

Day 4: The Transforming Power of the Gospel

Read and Reflect: Ezekiel 36:26-27

The gospel doesn't just inform you—it transforms you. God gives a new heart, not just new habits.

Where am I resisting the transforming work of Christ?

As you pray, ask God to reshape and renew your heart that it will beat for Him alone.

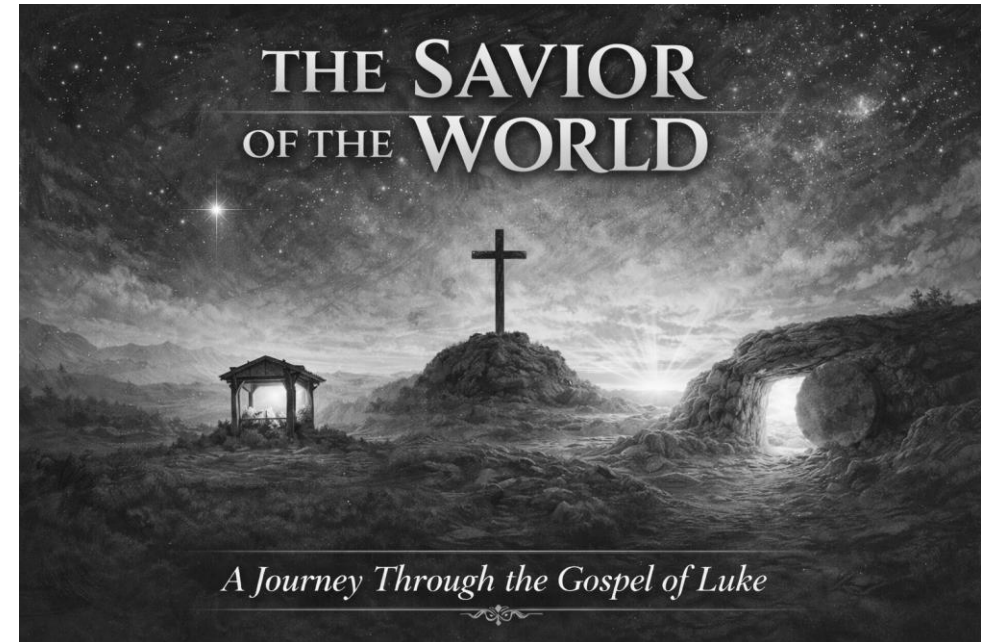
Day 5: Letting Go of the Familiar

Read and Reflect: Philippians 3:7-9

What seems familiar often seems safe—but it can keep us from what is best: Christ Himself.

What am I holding onto that keeps me from fully receiving and enjoying Christ?

“Jesus, help me let go of what is familiar so I can fully embrace You.”



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THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD:

Stuck in the Familiar

Luke 5:33-39

SERMON NOTES

The Misunderstood Concern (v. 33)

The Pharisees' problem: "Why does your devotion look so different from our?"

The Pharisaic spirit tends to evaluate Jesus—and others—based on a standard we've made.

The default setting of the fallen human heart is legalism.

We try to conform Jesus to our expectations—but Jesus confronts and corrects our expectations.

The Misread Moment (v. 34-35)

Fasting belongs to those who are waiting...this moment is about arrival.

The Bridegroom is here—this is not a moment for mourning, but for joy.

We can hold tightly to the right practices and still miss what God is doing.

Grace cannot be managed—it must be received.

The Misfit Framework (v. 36)

What may seem like a simple fix actually makes everything worse—because the two are incompatible.

They tried to fit Jesus into their system, rather than recognizing He is the fulfillment of it.

Jesus is not something to be added to our life.

"I didn't come to patch your life—I came to give you a new life."

The Meaningful Transformation (v. 37-38)

What Jesus brings is alive—active, expanding, and dynamic.

You can't contain Him—He must transform you.

The wine does not adjust to the wineskins—the wineskins must adjust to the wine.

The gospel is not about adding Jesus to your life—it's about Jesus making you new.

The Mutinous Heart (v. 39)

People tend to prefer what they're used to.

The real issue is not misunderstanding, but resistance.

They chose what they knew over what was true.

The danger is not open rebellion, but quiet refusal.

Jesus is not a patch on your life—He is the fulfillment of everything God has promised.

The great danger is not that we reject Him outright, but that we are so comfortable with what we have that we never truly receive Him.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Recognizing Your Default Setting

Read and Reflect: Romans 8:5-8

We don't drift toward God—we drift away. Left unchecked, our hearts default toward self, comfort, and control.

Where do you see yourself choosing what is easy over what is faithful?

Ask God to expose the default settings of your heart that pull you away from Him.

Day 2: When Right Practices Miss the Right Moment

Read and Reflect: Luke 5:33-35

The Pharisees were committed—but they missed Christ. It's possible to be religiously active yet spiritually unaware.

Am I more focused on what I do for God than enjoying life with God?

Ask Jesus to help you clearly see and rejoice in His presence in your life.

Day 3: You Can't Add Jesus to Your Life

Read and Reflect: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus doesn't simply improve your old life—He gives you a new one. His life for your life, so that in Him you might have the true and lasting life.

Am I trying to fit Jesus into my life...or am I living surrendered to Him?

Earnestly yield to Jesus, admitting that you are not satisfied with just a modified life, but you long for a new life in Him.