

House of Healing Christian Assembly
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Title: "He Came And Got Me"

Series: March Madness: A Revival of Souls

Hashtags: #MarchMadness #NoSoulLeftBehind

Foundation Texts:

Luke 15:1-7

Proverbs 11:30 (AMP)

Our job as believers:

Matthew 28:16-20 ("The Great Commission")

Acts 1:8

This Week's Challenge: Share the Gospel with someone by sharing your testimony first! Say the sinner's prayer with them! Invite them to church!

Jesus talks about soul winning and Kingdom expansion in the form of a parable.

Jesus' purpose: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." –Luke 19:10 (ESV)

Point: The Kingdom is supposed to be constant intake and development of souls!
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Repentance. What Does It Really Mean?

Foundation of the Christian Faith! (Hebrews 6:1)

The word "repent" means 'to think differently'. (Strong's #G3340)

- True repentance goes beyond saying "Lord forgive me"
- True repentance goes beyond feeling sorrowful
- True repentance involves a **change in behavior**

If I don't think differently, my behavior (governed by my mind) will **not** change! I will keep the same mindset.

Point: "Your behavior is no better than your heart!" (Proverbs 23:7)

- Jeremiah 17:9
- Psalm 51:10
- Psalm 139:23

Repentance involves a changed mind/heart, which is a result of submitting to godly transformation.

- Romans 12:1-2
- Luke 17:32
- Proverbs 26:11
- Jeremiah 18:1-2

Major Point: Conviction leads to repentance!

References: Luke 13:3, Acts 2:37, John 16:8

God is not trying to condemn us. His first mind is always redemption, not destruction.

There is a difference between conviction and condemnation

- God is the shepherd in this parable who leaves the 99 sheep looking for the 1
- His plan has always been to redeem us
- This is why he sent Jesus; not to condemn but to convict

Reference: John 3:16-18

Jesus was not sent into the world to condemn it!

- Condemn means to 'damn'
- This speaks of eternal damnation
- Side Note: Matthew 7:1 speaks of judgment in the form of damnation not righteous judgment (Matthew 7:17; Ephesians 5:11, 13)
- No human can judge another human in that way (eternal damnation)
- We are called to be "fruit inspectors" and hold one another accountable within the Christian community

Sidebar: "Only God can judge me" is TUPAC not Scripture! ☺

Those who do not believe and receive Jesus condemn (eternal damnation) themselves, but Jesus did not come to condemn!

Once we are in Jesus, we are free from condemnation! [Romans 8:1]

The difference

Condemn: damn

Convict: expose; rebuke; discipline; to correct

"Condemnation means I'm trying to kill you; conviction means I want to heal you!"
 Jesus came to convict so that we can be restored, but we must repent! Conviction is an act of grace and mercy because it gives you time to get it right. Condemnation destroys and "damns" you.

Major Point: For the believer, conviction and repentance is a cycle that never stops.

The Holy Ghost brings conviction which leads to repentance!

- John 16:13
- John 16:8
- 2 Timothy 2:19
- Romans 6:1
- 1 John 3:9

Jesus uses this parable to talk about:

- Religious mindsets [Pharisees]
- Redemption (to buy back)
- Effective soul winning
- Repentance
- The heart of a Shepherd

Jesus came to return sheep back to the fold [the parable].

Heaven rejoices when one repents! We should be happy when God is happy! What makes God smile should make us smile!

Just like God captured us, we should be willing to go and capture others with compassion!

Proverbs 11:30 AMPLIFIED

- It is our job as wise, mature believers to:
 - Snatch!
 - Compel!
 - Capture!

NO SOUL LEFT BEHIND!!!!