

Message Notes

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#4 _____ any _____ that God's grace is for you.

Group Questions

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1. How do you typically respond when you attempt to change a habit but fail? Does it fire you up to try harder, or do you tend to give up altogether?

What does your typical response reveal about your sense of identity?

2. It's often easier to make a quick change in your life when you are filled with anger or disgust at yourself. Why is this kind of change not ideal?
3. **Read Matthew 5:48.** Also skim through 5:21-47. Although Jesus covered many different topics, what overarching message he was sending?
4. What does it mean to you that Jesus became what he wasn't to make you what you weren't? How does this truth change the way you see yourself?
5. How do you typically respond when you realize you're not living as the kind of person God calls you to be? Do you feel shame, try harder, or turn to grace?
6. **Read Romans 8:1-4.** How does this section explain the role of grace in the process of transformation?
7. What is one area of your life where you would like to replace short-lived change with unshakable transformation? How can you rely on God's grace to take a step in that direction this week?

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Bible Readings for Today

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Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

