

Thursday

Read: *Matthew 4:1-11*

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

Who is the tempter? How did Jesus overcome temptation? Was there anything supernatural about it? Are these tools available to you today?

Read *James 1:13*. Who is never the source of temptation?

Read *Hebrews 4:15-16*. Who sympathizes with your struggle? What should you do?

Friday

Read: *Joshua 7:20-21*

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

What factors contributed to Achan's disobedience? At what point could Achan have done something different? Relate his struggle to your own struggle. How can you stop your sin before it becomes an act of sinful disobedience?

Saturday

Read: *Psalms 141:1-5*

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

Is this your prayer before God? Does your head refuse the rebuke of a righteous man? Get into accountability with someone you can trust! We're here to help!

Preparing for this **Sunday** Read: *Romans 6:15-7:25*

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Wanted: Dead AND Alive

Romans 6:1-14

Justification: My POSITION is in Christ.

Sanctification: My CONDITION is becoming like Christ.

Glorification: My EXPECTATION is to be like Christ.

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Romans 6:1-5

So as we stand in God's grace, how do we view our sin?

- **We died to our former sin NATURE.**
 - » Put your faith in the PROMISE of cross.
 - » Step into your faith through BAPTISM.

⁵If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- ⁷because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. **Romans 6:5-7**

- **We've been freed from sin's POWER.**
 - » CONFESS sin.
 - » Set BOUNDARIES.
 - » Seek ACCOUNTABILITY.

Thus you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous.

Proverbs 2:20

Through Jesus' work in me, I can now CHOOSE not to sin!

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Romans 6:8-11**

• We are dead to sin, but ALIVE to God!

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. **Romans 6:12-14**

» How can you offer yourself to him as "instruments of righteousness"?

- Eyes _____
- Mouth _____
- Mind _____
- Hands _____
- Feet _____

Getting Real

Putting Our Faith into Action

What sin are you struggling with today?

- » Look to the cross.** Overcoming sin in your own life doesn't start with willpower but with God's power. Whether for the first time or hundredth time, you can look to the cross today and say, "Jesus, I need YOUR help in this area of struggle." Visit the Prayer Patio at the end of service to have someone pray with you.
- » Set Boundaries TODAY.** Don't wait until you find yourself in a tough situation. Decide today which situations you will stay far away from. Set boundaries stricter than you think you need to!
- » Seek Accountability.** If you have a Christian friend you can trust, turn to them today to seek help with your struggle. Christ-centered friends will support you in your quest to overcome sin. If you don't know anyone you

trust, we are here for you. You may not feel comfortable sharing your entire struggle at first, but the first step is relationship. See Pastor John, or write on your connection card: "Looking for accountability."



Monday

Read: Deuteronomy 26:16-19

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

How is the relationship between God and His people described? What does God expect of His people? What does God promise His people? Does this motivate you to obedience?

Tuesday

Read: John 14:15-21

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

Try to express the relationship between loving God and obeying Him. Which do you think God prefers from you: reluctant compliance or trusting obedience? Why? How does the Holy Spirit help you obey God's commands?

Wednesday

Read: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

My thoughts and/or questions on this passage:

Getting Real TODAY:

Has God's Word made you aware of an area of your life that needs to be brought into closer obedience to God. Is so, in what area? Pray to ask God for His help. How can you get help in this struggle TODAY? Need boundaries? Accountability?