

"Not Like That, Like This"

Week 6

KEY PASSAGES:

Matthew 6:9-13 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

James 1:14-15 each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Romans 3:10 There is no one righteous, not even one.

Luke 11:4: Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

Matthew 6:14:15 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Romans 5:8 God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Mark 11:25 "When you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Romans 3:23-24 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. Sin is a word that means "to miss the mark." Without necessarily getting into spiritual or deep stuff yet, share a time you 'missed the mark'--the more embarrassing or hilarious, the better!
2. If you grew up in a church environment, did you learn this prayer with *debts/debtors* or with *trespasses/those who trespass against us*? (Both are correct!)
3. Can you give an example of a debt (sin through failure to do something that *should* have) and an example of a trespass (sin through doing something that *shouldn't* have been done)?
4. Read the Genesis 3:6 and James 1:14-15 verses above. What observations about humanity & sin can you make from these?
5. In the Lord's prayer, there are two things indicated as daily needs: bread and forgiveness. What does that say to you?
6. Reread the part of the prayer about forgiveness. Then read Luke's account of the same section of the prayer (11:4)... and *then*, read Ephesians 4:32. Discuss.

Reflection: Close together by praying & confessing (at whatever level you're comfortable) to God about struggles with these topics and His help in the process.