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Leviticus 19:18 Isaiah 61:10

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- 2) The failure to appropriately _____ my kids is a sign that I love myself more than my kids.

How to Take Control of Your Thoughts:

- a) _____ the temptation
 - b) _____ them with Scripture or prayer.
 - c) _____ while resting in God's power and grace.
- 3) As a Christian, when you _____, it doesn't change who you are in Jesus!

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- 4) God devises means, so that His banished ones are not _____ from Him.

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- 5) If you try to come to God without _____ then you're not actually coming to God. You're demanding He ignore your sin, and stoop down to your level.

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- 1) Children tend to copy your example, but not your BOUNDARIES
- 2) The failure to appropriately DISCIPLINE my kids is a sign that I love myself more than my kids.

How to Take Control of Your Thoughts:

- a) RECOGNIZE the temptation
 - b) REPLACE them with Scripture or prayer.
 - c) PERSEVERE while resting in God's power and grace.
- 3) As a Christian, when you FAIL, it doesn't change who you are in Jesus!

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- 4) God devises means, so that His banished ones are not EXPELLED from Him.

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- 5) If you try to come to God without REPENTANCE then you're not actually coming to God. You're demanding He ignore your sin, and stoop down to your level.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

9) This week we talked about how our failures don't change who we are in Jesus. How does the following passage comfort you?

Romans 8:1, 33-34 - "[1] *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ... [33] Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*"

10) Can you relate to any of the following statements?

- I doubt God's work, fearing that my failures separate me from Him.
- I make excuses for my sin and struggle to love God.
- I struggle to forgive others who have sinned against me or those I love.

What can you do this week to help fight any of the above struggles?

11) What do you most need to apply or remember from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of January 29, 2023

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) When you were growing up, how did your parents typically discipline you?
- 2) What is some of the best parenting advice you've ever received or witnessed?

REVIEW

- 3) In your own words, what happened in 2 Samuel 13:21-14:33?
- 4) What stood out to you from this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) This week we talked about taking control of our thoughts. What do the following passages teach us about our thoughts, or teach us about God?

Isaiah 55:7 - "*Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*"

Psalm 139:23-24 - "[23] Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; [24] And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

Proverbs 4:23 NLT - "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

Psalm 119:10-11 - "[10] With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! [11] Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You."

What are some practical ways you guard your heart?

What has been most helpful for you in battling an onslaught of sinful/doubtful/bitter/anxious thoughts?

6) What stands out to you from the following passage?
Colossians 3:22-25 - "[22] Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. [23] And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, [24] knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. [25] But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality."

How would you define integrity?

Why do you think God wants us to obey and love Him even when nobody else is around (and even in our thoughts)?

7) How do the following passages challenge/encourage you?

Colossians 3:21 - "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

Proverbs 13:24 - "He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly."

Proverbs 3:12 - "For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights."

Psalm 103:13 ESV - "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him."

What do you most need to work on based on these verses?

8) What stands out to you from the following quote?
"It is only at the foot of the cross that the man who is forgiven learns to hate the sin that separated him from God. God's forgiveness of the human soul can only take place when a guilty soul and a holy God are brought together by faith which claims the price Jesus paid." - Alan Redpath, *The Making of a Man of God*

The quote above encourages us to think of Jesus' sacrifice so that we learn to hate our sin. Can you think of other ways to grow in your hatred of your sin?

Are there any Bible verses that help you hate your sin? If so, what are they?