, and under his regime the first church was also persecuted and oppressed.



5b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what a totalitarian regime does with Israelites and believers who are true to the Bible. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) It forbids them to worship and obey their heavenly Father.

6b. Name two countries where Israelites and believers who are true to the Bible are being oppressed.

(answer) The team answering the question determines if the countries that were named are correct. Some examples are China, North Korea, Belarus and Iran.

7b. Every year, the Jews remember the victory of Ester and Mordecai, and with that also how they were rescued from the clutches of evil. They do this with an exuberant memorial feast, usually in March. On this day, they also read the entire Bible book of Esther. What is this feast called?

(answer) Purim.





8b. For which other enemy does the apostle Paul also warn in the Bible passage that was just read (Romans 16:17-20)?

(answer) People who provoke quarrels (cause divisions) and stand others in the way (put up obstacles); who don't serve King Jesus, but only their own appetites (lusts), and mislead and deceive naive people by smooth talk and flattery.



9b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime how the prophet Isaiah explains the word "hypocrites". The other team will try and quess this.

(answer) They honor God the Father with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him.

(comment) Isaiah 29:13 says: "The Lord says: 'These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught." King Jesus refers to this text in Mark 7:6 (see question 9a).

10b. Please read the text from Mark 8:31–33 in question 3b aloud once more. We see Peter say something hypocritical, that is a thing/teaching of man. What did he do and why was this a thing/teaching of man?

(answer) He rebuked King Jesus for openly speaking of getting crucified, even though dying on the cross was exactly the will of God the Father.

11b. Galatians 2:20 says: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.." What could you say if you don't want to be a hypocrite, but you want to serve King Jesus wholeheartedly?

(answer) The way Galatians 2:20a says it: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

12b. King Jesus and the apostle Paul warn for hypocrites, that don't do the will of God the Father. On the other hand, there are the heroes of faith, who fight to the end to build God's Kingdom. We now know who the two enemies of King Jesus are. Which changes does your family have to make in order to resist these enemies? (answer) See the answer to question 7a.