

# THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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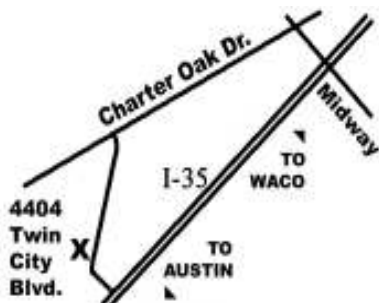
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## WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

## WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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# SIMPLE TRUTH

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## Getting ALL the Facts

*“The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him.”*  
- Pr 18:17

This is just one of many principles of sound jurisprudence. It has undergone some refinement through the last three thousand years (attorney representation), but the fundamental principle is still valid – don’t pass judgment until you have all the evidence. It’s good advice for the courthouse, and for your house.

It’s good advice for moms and dads who are trying to untangle a web of confusion when the kids are pointing fingers at one another. It’s good advice for the elders when dealing with congregational problems, and accusations are being tossed back and forth. And, it’s good advice for every Christian who is asked to ‘take sides’ in some personal dispute. A wise ‘judge’ will suspend judgment until all the facts are on the table – regardless of familial ties or friendship bonds.

Violation of this principle has been the cause of innumerable injustices through the centuries. But, there is an omniscient Judge who has ALL the facts of EVERY case, whether criminal, civil, or personal. And, His final judgment has yet to be rendered.

## Friendships that Endure

Twenty Chinese couples tied the knot in a mass wedding on the Great Wall of China, according to an official Chinese newspaper. The couples said they chose the site in hopes that their marriages would be like the Great Wall – able to withstand the winds and rains.



That Chinese ceremony contrasts with another wedding that took place in the aisle of a convenience store. The fun-loving couple said they thought it would be romantic to be married in the place where they met. Although lasting relationships need the kind of humor and creativity exhibited by the convenience-store wedding, marriages also need the Great Wall.

And what is true of marriage is also true of friendships. A faithful companion is always there during times of trouble and adversity (Pr 17:17). Fair-weather friends aren't friends at all.

God is our ultimate Friend and Companion, and He will never abandon us. And because we have been made to bear His likeness, we should be to others the kind of friend who stays by their side when the going gets rough.

Lord, help us all to reflect your character in our friendships. May we love at all times – especially in times of adversity.

- *Martin DeHann II (edited)*

## Just Thinkin'

The young mechanic was getting flustered. It was Friday night, and he had a date lined up; but, a customer had come in at the last minute with bad brakes. One look at the pads, and he knew what he had to do. After about five minutes, he came to the lobby with the car keys. "Well," he said, "I couldn't fix your brakes, so I made your horn louder".

Of course, no customer would stand for such a response. Providing our 'reasonable' solution to an inconvenient duty will cut no ice when it's time for the evaluation. To put it another way, excuses are no substitute for results.

Jesus was not ambiguous in making this point to His own followers (Mt 7:21-23). He assures them that the excuse-makers and rationalizers will get no sympathy from the Judge come evaluation day. Excuses will not be a substitute for obedience.

So, why do so many just try to 'make the horn louder'? It could be inconvenience, or preference, or apathy, or any one of a number of other excuses. But, the only real solution is to fix the brakes. Think about it.