

Episode One: God's Call to You Now

- Only God can fix America
- He is planning a **national revival**
- Most of His people are **not ready**
- God is calling for **repentance now**
- He will **discipline us** if we wait
- Don't miss the **greatest adventure** of our lives. Get ready!

Episode Two: Sin Defined

- **What makes something sinful?**
- **Why does God care about sins?**
- **How serious is sin to God?**
- **What motivates us to sin?**

What Is Sin?

- 10 Commandments
- Any action or thought **God defines** as sin
 - Something **we do**
 - God's commands we **fail to do:**
 - Love your spouse
 - Honor your parents

Why Does God Care About Sin?

- **Sin hurts you & others** God loves
- **Robb us** of blessings on earth and in heaven
- Sin gives **Satan access** to us: Eph. 4:26-27
- Sin forces God to **discipline us** in love
- Sin is the **greatest threat** to humanity in this life and the next.

How Serious is Sin to God?

- **Sin brings death.**
 - God almost **wiped out Israel** due to its sins
 - God demands **eternal punishment** for sins
 - God often **warns Christians** about sin
 - God sacrificed **His own Son** to pay for sin
 - Only **born-again Christians** can enter heaven

What Motivates Us To Sin?

- Our broken **sinful nature** we inherited
- Our daily **choice to not love God** with all our heart, soul, strength and mind.
 - That sin makes all other sins **easier to do**
- We use **sin as a solution** to a real need
- Once we sin, that **sin leads us** to sin more

Episode Two Recap

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Episode Three: Fighting Sin

- The best defense is a **good offense**
- How to **kill the lies** we believe about ourselves that lead to sin
- Don't fight sin **by yourself**

The Best Defense Is a Good Offense

- The more we **enjoy God**, the less we enjoy sin
- **Full surrender** to God weakens temptations
- Being **full of the Spirit** leaves less room for sin
 - Iwakuni, Japan story
- Sin comes from a **love deficit**: The **less** we love God, the **more** we sin

How to Kill the Lies That Lead Us to Sin

- Everyone believes some lies about themselves
- Lies can create emotional and physical pain.
- **Lie-based pain** drives us to seek a **solution**.
- **Sin** is often the **solution** to lie-based pain
- God wants to **replace** those lies with His truth
- His truth **sets you free** from needing that sin

How to Kill the Lies We Believe About Ourselves

- TPM, Sozo and Emmanuel Prayer can help!
- **Links** to each one are in the episode notes
- Each one helps you **experience** biblical truth
- **Unforgiveness** will hinder your ability to sense the Lord communicating with you.
 - **TPM** deals with unforgiveness powerfully!

Don't fight Sin By Yourself

- AA and many **recovery groups** prove this
- **“Two are better than one”** (Eccles. 4: 9-12)
- Pastor **addicted to porn** story
- **John Wesley** said, “There is no holiness apart from social holiness.” **Join a band!**
- See the notes for a link about “bands”

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Episode Four: Repentance Defined

- What is repentance?
- How important is it to God?
- How do you repent well?

Episode Five: The Sin of Unforgiveness

- God has little patience with this sin
- What it is and isn't
- The many benefits of forgiving well

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Episode Two: Revisited

- **How serious** is sin to God?
- God often warns Christians about sin. **Why?**

- **Sin can limit God's blessings: 1 Cor. 3**
 - The prodigal son **lost** his inheritance
- **Sin can lead to God's discipline: Heb 12**
 - 1 Cor. 5: Turned over to Satan for Incest
- **Sin can cause you to lose your salvation!**

- **Words are not enough: Matthew 7:21**
- **Cut off limbs rather than sin: Mk. 9:43ff**
- **Must endure to end to be saved: Matt. 24:13**
- **If you fall away—can't come back: Heb 6**
- **Name erased from Book of Life: Rev. 3:5**
- **Unrepentant, persistent sin can disqualify you from heaven: Gal. 5: 19-21**

- “Sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.
- I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this **will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

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What is Repentance?

- **Metanoia:** Meta & noeo = change your mind—> change of actions, values, character, lifestyle, friends and goals.
- **First words of Jesus!** “**Repent** for the Kingdom of God is at hand.”
- **Agree with God’s Word in your thoughts!**
 - Commit to **do** what he commands and **stop doing** what He forbids
 - When you sin, confess them, but also **promise God to not do that again and show that with actions!**

Examples of Repentance

- **Choose** to forgive specific people from your blame.
- **Stop looking** at non-spouses with sexual thoughts
- **Plan** to report **all** your income to the IRS
- **Apologize** for gossiping to those who heard it
- **Be good** to someone you have wronged
(Zacchaeus)
- Choose **holiness** over happiness in every decision

How Important is Repentance to God?

- God sees repentance as **love for Him: John 14:21**
- **God sent His only begotten Son to die a horrible, excruciating death** so He would not have to send us to hell *forever* for our sins.
- Therefore, God sees our unrepentance as a **deep, personal offense against Him.**

How To Repent Well?

- Have a **written plan** to OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS
- Check yourself **daily** against that plan
- Ask others to hold you **accountable**
- **Update the plan AS NEEDED**
- Ask for prayer, get wise counsel and always compare your goals **to the Bible**, not culture.

Summary

- How serious is sin to God?
- God often warns Christians about sin. **Why?**
- What is repentance?
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Episode Five: The Sin of Unforgiveness

- According to the scriptures, God has **very little patience** with this deadly sin
- What is forgiveness and what **isn't** forgiveness?
- The **many benefits** of forgiving well

Episode Six: Sexual Sins

- What are sexual sins?
- How serious are they to God?
- How to stop sinning sexually.

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