



Week 3 – September 30th Growing in the Truth – Choosing Truth

DAY 1: I was walking down the street and fell into a hole. It wasn't my fault; I didn't see it.

DAY 2: I was walking down the street, I knew there was a hole, but I still fell into it. It took a long time to get out of it.

DAY 3: I was walking down the street, I see the hole but I still fell into it. I immediately got out. It was my fault.

DAY 4: I was walking down the street. I see the hole and walk around it.

DAY 5: I walk down a different street.

Source: A Beth Moore Study

Sometimes sin feels like a hole we fall into unexpectedly. As we mature spiritually, we are better equipped to recognize the trappings and temptations of sin in our lives. As we obey God, we learn to make wise choices, like walking around the hole or choosing to avoid temptation by walking down a different street altogether.

As Christians, it is our responsibility to mature spiritually. Salvation is given to us, but we must pursue Godliness. In this pursuit, it's crucial to listen and obey God. Our lives should be about pursuing God and striving to please Him. To wholeheartedly obey God, we must listen to Him. To listen to Him, we must know Him. To know Him, we must open our Bibles and read His living word. We must then take these principles we've learned and apply them to our daily lives. We will learn to make wise choices and discern truth from error. By following Him, we are choosing to walk down a different street. Day by day we can choose habits that'll lead to obedience, like reading and meditating on His word and sharing our lives with others. God didn't intend for us to run this race alone. In this pursuit, he uses others to speak to us, to strengthen and to encourage us. Fellowship with other believers provides us the strength to continue to walk down the "different street" onto a path of righteousness.

Scripture

Read Romans Chapter 6

Discovery Questions

1. Paul speaks of being dead to sin and alive to Christ. What types of sin do I see that are easy for people to continue to fall into? Which ones are the easiest to trap me as well?
2. In verse 12, Paul urges the reader to "not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires." He then goes on in verse 13, "...but rather offer yourselves to God..." In what ways can I deliberately resist sin and offer myself to God?
3. Re-read verse 14. What does this verse mean to me?
4. Who am I investing my life into and helping them to avoid sin?

Journaling

Which verse spoke most powerfully to me? Why?

Prayer: Spend some time in prayer conversing with your God. Use the following ideas as a potential guide to your prayer time.

- Ask God for a heart that longs to know Him more
- Ask God for wisdom and discernment to recognize when sin/temptation is near and for the strength and will to make choices and actions that will be pleasing to Him
- Confess which areas in your life where sin still exists and ask for forgiveness and an obedient heart
- Praise God for your brothers and sisters in Christ and ask Him to guard and strengthen these relationships