EXAMPLE OF A SINNER OR TO A SINNER?

WELCOME HOME TO THE COWBOY CHURCH OF YOUNG COUNTY, WHERE EVERYONE HAS A PLACE TO SERVE THE LORD.

Psalm 1; Mark 2:14-17; I Kings 8:46; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Psalm 143:1–2; Romans 3:21–23, 5:12; John 3:16; I Peter 3:15 (The verses today will be read out of the NASB95.)

KEY VERSE

Mark 2:17

"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

OUTLINE

I. Mature believers don't see themselves as better than other sinners because they understand that everyone is a sinner. (*I Kings 8:46; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Psalm 143:1–2; Romans 3:21–23, 5:12*)

II. We, as mature believers, are to introduce the sinner, the non-believer, to Jesus Christ through His gospel. (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20)

III. The mature believer understands that it is their responsibility to be prepared and equipped by studying and living out the word of God to defend the hope they have in the gospel of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:15; Philippians 1:16)

No matter who we are or what we have experienced, we as believers must be able to defend the "Gospel" of Jesus Christ. Rule 1221, Chapter 7 of the Franciscan monks states, "All the Friars ... should preach by their deeds." In other words, let your actions speak louder than your words. Who in their right mind would follow someone who preaches one way and lives another? Even in the case of Jesus Christ, He lived out His Father's word every second of His life before He preached it. Our goal is to live as an example of Jesus Christ.

Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.

Love Y'all Cary