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When Sin Traps You

A few years ago, we had a garden in the back yard that served as some little critter's personal buffet. He couldn't just take one whole tomato or ear of corn or some other vegetable or fruit for himself and leave the rest alone. No, he had to take a bite out of everything. In frustration, we went down and got a trap and left it in the garden. We discovered that it was partners in crime had done the deed. Over the next couple days, we caught both a groundhog and a possum. The traps were humane traps that were impossible for them to get out of. There was no hope. Once they went into the trap and the door closed, they were stuck. Their only hope was for someone to free them. We took them across the river away from town and freed them there. Stacey wanted to make sure it was at a place where they could live comfortably.

This is how it is with sin. Once we sin, there is no way humanly possible to escape it. It is like a trap. Once it has you, you are trapped. Notice what Jesus said.

"Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin'" (Jn 8:34).

Sin is like a trap. Once it has you, you become a sinner and there is nothing you can do about it. You cannot "un-sin." You become tainted, trapped, enslaved. It simply is not humanly possible yourself from slavery to sin. However, it is divinely possible for you to be freed from sin. Notice what Jesus also says,

"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (Jn 8:36).

The only way to be free indeed, or truly free, is for Jesus himself to free you. Jesus died on the cross for your sins offering forgiveness (Eph 1:7). In dying on the cross, he opened the door so that you can escape and be free from sin.

How do you go through the open door to be free? Keeping in mind that Jesus is the door (Jn 10:9), here is what we do. We accept and confess our faith in Jesus as our risen Lord (Rom 10:9), and we repent and are baptized for forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). When we are baptized into the water, we are baptized into the death of Christ and have been raised with him to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:3-5). The Bible says that when this happens, "our old self was crucified with Him in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin" (Rom 6:6).

So, when we submit ourselves to Christ as our Lord and master, we go through the door he opened for us at the cross. We become free from sin and now belong to him.

"But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life" (Rom 6:22)

John Telgren
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PRAYER REQUESTS

For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For Mark Ellis in Afghanistan; **Darren Shepherd** in Iraq

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Henry Coriell has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Audrey Jones, 5 day old granddaughter of a coworker of Debbie Sullivan is in Children's Hospital having problems with low oxygen level.

Ed Allen is in Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis suffering with shingles and other health concerns. His wife Jean is still at home with health problems as well.

David Bradshaw is having a surgical procedure on Jan. 11 and requests prayer.

Sara Miller, Jo Ann Miller's daughter-in-law, will be having surgery on Jan 13, and requests our prayers.

Corey Bender (friend of Laryssa Grashel, 42 yr old father) diagnosed with lymphoma. PET scan has showed tumors almost completely gone; however, a new spot has been detected near his hip.

Valerie Lemaster is home recuperating from her stem cell transplant.

Steve Miller is doing much better and is currently staying in an apartment near the hospital. He expects to be able to come home about Friday. Thanks for the many prayers and kind wishes.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

1/9 Matthew 6
1/16 Matthew 7
1/23 Preaching Service
1/30 Luke 7:1-35

Wednesday

1/12 Isaiah 1
1/19 Isaiah 5-6
1/26 Isaiah 7, 9, 11
2/2 Isaiah 40

Bulletin Announcements

If you have something to go into the bulletin for the next few weeks, please email it to Steve at srmiller1522@yahoo.com, message him on Facebook or send it to the regular bulletin email address, info@sunshine-church.org. Remember the deadline for bulletin announcements is Saturday, 3 pm. After that time, contact Al Graff directly at 574-2859 and he will try to squeeze it in.

Winterfest

Winterfest 2011 is scheduled for Feb. 18th to 20th this year. If you are planning to attend, please go to the church website www.sunshine-church.org or www.riled-up.net and click on the Winterfest button to register. We need your name, email address, your cell number, and a parental contact number. Please identify which number belongs to you, and which is your parents. Register now to make sure you have a spot!

-Shaun McCray & Jamie Riley

Hocking Hills Winter Hike

Every year the kids from Innermission go on the Winter Hike hosted by Hocking Hills. This is a very popular event attended by folks from all over the country. This year it will be on January 15th. Everyone is invited to go along, not just the Innermission crew, we'll be leaving promptly at 7 a.m. If you have questions, see Jamie Riley.

Valentine Gala

The Father Daughter Valentine Gala is scheduled for **Saturday, Feb 5th**. Please plan to help out as you can. We need setup folks and tear down folks. Also we need helpers for the Gala itself. Don't forget about cookie makers. See Mark Gamp or Ellen Lemon if you have questions.

Deacon's Meeting

There will be a meeting of the deacons this evening following worship services. Deacons, check your email for a listing of the meeting agenda.



Coming Events

Jan. 15 - Hocking Hills Winter Hike @ 7:00 a.m.

Feb. 5 - Father Daughter Valentine Gala

Feb. 18-20 - Winterfest in Gatlinburg



Christianity In The Workplace



Sometimes we need some good practical lessons, lessons on how we ought to act. We hear plenty from our pulpits on the problems of alcohol and drugs and extra-marital affairs with girl friends and boy friends, and we hear many messages on the importance of being close to Christ. All of that is good and important, but perhaps there are some things in between that we ought to think about, too.

I am thinking of relationships in the workplace and how that mixes with Christianity. I have the feeling that we sometimes separate the workplace from our Christian responsibilities. Oh, I doubt that many would affirm that slavery, a former practice even among Christians, is a great Christian attribute. But do we really? How do our actions, for example, as supervisors and managers differ with those of former slave owners? And how do our actions as employees differ from that of slaves?

Much of the history I read indicates that there were mean slave owners, those who were demanding, demeaning, expecting every ounce of energy from the owned chattel. And there were slaves who didn't do a good job, either.

Being in contact with the business world over Laredo, as I am in my profession, I have opportunity to hear about how things go on both sides, for the employee and for the employer.

Do we know that the Bible teaches us how we ought to act as employers and as employees?

The apostle Paul gave instructions directly to Ephesian (6:5-9) slaves and masters, which we can parallel as employees and employers. Here is what he says:

"Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ...Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave of free."

Then to the masters, he says, "And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master (Jesus) and yours is in heaven, and there is not favoritism with him."

I hear of employers, managers and supervisors treating their employees in ways that don't seem to measure up to how I would think a Christian employer should be acting. I hear of employees being fired for minor infractions and some for no infractions at all. Some of the fired seemed to be fired just before they reach some point in time in which they would have earned benefits. Though there may be no physical abuse, as there might have been in the days of slavery, verbal abuse is still active and prevalent in many work places.

I hear of employees who don't seem to think a day's work is necessary for a day's pay and employees who watch the clock, waiting for the stop time to occur. Sometimes, employees don't recognize an established start time or don't give of their best in accomplishing their assigned job.

As another Bible reference, the short book of Philemon is also good to read regarding the employer-employee relationships. This one had to do with a problem that was fixed, and I think it is particularly applicable to employers.

Christianity runs the spectrum of life. The bottom line for both employers and employees is Jesus' instructions to his disciples in John (13:34,35), when he said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Besides, it just works better in the workplace when everyone is treated with proper respect -- everyone prospers.

Chuck Owen
Northside Church of Christ
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L O R D S
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

January 9

Jon Coriell
Scott Gamp
Eric McLaughlin
Rick Coriell
Terry Grashel
Jeff Hayward
Jerry Gamp
Dewey Cordle
Rich Book
David Gamp
Don Ramey
Jeff Vannatta
Jason Coriell
Mike Gamp

January 16

Wayne Gamp
Shawn McCray
Troy Gahm
Shawn Gragg
Ryan Coriell
Derek Gamp
Ike Hardin
Greg Coriell
Bill Gammon
Jason Foster
Ira Coriell
Davey Coriell
Tom Kelley
Josh Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Gabe Coriell
Gary Glispie
Spike Ferrell
Paul Jacobs
Mark Villinger
Matthew 6

Zach Coriell
Matthew Hoskins
Aaron Kallner
Derrick Mooneyham
Eric Copas
Matthew 7

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
Jamie Veach
Isaiah 1

Jacob Miller
Greg Shepherd
Isaiah 5-6

Children's Bible Time

January Theme: Jesus' Miracles

3-5: Mandi Coriell, Autumn Risner,
Aurie Coriell
6-8: Christy Veach, Tammy Foster,
Laryssa & Molly Grashel

February Theme: Friendship

3-5: Melissa Lauder, Sharon Gamp
Emma Lauder
6-8: Jane Ruggles, Haley, Megan &
Abby Ruggles

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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sunshine-church.blogspot.com
innermissionssu.com



Scripture Matching

Match the scripture reference to the verse.

Solution is at the bottom of page 3

1. Mat 19:19
2. Joh 5:42
3. Col 3:19
4. Rom 8:35
5. 1Pe 2:17
6. Mat 5:46
7. Rom 13:10
8. Eph 5:2
9. Heb 13:1
- A. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?
- B. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
- C. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.
- D. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- E. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
- F. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us....
- G. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.
- H. Let brotherly love continue.
- I. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.