

MULLIGANS & DO-OVERS LESSONS FROM A POTTER'S HOUSE

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Jeremiah 18:1-10

- (1) God has a **PLAN "A"** for our lives.
- (2) We can **COMPLETELY DESTROY** it.
- (3) There is always a **PLAN "B"** available.
- (4) Plan "B" is **SECOND BEST**.
But it's still **GOD'S** handiwork.

AN ANCIENT CASE STUDY

2 Samuel 11:1-27 & 12:1-13

WHAT IT TAKES TO FLY AGAIN

Step 1: Come **CLEAN**.

- Genuine repentance calls **SIN, SIN**.
1 John 1:9/ Proverbs 28:13/ Psalm 32:1-5

- Genuine repentance leads to a **CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR**.
2 Corinthians 7:10/ Judges 10:6-16

Step 2: Accept the **CONSEQUENCES**.
Psalm 51:4/ Numbers 14:20-45

Step 3: Move on **BOLDLY**.
2 Corinthians 5:16-17/ Revelation 12:10/ 1 John 2:1-2/ Jeremiah 29:11

Life Group Study Questions

For the week of September 30, 2018

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What is a hobby you enjoy that you use to do, are currently doing or hope to pursue in the future? Why does that hobby interest you?
- Can you think of a time in your life when you failed at something you were trying to do? Perhaps it was a class in school, a big test, a try out for a sports team or trying a new hobby. How did you respond to the failure?

How did those around you, who knew of your failure, respond?

- Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1

This weekend Larry unpacked the three steps we need to take if we want to fly again after we've sinned. Larry mentioned that one of these steps (#2) shows up in [Psalm 51](#), which David wrote after being confronted by Nathan about his adultery with Bathsheba. As you read the psalm, look for where you think the other two steps Larry mentioned also show up.

What stands out to you about how David views sin and God?

Which part of David's prayer and confession do you relate to the most?

2

We heard this weekend that, just like David, when we mess up and sin God forgives and even provides us with a Plan "B". This forgiveness and new start is made possible because of God's grace. Grace is a rich theological term that can be defined as "unmerited favor" and **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.

Ephesians 2:1-10 is one of the greatest passages in the Bible about grace. What does it teach us about why grace is needed and what grace makes available to us?

Ephesians 2:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with

Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

How do you see the two definitions of grace supported by this passage?

This passage clearly states that grace is free and can’t be earned yet many people still struggle with this truth. Can you think of any subtle ways that people try to earn God’s grace, even though they know it can’t be earned?

3

It is great news that God offers us forgiveness and a plan “B” when we confess and genuinely repent from our sin. However, avoiding sin is still a much better way to live. How could the following passages help us resist temptation and choose obedience so we can avoid experiencing the consequences of sin?

Galatians 6:7-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Proverbs 27:12 New International Version (NIV)

¹² The prudent see danger and take refuge,
but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

Romans 6:11-14 New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Why do you think we still find ourselves struggling with sin even though we know the consequences, and we know what it cost Christ to provide us with forgiveness?

TAKING IT HOME

1

For personal reflection only. Is there any sin in your life that you’ve become aware of from this week’s sermon or study questions? If so, what is the next step you need to take in dealing with it?

2

Looking back on this week’s sermon and study, what’s most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS



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Lookin' for some crazy guy stuff to do? Want to kick back or get refocused on God? Join us for another epic men's weekend that will get you recharged and refreshed as our speakers lead us into a look at what a real man is and isn't! The weekend will also include plenty of “man” event options like paintball, high ropes course, skeet shooting, archery, zipline, horseback riding, etc. Space is limited so don't delay!

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