

Pretext/Synopsis

We live in a generation that oftentimes finds it difficult to admit that we're in the wrong. Many young people don't know how to deal with mistakes - whether it's saying sorry, being corrected, or receiving forgiveness. This series aims to teach young people how to respond when we make mistakes, how we can learn from them, and how God can still redeem the bad decisions we make.

Key Scriptures

2 Tim 3:16	NLT	All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to <u>make us realize what is wrong</u> in our lives. It <u>corrects</u> us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
Rom 8:38-39	NLT	And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Prov 14:9	NLT	Fools make fun of guilt, but the godly acknowledge it and seek reconciliation.
Rom 8:1	NLT	So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Sermon Topics

Date	Preacher	Title/Topic	Thoughts/Main Points
		Saying Sorry	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach young people to recognize mistakes as an opportunity to learn. - Teach them that apologizing is Biblical and the first step to fixing a mistake. - Teach them how to say sorry in a practical way. <p>Frame the series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prov 14:9, 2 Tim 3:16, anchor scriptures. - We've all done things we wish we could undo. - What's more important is how we respond when we make mistakes. - Only thing better than learning from your mistakes is learning when other people make the mistake first. - To benefit from mistakes, we need to learn to say sorry, kill pride, and receive redemption.

			<p>Thoughts: Mistakes are learning points, they don't determine your value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doesn't mean we should keep repeating them. - God knows we'll make mistakes and sin, He still died for us, He still values us. <p>Apologizing is the first step to learning from your mistakes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psalm 51, David's prayer for forgiveness. - If you don't recognize your mistakes you can't move past them. - Any mistake you excuse is an area for growth you avoid. <p>Apologizing is not a sign of weakness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Takes strength to recognize you're wrong. - Just because you're not wrong doesn't mean you can't apologize. - Kind of love God demonstrated. - Apologizing shows that you value the person more than you value being right. <p>Practical:</p> <p>Recognise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That it was you in the wrong - Don't push the blame <p>Admit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Say out loud - Give them phrases/sentences/words to say <p>Ask for forgiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Say out loud - Give them phrases/sentences/words to say
		Killing Pride	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Showing that pride stops us from learning from mistakes or receiving redemption. - Teaching that humility is the way to learn from mistakes. <p>Thoughts:</p> <p>Series Tie-In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last week we talked about saying sorry. - Pride is one thing that will stop you from saying sorry.

			<p>Luke 18:9-14 - Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pharisee did good things (613 laws, 5 books memorized by 12) - Pride takes good things and makes them bad. <p>Pride ties our identity to our actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feel good because I've done good. - Feel rejected when I make mistakes. - Strive to do better on our own. - Instead of leaning into God. <p>7 Steps Pride Takes You On To Destruction. Pride:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevents you from recognizing your mistakes. 2. Prevents you from apologizing. 3. Prevents you from receiving correction. 4. Prevents you from changing. 5. Prevents you from redemption. 6. Makes you an enemy of God. (Jam 4:6) 7. Leads you to guaranteed destruction. (Prov 16:18) <p>The cure for pride is humility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognizes all the good we do is from God - Recognizes mistakes as part of the process to depend more on God - Responds to the greatness of God and his saving power. - Creates space to move on from mistakes and get better. - Prov 11:2 <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repentance for known or hidden pride in our lives - Commitment to depend on God
		Receiving Redemption	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help the young people receive redemption from mistakes. - Understand that while we face consequences, God can still redeem our mistakes. <p>Thoughts:</p> <p>Restoration of Peter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Denied Jesus (Which is a HUGE mistake)

- Jesus restored him after
- He went on to change the world

Prodigal Son

- Son recognised his mistake, was willing to put down his pride and go back to his father's house
 - Must have been a tough decision as he would have been 'judged' by everyone
- Father ran out to him; shows that he was waiting for him to return
- Father restored him as a son (complete redemption)

Heb 12:6 - Understanding the heart of God

Romans 8:1 - God doesn't condemn us for the mistakes we make

Redemption comes when there's a true change of heart

- We can't make mistakes, say sorry, but do the exact same thing again and again
- We need to constantly be working to get better
 - Intentional, Progressive, Maintained
 - Training in Godliness.

Mistakes are meant to bring you closer to God

Restoration of lost years (Referring to LM lesson)

- Sometimes we make mistakes and we think that we have "lost" something, but God can make up to you for your lost years
 - He can redeem our past and restore time lost to the effects of sin
- God governs time
 - He can multiply our present resources and opportunities
 - He can bless and make fruitful your future

Response:

- Understanding the love of God
- Receiving His complete redemption

Other Discussion Notes

What will you undo?

- Have you ever done things that you wish you could undo?

How do we deal with mistakes?

- How God responds to mistakes
- How do we react?
 - Learning how to say sorry
 - Recognising mistakes

Easy for people to come back to

Woman about to get stoned and how Jesus responds to her

- Grace
- Confronts with truth

David & Bathsheba

- how the first baby that came died but out of the same woman, the second baby was Solomon, one of the richest king to be alive

Peter

- Denying Jesus and being restored after

Hebrews 12:6

2 Tim 3:16

Romans 8:28

Romans 8:1

Romans 8:38-39

2 Tim 4:8

- We can't make a mistake and do the same thing all over again
 - Not working to earn God's approval, but we need to work to get better
- Training: Intentional, Progressive, Maintained

Mistakes is not a loss, it's for you to learn

- Not that they won't hurt or cost you
- If it's already gonna cost you something, you might as well learn something from it

Prov 14:9

1. How to respond to mistakes
 - a. David knew how to respond but Saul didn't (Ps 51)
2. How to say sorry
 - a. Issue of pride
 - b. Don't know if you say then they can take it anot
 - c. Having a teachable spirit

If there was one thing that you can change, what will it be?
God's a God of redemption

- We have the opportunity to redeem some of these things
- Lost years (LM lesson)
 - Even in the few years that they have in ministry

Mistakes make you have a good story to tell

The only thing more valuable from learning from your mistakes is learning from someone else's mistakes

- when you make mistakes you tend to run away from God and people but in actual fact we should run towards God
- We don't turn to God because sometimes we don't understand what/who God is
- mistakes are meant to bring you closer to God x

Not always God and church context

- How to say sorry to a friend
- Teaching them to be better humans

Context

- Talking about mistakes
- Framing the series: In order to experience God's redemption which we will talk about, we need to settle a couple of things first

1. Sorry

- a. How that opens up a door to reconciliation and restoration
- b. Not about who was wrong, but opening the door to fixing something
- c. Practical

2. Pride

- a. Stops you from recognising you were wrong
- b. Stops you from saying sorry
- c. Stops you from hitting cmd z
- d. Comes before a fall
- e. How to deal with Pride
- f. Outcome: Teachable spirit
 - i. Going back to week 1
- g. Pride - Lack of awareness of what is greater than you
 - i. Not aware that God is better than them
 - ii. Inflated sense of self
 - iii. Devil - Thinks he should be where God is

3. Redemption

- a. I've made a mistake, how can something good come out of it
- b. God's response when we're willing to recognise that we were