

Series: Misfits Welcome

Persevering in Recovery

Sermon Notes

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Psalms 119

Roadblock to Recovery: Believing, obeying, and sharing fake news.

Persevering in Recovery: Believing, obeying, and sharing good news.

Eight Principles of Recovery

1. Realize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.
2. Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me recover.
3. Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.
4. Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.
5. Voluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.
6. Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others when possible, except when to do so would harm them or others.
7. Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.
8. Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and my words.

Community Group Questions

1. What did God say to you through the Scripture preached today? What do you need to do about what God is saying to you?
2. What "fake news" do you play on repeat? Examples: I must meet certain standards to feel good about myself; I must have a certain amount of freedom and fun in order to be happy; Those who fail are unworthy of love; I cannot change. I am hopeless.
3. What are some of the consequences you experience by obeying this "fake news"? Examples: Perfectionism; Workaholic; Manipulate others for success; People-pleasing; Withdrawal from God & others; Blame others for failure; Feeling of shame, inferiority; Passive.
4. How does the "good news" of Jesus help you persevere in recovery from your "fake news"? Examples: I am fully pleasing to God only through Jesus' righteousness given to me through faith alone (Rom 5:1; 2 Cor 5:21); I am completely forgiven of past, present & future sin through Jesus' death for me & fully accepted by God (Col 1:21-22).
5. If you were to grade yourself on "good news" fluency (i.e., ability & ease of speaking God's Truth to yourself & others), what grade would you give yourself? What's at stake if you don't persevere in doing "good news" homework (i.e., reading & meditating on the Bible)? Look back at the consequences of obeying "fake news".
6. What is your plan to read/meditate on Scripture for the next 90 days? Who will join you in this (e.g., community group, fight club/growth group)? Read Psalm 19:7-14, share what you think God could do if you commit yourself to His word every day the next 90 days?
7. Who around you could benefit from hearing how the "good news" has and is changing you? Would you share your story with Crossroads (go to crossroadschurchaustin.com/stories/)?



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