

KILLING SIN AT THE ROOT

Matthew 12.33-37

GOOD TREE, BAD FRUIT?

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Jesus here is pointing out to the Pharisees that the words and deeds He speaks are good, because He is a "good tree." But are they? The fruit we bear, specifically here, He says, the words we speak, prove what is on the inside. Words are indicators of the mind and heart. What marks our words? Complaining, gossip, impurity, selfish goals and ambitions? What do we think about or talk about the most?

When we recognize that our problem is much deeper than our words (it is the heart), we realize we have a problem that we cannot solve.

Jeremiah 13.23

SIN THAT REMAINS

**We are saved by grace alone,
but the grace that saves is never alone.**

-Martin Luther

James 1.22-24, 2.18-26

Yet even for believers (people who have been graciously made into "good trees"), there is still sin that remains, and careless words that we speak. This is what we call **indwelling sin**. This is the sin that remains in our body even after our old self has been crucified and we have been made alive on the inside. There is now a war going on inside of us, the new spirit in us and indwelling sin.

**Killing sin by self-strength, carried on by ways of self-invention,
leading to a self-righteousness,
is the soul and substance of all false religion in the world.**

HOW TO KILL SIN

2 Corinthians 10.3-6 // Ephesians 6.10-20 // Colossians 2.23

**By putting on the armor of God,
we go to the Gospel to defend us,
and we go to the Gospel to fight for us.**



NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** and is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **7th & 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to their class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 12.33-37**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

What is Jesus wanting the Pharisees to see as He brings up His analogy of a tree and its fruit? _____

We show fruit in our lives every day. Recognizing how fruit is produced is important for knowing how to get to the root. Think about your day today. What kind of fruit did you specifically show? It could be as practical as "I was tired because I stayed up too late" to "I gave into anger when my co-worker embarrassed me in a meeting." _____

Jesus specifically mentions words. Why do you think He pinpoints words as an indicator of our hearts? _____

Read **Matthew 15.10-20**. Here He uses the mouth in a more allegorical way, not limiting to just speech. But our mouths express our thoughts, that in turn can become actions. What comes out of Jesus' mouth? Read **1 Peter 2.22**. _____

Jesus speaks truth only, and there is no deceit in His mouth, because there is no sin in His heart. When we speak sinfully, it reveals that there is still work to do in our hearts. What types of "word sins" do you give in to the most, either out loud, or words in your thoughts? Examples include gossip, complaining, bragging, self-pity, jealousy, etc. Be specific. _____

What is the root of these words? Where are they getting their fuel in your heart? _____

When you notice words or thoughts, do you excuse them ("I didn't really mean that"), or do you use the opportunity to recognize that something in your heart got exposed, and you set out to kill it at the root? But when you do, has it been more a pursuit of "behavior modification" or has it been more a pursuit of "heart change"? Take time to think through this. Write down areas, specifically these "word sins," and ask the Lord (and others that you trust) what the root might be, and what Gospel truth you need to press into your heart to fight it and kill it. _____

Using the **P.R.A.Y.** model just like at our Prayer Nights. Start by Preaching the Gospel to yourself reminding yourself and your Community Group family that by the blood of Christ, you are "dead to sin" (**Romans 6:1-11**) with your "old man crucified." Then Repent of any sin. Ask the Holy Spirit who is with you, to help you kill sin so that you will bear much ripe, healthy fruit. Then end your prayer by Yielding with Thanksgiving.



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Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,
To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.



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