



Pt. 2: Reckless Love

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Read Luke 19:10. Jesus' mission was to seek and to save people who are lost. As you learn about Jesus' time on earth, you see that He wasn't selective when reaching out to people. He sought after sinners young and old, male or female; there was no discrimination. In the story of the Samaritan woman, you see that she is lost on so many levels. She was lost to sexism, racism, to society, and to her past. Jesus never condemns her or judges her because she is valuable to Him. You see, just like the Samaritan woman, you are also valuable to Jesus, and He wants to keep you from being forever lost. He wants to provide you with relief from feeling hopeless, from feeling guilty, and from feeling trapped. This week, lean in to God's grace and His love, and leave your past behind.
- Day 2 Jesus was determined to seek out the outcasts and misfits. Read Luke 19:1-10. Here you see Jesus seek out a short little tax collector, Zacchaeus, that had positioned himself up in a tree just to see Jesus. Yet, Jesus sees him and ends up going to his house for dinner. Jesus couldn't care less about what everyone was saying about Him; His goal was to seek and save Zacchaeus. God sent Jesus to earth to find those that didn't know Him and help them find their way home. Just like Zacchaeus' life changed for the better, yours can, too. God wants you to have a relationship with Him because He loves you and only wants the best for you. Don't stay far from Him because you think you've made too many mistakes.
- Day 3 Read Ephesians 3:17-18. God sent Jesus to seek the lost because He values us. Do you ever look back at your past, or even your current state, and think there is no way God could love a person that has made so many mistakes? The amazing thing about God is that His love for you never waivers. His love and His grace are bigger than your sins and your doubts. The enemy wants you to believe that you could never be good enough to receive God's love. Nothing is farther from the truth. He will never stop pursuing you. Remember His love is wide, long, deep, high, and it's never ending
- Day 4 Read about the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:1-7. This story illustrates God's compassion and love for those that stray far from Him. Without scolding or reprimanding, the shepherd goes after the lost sheep and brings it safely home. Then there's a celebration once they return. Just as they celebrate the sheep's return, all of Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and comes home to their Heavenly Father. Take time this week and listen to Bethel Music's, Reckless Love. Tune into the lyrics and hear how beautifully this song illustrates God's unrelenting love and pursuit of those that are lost.
- Day 5 Read Romans 5:8. God's love for us is immense and unending. So much so that He sent His only Son to die for our sins. Imagine giving up your own child or someone you hold near and dear to heart for someone that ultimately doesn't deserve it. Yet, that's exactly what He did. When your day takes a turn for the worse, remind yourself that God loves you. When you get bad news, God's love is there to comfort you. Right when you are ready to throw in the towel, stop and give thanks to God for a love you never have to earn. Spend time today thanking God for His unconditional love.

What's New?

Baptism is an outward sign of an inner change. It is a way to publicly announce your commitment to follow Christ, and your desire to identify with Him in a unique way. On Sunday, July 29, at 2:00 PM, we will be baptizing at the beach! Register at watersedgechurch.net/baptism.