



# Digging Deeper

*Putting your faith in ACTION!*

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

## **ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:**

1. Sin. An unpopular and uncomfortable word. Are there times where you try to call sin in your life something less weighty? Or are you honest enough to call sin by its name and confront it head on? What do you stand to gain when you confess sin as sin?
2. What does the word 'repent' mean to you? If you are caught up in sin, what steps do you need to take right now, in order to run the other direction?
3. Are confession and repentance part of your daily prayer life, why or why not? What is at risk, when we allow sin to remain unaddressed in our lives?

## **FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:**

1. The topic of sin may seem like a heavy topic to talk about with kids. Yet, what is interesting is that kids seem to know intuitively the difference between bad and good. Take some time to teach the importance of both 'saying you are sorry to God' and 'repenting' - not repeating the bad behavior, action, or attitude.
2. How can you describe forgiveness and grace to your family? Better still, how can you display it this week?
3. Take some time to pray together as a family.



## **Today's Service**

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**Series: Better | Jesus is Greater**

**Part 2: A Better Adam**

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A 3-letter word that makes everyone uncomfortable: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I can resist anything except temptation."* ~Oscar Wilde

A Tale of 2 Gardens: Genesis 3:1-7 & Matthew 26:36-46

**1 Corinthians 15:22** (NLT) <sup>22</sup>Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

**Romans 5:12-21** (excerpt) <sup>18</sup>Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. <sup>19</sup>Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in every way common to man but He did not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 4:1** (NLT) <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.

**Hebrews 4:15b** (NLT) <sup>15</sup>...for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

Temptation itself is not \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 10:5b** (NIV) <sup>5</sup>...take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

When we are tempted, Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

**Hebrews 4:15a** (NLT) <sup>15</sup>This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses,

When we are tempted, we do not have to \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** (NLT) <sup>13</sup>The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

### 3 THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DO WITH YOUR SIN:

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your sin. (Galatians 6:7, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 4:13, Numbers 32:23b, Proverbs 28:13)
2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your sin. (1 Peter 2:16, Isaiah 5:20)
3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your sin. (Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8,10, 1 Corinthians 10:12)

### 3 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO WITH YOUR SIN

1. Do \_\_\_\_\_ your sin. (Proverbs 28:13, Hebrews 4:16, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9)
2. Do \_\_\_\_\_ from your sin. (Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19)
3. Do \_\_\_\_\_ your sin. (Psalm 97:10, 2 Timothy 2:22, James 1:14, 1 Timothy 6:11)
  - a. Pray
  - b. Use the Word of God
  - c. Understand your personal weaknesses
  - d. Run! Flee temptation
  - e. Engage others for accountability

**Romans 5:8-11** (NLT) <sup>8</sup>But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. <sup>9</sup>And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. <sup>10</sup>For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. <sup>11</sup>So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

**Romans 8:11** (NLT) <sup>11</sup>The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

