

NETCAST SERMON NOTES

Series: This Isn't Normal

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Title: You Can't Earn It

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Key Scripture: Philippians 3:1-6

The Big Idea: Every human heart asks "Am I enough?", but the true gospel declares that Jesus plus something equals nothing, while Jesus plus nothing equals everything.

Running for Acceptance vs. Running From Acceptance

We naturally default to enslaving ourselves to performance just to prove our worth, rather than living from a secure place of grace.

- The Chariots of Fire Analogy: Olympic runner Harold Abrahams ran a lonely race to justify his existence and gain acceptance, while Eric Liddell ran freely from a place of already being accepted, running simply to feel God's pleasure.

Look Out for the Righteousness Project

It is devastatingly easy to take the good fruit God produces in our lives and transform it into a new performance project to earn His love. Like the ancient "Judaizers" who taught that salvation required Jesus plus law, effort, and circumcision, we constantly try to substitute the Giver with His gifts.

Putting No Confidence in the Flesh

To worship by the Spirit of God means living in total dependence upon Him rather than trusting our own intellect, effort, or discipline to save us.

- The Paper Crutches Analogy: Success, marriage, reputation, and money are wonderful gifts but terrible saviors. They are paper crutches that will inevitably collapse under the absolute weight of your soul.

The Heart of the Father

God does not measure His love for you based on your achievements or your failures.

- The Little Squirrel Book Analogy: Just like the daddy squirrel who tells his baby that he doesn't love her because she is fast, brave, or beautiful, but simply "because you're mine," the Heavenly Father loves you unconditionally because you belong to Him.

Call to Action: Practice taking "3 Spiritual Seconds" throughout your day. Before you send an email, make a decision, or enter an argument, pause and retrain your instincts by praying: "Jesus, thank you for loving me. I trust you."