

SERMON NOTES

9th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12, Year B * July 25, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

2 Samuel 11:1-15 * Psalm 14 * Ephesians 3:14-21 * John 6:1-21

Sin: The Math

God LOVES Y_____, and God HATES S_____.

Sin NEVER H_____. It ALWAYS H_____ someone.

The Greek word for “Sin” = “Missing the M_____”
It’s anything less than God’s B_____.

Let’s follow the path and do the math of sin:

Temptation, ALONE is NOT S_____. It’s only the O_____.

With Temptation, L_____ + T_____ + T_____ + D_____ = SIN

“I have made a covenant with my eyes not to look on a woman
lustfully” Job 31:1

Take every thought captive to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth.
Ephesians 4:29

“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’” Psalm 14:1

Sin G_____.

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have
power, together with all the Lord’s people to grasp how wide and
long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love
that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of
all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

Next Week’s Lessons

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a * Psalm 51 * Ephesians 4:1-16 * John 6:24-35

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What evidence have you seen in your life that God loves you?
2. Sin is “missing the mark.” It’s anything less than God’s best for you. What is a small sin in your life – something you do that you know is less than God’s best?
3. Sin never helps. It always hurts someone. What is a sin someone else did that hurt you? How have you recovered... or not? And have you forgiven that person?
4. What is a sin you’ve done that hurt someone else? Have you asked God to forgive you? Have you apologized to that person and asked them to forgive you?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for the ways he shows you he loves you.
 - ✦ For grace to master that sin you mentioned in #2 above.
 - ✦ For grace to forgive that person you talked about in #3, if you haven’t already.
 - ✦ For grace to apologize to that person in #4 and ask their forgiveness, if you haven’t already.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.

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