



**Series:** Promises

**Sermon:** Part 4: Hiding From God

**Date:** Sunday, July 23rd, 2023

*I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me... For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. (Romans 7:15-20)*

*Scripture: Romans 12:2*

Those who choose to follow Jesus must choose to interpret life through the lens of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Holy Spirit, rather than choosing to interpret life through the lens of culture, experience, woundedness, trauma, preferences, or even the opinions of others.

*Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into Heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses...(Hebrews 4:14-15)*

By God choosing to take on human form and being 100% human, it shows us that the King of the universe is able to identify and relate with us \_\_\_\_\_ of the time.

*...but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. (Hebrews 4:15)*

Temptation that rejects or resists sin is not sin, but temptation that gives into sin is sin.

“He sympathizes” means that He suffers along with us.

“Immanuel” means God with us

*Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)*

When we wrong God, He wants to give us mercy and grace.

Whenever we go confidently to God’s throne in prayer, confessing and repenting, it is then that we can find our \_\_\_\_\_ of mercy and grace in our time of need.



*But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:7-2:1)*

Confession admits that our sin is wrong and it lightens our burden and removes our guilt. True confession involves a commitment to not continue in sin.

**Confession To God:**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ God the sin that you committed and being as honest as possible about it**

**2. Making a \_\_\_\_\_ to God and taking the steps to not continue to sin**

**3. Confessing what we did to \_\_\_\_\_**

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:16)*

Confessing to God brings forgiveness and confessing to others brings healing.

The mark of the Christian life is learning to live as a confessor.

Whenever you are tempted, immediately go to God. Whenever you sin, immediately go to God. Whenever you fail, immediately go to God so you can receive His mercy and grace.

**Bottom Line:** *Whenever we go confidently to God's throne in prayer, confessing and repenting, it is then that we can find our promise of mercy and grace in our time of need.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. What is your default posture when you sin? Go to God or hide from God?
2. What are things you need to confess to God today?
3. What are things you need to confess to others?

*Songs used in service: House of the Lord (Phil Wickham), Too Good To Not Believe (Cody Carnes & Brandon Lake), The Lord's Prayer (Hillsong Worship), Deliverer (North Point Worship)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (so we can follow up):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**