

GUARDING MARRIAGE

Malachi 2.10-16 // November 10, 2024

IGNORING GOD'S WAYS

**If you believe what you like in God's Word,
And reject what you don't like,
It is not God's Word that you believe in,
But it is yourself that you believe in.**

-Augustine

God's people ignored His ways, and their "smaller sins" grew into "bigger sins." Our sin has no desire to stay "small," but rather is always looking for ways to grow and take command. It wants to thrive and be in control.

Proverbs 27.20

**Sow a thought, reap an action; Sow an action, reap a habit
Sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny**

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

HOW DO WE GUARD OURSELVES?

1. Admit Our Sin: We have to admit that something is wrong, and we have to learn to do that early and often. Pull the weeds before they become oak trees, because they will become oak trees.

Until sin becomes bitter, Christ will not be sweet.

-Thomas Watson

1 Peter 5.8

The enemy's tactic is not often trying to convince us that God's ways and gifts are *bad*, but that they are unnecessary or that we are exempt from them, and that going against them is "not that big of a deal."

Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you.

-John Owen

WHEN WE'VE FAILED

1. Make Christ Central: the central theme of Malachi (and the whole bible!) is "Draw Near to Me." God invites us to return to Him, and He exhorts us to make Him central in our life.

**You can fool a lot of people, but you can't fool God.
Guard yourself.**

NOTES:

Announcements:

Women's Gathering: Tomorrow, November 11th @ 7pm. Carrie Erdos will be hosting and Karen Garner will be leading a discussion on praying in the Spirit.

Prayer and Worship Night: Wednesday, November 13th @ 6:30-8pm, at Classical Academy. RSVP for childcare: <https://bit.ly/3YFY8ju>

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 104

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the Psalm and the Memory Verse to open up discussion.

Read **Malachi 2.10-16**. What stands out in this verse and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Whether married or single, the picture of Christ and His church as His bride is our picture of what marriage ought to be modeled after. What Gospel truths help you in your place in life when it comes to being single minded for the Lord, faithful to Him, and being wholly committed to your relationship with Him?

Your Life Mission

Our character and how we live our lives is meant to be a billboard for the world around us, and one of the biggest ways we put that on display is said by Jesus in John 13.35, "they will know you are my disciples by our love for one another." Whether in friendships, church relationships, or in a marriage, how we love others shows the world what we love and believe.

What relationships are you hoping to be a bigger, louder billboard for as you learn to show more love and sacrifice for them? How would you like to show love for them in a way that draws their attention to the God who loves you?

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.
Help _____ to forgive _____,
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises
so that _____ may not sin against You.
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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