Tonight we begin a new series…. Red Flags – Now, that may sound negative but the reality is all the things we'll talk about can be good and are actually good gifts from God.
HOW DOES RED FLAGS COME IN – Because like anything else, these good gifts, if not handled right, can be destructive.

We've seen Red Flags at the ocean right – Why are they there, to bring awareness to some blind spots.
Everything may look good on the surface rip but what's lying beneath the surface?
> Beach good, ocean good, the trouble is danger could lie beneath the surface.
> The Red Flag helps you identify that.

This series will help you identify that even though things are and can be GOOD GIFTS from God, they can also bring danger, trouble. **We must ask….what's lying underneath the surface?**

The next few weeks we'll look at some areas of our lives that are good gifts from God.
Things God has given as ways for us to do life, enjoy life and rightly live life in a way that brings God the most glory.
> It's kind of where we left off with Hebrews. Rightly responding to God's grace towards us.

Our lives are filled with things that are great and can be great.
BUT…the RED FLAG says trouble is always a click away, a step away.
We must recognize that this world is in the midst of a power struggle….right/wrong   Light/dark.

Meaning, things can lead us to a life that honors God **OR** they can lead us down a path that goes away from that.
The key is recognizing when our handling the the good things of this world, gifts from God, begin to cross the line.
> *5 T's – Trends (C/A) – Talents (A/G) – Time (G/C) – Technology (C/A) – Tribe (A/G)*
> > All good things God has given us….things that can add to our life and walk with Christ.
> > But things that can easily work against this life and walk with Christ.

So our hope is to gain wisdom in how we can better understand when these things cross that line.
Of course the boldness, courage and strength to act on this and make change is up to you truly trusting Christ.

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