

Sermon Unbelief in a Dilemma Caused by My Own Decision

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-16

I. David' dilemma.

1. The _____ a dilemma.

2. Consequences of _____ Psalm 32:3-4

II. Our dilemma causes us to _____ God's forgiveness.

1. We must realize our forgiveness was by the sovereign work of God's grace. Ephesians 2:1-2; 8-9

2. Our cleansing is based on his faithfulness and my brokenness.

3. Receiving God's forgiveness is not a matter of feeling forgiven but rather trusting God and his promises. Hebrews 11:6; Romans 5:1-2; 1 John 1:9

III. The blessings of a _____.

Psalm 32:(6-7); Psalm 103:1-4;11-12;1 John 3:19-22

Thought for the Day Another word for dilemma is adversity. Jerry Bridges in his book "Trusting God Even when Life Hurts" *there are three essential truths we must believe if we are to trust God in adversity; they are God is completely sovereign; God is infinite in wisdom; and God is perfect in love.* Unbelief is being unable to trust God to handle our dilemma. God is sovereign means we accept He is in control of everything even when our dilemma is caused by our choices. To trust His wisdom means He knows how we can be delivered, what we need to do to be delivered and how to empower us to stay delivered. God is perfect in love means that He allows our pain to happen to us because He loves. He will forgive us and restore us because He loves us. The one roadblock is us; God will not violate our free will. There are times when our spiritual life feels like the string on a yo-yo. *All of us know that we sin after we are saved and sometimes, we **feel** so dirty, so unworthy. We forget that our relationship to God has never been about **being** worthy. The reason we don't **feel** forgiven is because our fellowship has been disrupted by our sin. We must not ignore the fact; we have access by **faith** into grace because God is **faithful**. God says if we confess, he will forgive our sin because He is **faithful**. When He says confess and He will forgive and cleanse us He will forgive us and cleanse us. Forgiveness is **not a feeling** it is a **fact** of **God's faithfulness**.* The key to overcoming a dilemma of our own making is confession, repentance and acceptance of a forgiveness promised by a God who is always faithful to keep His word.

Pastor Bruce

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are starting a new curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll start the "rescue" section which focuses on how Jesus rescues us from the life of sin we'd be facing without him. There's a parent guide that goes with this set of lessons that allows you to continue learning together at home, please let me know if you don't have it yet!

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow

Chorus