

Sermon Notes

March 17/19 – Romans 7:15-25

Didn't See It Coming 2: Compromise

Summary: When the temptation to compromise hooks into one of our heart's desires, we can find ourselves doing things that are destructive to ourselves and others. But the Good News is that God's love for us is infinite and unconditional and Jesus came into this world to save us from ourselves and for a rich, full, abundant life with him.

Core Idea: With Jesus, it is never too late to turn back from compromise.

Intro: Building collapse in Lagos, Nigeria

A. Humans beings are like _____

1. Above ground part of building is often emphasized, like C _____
2. The foundation supports everything else, like C _____

B. C _____ for Compromise

1. US College Entrance Cheating Scam

C. When the temptation to compromise

1. hooks into one of our heart's _____
2. it can lead us into doing destructive things
3. Illustration: "How Bad Can I Be?" from *The Lorax*

4. Character _____ Competency

I. Character Development is Never Easy

A. All of us have corrupted & _____ character

B. Paul (Romans 7:15, 18-24)

C. The Good News

1. God's love for you is infinite & _____
2. God the Son stepped into this world to _____ you
 - a) From sin, death & eternal condemnation
 - b) For a rich, beautiful _____ with Jesus
 - c) Where you reflect the love, joy, peace & generosity of _____ into the world.

D. Working on our character

1. Is a _____ to God's love
2. We work on our character for the sake of _____

3. We do it so God's love can flow through is better
4. Illustration: Clogged & clear pipes

3. Put Yourself First When It Comes to Personal _____
 - a) Jesus' prep to implementation ratio was 10:1
 - b) Make spending time with God a _____

II. Signs That You Are Drifting Toward Compromise

- A. There is a Growing Gap Between Your Public Life & _____ Life
- B. You're _____ Things
- C. You Fail to Follow Through on What You've _____
- D. You Justify Your Bad _____ and Decisions
- E. Your Life Has Become All About _____

III. The Journey With Jesus

- A. 2 Invitations From Jesus
 1. Open your _____ to him
 2. Let him _____ you
- B. 3 Ways to Get Started
 1. Take Responsibility
 2. Make Your Talk Match Your _____

Conclusion - Remember 3 things

- A. There is nothing that you can do to make Jesus love you any _____ than he already does
- B. There is nothing that you can do to make Jesus love you any _____ than he already does
- C. With Jesus, it is never too late to turn back from _____