



LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES

Sermon Series Notes

10.07.18

Part FOUR: The Housecleaning Choice

"God blesses those people who want to obey him more than to eat or drink. They will be given what they want!"

Matt. 5:6 (CEV)

Choice 4: **The Housecleaning Choice:** "I openly examine and confess my faults, to myself, to God, and to someone I trust."

Jesus doesn't want me to be _____

Jesus wants me to be _____

-*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."* Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

-*"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* John 8:36 (NIV)

-*"While we were sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8 (NIV)

A pure heart is not focused on how good _____ but how good _____.

(Ps 139:1 - 1 Jn 1:9 - Lam 3:40 - Phil 2:12-13 - Ps 32:5 - Jam 5:16)

Remember God's _____

"God's kindness leads you toward repentance." Romans 2:4 (NIV)

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

"God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!" Romans 5:8 (GNB)

Remember God's _____

"I'm convinced that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it through to completion on the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 (GW)

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

"I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5 (GNB)

Remember God's _____

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)

"For it is Christ who is the 'Yes' to all of God's promises." 2 Corinthians 1:20 (GNB)

REMEMBER: Celebrate Recovery is happening every Friday night. This is a place of love and support where God will connect you with others and you will find help on the path to healing from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups



Group Discussion Week Four THE HOUSECLEANING CHOICE

Review the Message Sunday

What did God whisper to you?

What challenged you?

What encouraged you?

Jesus doesn't want me to be religious, but to be real.

In 1 John 1:9, we understand that God is faithful and forgiving if we do what?

- ✓ What will God do when we confess our sins to him?
- ✓ Considering it is impossible to hide from God, why then do we allow our sin to separate us from him?

What must we do, according to Lamentations 3:40, to "turn again to the Lord?"

- ✓ Since we must acknowledge the presence of sin in our life before turning to God, why then do we need to search for the sins that must be confessed?

As stated in Psalm 32:5, what must we stop trying to do with our guilt?

- ✓ When we confess our guilt, what does God do for us?

In James 5:16, what two things does Paul tell us that we must do to be healed?

- ✓ In order to be truly healed, a wound must be exposed and cleansed. Is it ever too late to ask God for forgiveness and healing? Why or why not?
- ✓ Why do you think God views meekness as strength?

Remember God's Kindness, Faithfulness, & Promises

Read Romans 2:4 aloud. What does God's kindness lead you toward?

- ✓ Why do some believe that God's kindness can sometimes lead us in another direction?
- ✓ What are some examples how God's kindness can lead us toward repentance?

In Philippians 1:6, who began a good work in us? When will it be complete?

- ✓ How do we know God is still faithful even when we make mistakes or appear to be stagnant in our growth?
- ✓ What are some ways we see God's faithfulness in our life and the lives of others?

According to 1 John 1:9, when we confess our sins, what are God's promises?

- ✓ What are some reasons it can be difficult to confess our sins to God?
- ✓ What does "purification from all unrighteousness" mean? What are some examples of unrighteousness in our society?

*Remember that there is an OPEN Community Group every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 here at Fusion. You can bring a snack to share if you want.
** Remember to use the daily devotional challenge on the back of the bulletin for daily Scripture readings, or use the corresponding plan from the YouVersion Bible App on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.