

TRUE, GODLY REPENTANCE

Hebrews 12.12-17 // February 15, 2026

THE ESAU WARNING

The author continues with his race metaphor, telling his listeners that in order to run well, not only do they have to cast off things that cling close to them, but they also need to clear a straight path before them. He gives them some practical moral imperatives as examples of ways that they ought to make their paths straight.

Isaiah 35.3, 4 // Deuteronomy 29.18

He then uses a real example from the Old Testament in the story of Esau. Esau was a man who sold his birthright in a moment of fleeting hunger for a bowl of stew. But the author of Hebrews gives us insight in telling us that though Esau cried over his loss, there was no true repentance. This is what he wants his readers to be aware of, and gives them insight on how to avoid this.

FALSE REPENTANCE

There is a very real difference between godly repentance and worldly sorrow and grief. There is a difference between being truly repentant, versus simply being sorry you were caught.

**There is a difference between hating your sin,
versus hating the consequences and pain because of your sin.**

2 Corinthians 7.8-11

Repentance without change is a contradiction in terms.

Repentance is more than simply apologizing to God.

It is an attitude that leads to action.

Obedience is the positive side of repentance.

Beware of repentance without evidence.

-John Blanchard

THE SOURCE OF TRUE REPENTANCE

Titus 2.11-14

**True repentance hates the sin, and not merely the penalty, and
it hates the sin most of all because
it has discovered and felt God's love.**

-W.M. Taylor

True repentance comes from true heart change, and true heart change only comes from the transforming power of God's grace working within us.

NOTES:

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 98.1-4

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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 reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Hebrews 12.12-17**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Titus 2.11-14**. How does knowing that the grace of God is what actually trains and equips us for repentance bring encouragement and good news to you? Read also **1 Thessalonians 5.23, 24**. **How do these verses (and many others) give you confidence in God's work of salvation and sanctification in your life?**

Your Life Mission

To live an effective life and fulfill the mission and calling that God has upon us, our first great work must be to find ourselves beholding and enjoying God and the great grace He has shown us. This will, as these Scriptures have shown us, train and equip us to renounce ungodliness and walk out true repentance.

What areas of life do you feel you are constantly battling in having true heart change? What particular truths of God's grace do you need to apprehend so that your affections can be changed?

What relationships or conversations are around the corner that you would like prayer for? Are there people in your life who need encouragement, maybe as they themselves go through a confusing time of trial or potential discipline from the Lord?

Close the Community Group by praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

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.



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

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