

The Sins of the Father [Truth about generational sin]

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Bible Passage: Exodus 20:4-6

Introduction:

Big Idea: Sin _____ every human life, but Jesus came to take "it" _____.

#1-We must all face the consequences of generational sin – There is no _____ (Exodus 20:5)

- *Each of us must accept the reality and consequences of generational sin.*
 - Sin always has _____ (Galatians 6:6-8)
- *Sin effects our world in three ways*
 - There is _____ sin (Romans 5:12, Romans 3:23)
 - There is _____ sin (Exodus 20:4)
 - _____ sin (1 Kings 22:51-53)
- *There are two ways God punishes for sin*
 - There is punishment that is _____ [This is where God punishes a person directly for the sins he or she has committed.]
 - There is punishment by _____ [This is where God allows the person to suffer the natural consequences for his or her sin.]

#2-We are all responsible for our own choices and actions –There is no _____ (Exodus 20:5)

- _____, hiding and _____-shifting are typical human responses for dealing with sin Genesis 3:7-13.
- Why am I responsible for inherited sin?
 - # 1-You are responsible because you do not _____ to follow in your parents' sins (Ezekiel 18:18-23)
 - # 2-You are responsible, because you _____ to sin (James 1:13–15)

#3-Sin leaves us with no escape nor excuse but Jesus Christ makes a way out and offers us _____ (Exodus 20:6, Romans 5:17)

- There is hope for the _____ (Romans 8:1-2)
- There is hope for the _____ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - Jesus Christ not only offers forgiveness for the offense of sin.
 - Jesus Christ offers the deliverance from the power of sin.

TRUTH INTO ACTION

- Sin is deadly...**NEVER MINIMIZE YOUR OWN SIN OR THOSE IN YOUR FAMILY.**
- Sin will alienate you from God and others...**REPENT AND BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST FOR SALVATION.**
- **Pray for your children:**
 - to be overwhelmed at God's love for them.
 - to respond to Jesus for their own rescue from sin and evil.
 - to learn to depend on Christ for the strength they will need to stand against temptation.
 - to keep themselves in the love God.

Fighter Memory Verse --JUNE

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk: This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: What “family traits” are a part of your life? [Example: A certain laugh or quirks]

1. Read Exodus 20:4-6.

- Write down the big divine insights you see in these 3 verses:

2. The second commandment forbids the making and worshipping of fake gods. Exodus 20:5 declares God to be “jealous”, but it is important to understand this not the same “jealousy” mentioned in Galatians 5:20 [When Galatians 5:20 uses the word “jealous,” it is the sense of being envious of someone who has something we do not have]. Exodus 20:5 clues us to the reality that God is jealous **when someone gives to another something that rightly belongs to Him.**

- Why is it a good thing for God to make it clear to me He is “jealous” for my affections?
- Why is it dangerous for you to create fake gods of your own imagination and give your daily attention to honoring and worshipping them?

3. Sin is deadly but God’s love brings deliverance, protection and love. The Hebrew word for love in Exodus 20:6 is *HESED*. It is not merely an emotion or feeling but involves action on behalf of someone who is in need. *Hesed* describes a sense of love and loyalty that inspires merciful and compassionate behavior toward another person. This love is trustworthy, ever-enduring, loyal, never running out covenantal love of God. Read the following verses and write down what you learn about God’s **hesed love**.

- Nehemiah 1:5
- Daniel 9:4

Prayer: Father God, you designed me to worship You. I am most satisfied in You when my affections for You are supreme in my life. Remind me of sin’s deadly effect and overwhelm me with your love for me in Jesus. Help me this week to keep myself in Your love (Jude 21). In the sweet name of Jesus I pray, AMEN!