

# 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
- **Robs 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**

- **What** makes something sinful?
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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?
- How important is it to God?
- How do you repent well?

# 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

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- **What is sex for?**
  - Multiply and raise many children for heaven!
    - Only between a **male husband and female wife**
  - Builds **intimate marriage love** -
  - Prepares us for the intimate love of **Jesus and His Bride**
  - A **test** to prepare us to **reign with Jesus** (talents)

- **Power of sex**

- “For love (sex?) is strong as death” Song: 8:6
- Major sin pattern in every age, OT & NT
  - Judah, **David**, many Christians, pastors, priests, bishops, presidents and doctors
  - The American Church is **full of sexual sin** today: **Porn & fornication** & sexual abuse

- **Specific sins:**

- Fornication ( Lustful thoughts)
- Adultery ( Lustful thoughts)
- Incest (1 Cor. 5)
- Bestiality
- Masturbation
- Homosexuality ( Rom. 18-32) (6 Denominations)

- **Sexual sins are serious sins:**
  - “Flee sexual immorality. Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person **sins against his own body.**” 1 Cor. 6:18
  - God, the Holy Spirit **lives in your body!**

- **Sexual sins are serious sins:**
  - **Emotional damage**
  - **Sexual diseases**
  - **Legal penalties**
  - **Spiritual bondage, demonization**
  - **Promotes aborting babies**
  - **Can be spiritually fatal for the unrepentant**

- **Sexual sins are serious sins:**
  - You become one with the person you have sex with. 1 Cor. 6:16
  - Their demons can enter you and yours can enter into them.
  - **“Soul ties”** are created. You are chained to them.

- **Sexual sins are serious sins:**
  - In the OT, **death was the penalty** for adultery, incest and raping an engaged woman and homosexual sexual acts
  - God penalizes rebellious people by giving them over to **homosexuality** ( Rom. 1:26-27)
  - **Unrepentant** sexual sins can send **anyone—even Christians**— to hell forever.



## 1 These. 4: 3-8

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should **avoid sexual immorality**;

that each of you should learn to **control your own body** in a way that is **holy and honorable**, not in **passionate lust** like the pagans, who do not know God;

and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. **The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before.**

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

- **How to stop sinning sexually**
  - Sexual sin is a **solution** to a real need
    - Loneliness, rejection, shame, fear, guilt
    - Ask God for **His truth** to heal your damaged emotions. Also, **deliverance!**
  - The more you **enjoy God**, the less you sin
  - Become **accountable** to someone

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