

SERMON NOTES

Set Free by Four Gs: God is Good

October 29-30, 2011

Jeremiah 2:13

Psalms 34:8

Review from Last Week:

Progression for Sin

Believe

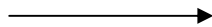


Desire



Do

Change = Turning to the Truth



Progression for Being Set Free

Believe



Desire



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I. The Lie Behind Our Sin:

God is not Good, so we need to look elsewhere

Jeremiah 2:13, My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

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II. The Result of Believing the Lie: Slavery to Sin

Answer this Question: "If I only had _____, then I would be satisfied?"

Your "if only" holds you captive.

How can you be set free? Become captivated with Christ

"The secret of gospel change is being convinced that Jesus is the good life and the fountain of joy. Any alternative would be a let down." -Tim Chester

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III. The Truth We Need to Turn to:

God is Good, we don't have to look elsewhere

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7, ¹ *Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.* ² *Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.* ³ *Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. . .*

⁶ *Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.* ⁷ *Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*

Romans 8:28, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

1) Ask

Psalm 34, *Taste and See that the Lord is good . . .*

2) Seek

Isaiah 55:6, *Seek the Lord while he may be found*

Psalm 34:8 . . . *Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him*

3) Celebrate

Psalm 118:1, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*

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IV. The Result of Believing the Truth: Freedom from Enslaving Sins

John 8:32, *You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

“The invitation of the Bible is not to dreary abstinence. It is a call to find in God that that which truly satisfies.” -Tim Chester

The Cross: Clear evidence that God is determined to seek our good

Romans 8:32, *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*