FaithPoint Lutheran Church

How to Get Closer to God

Message Outline 50 Days of Transformation - Introduction

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Readings: Psalm 51:1-7; Isaiah 12:1-6 & Luke 15:11-24

Theme verse:

Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”

1. First, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ with life.

“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come

to call the righteous, but sinners” Mark 2:17

On the Prodigal Son …“he wasted it all…he had nothing left…he got

desperate and hungry…he finally came to his senses.” Luke 15:13-14, 17

2. ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­Second, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“When he came to his senses, he said...“I have sinned against God and

you...” Luke 15:17-18

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have

hidden his face from you...” Isaiah 59:2

An idol is really anything that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take the place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

in our lives

“Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because

of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and

make me clean! I recognize my faults and I am Conscious that I’ve

sinned against you.” Psalm 51:1-4

“Though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white

as snow.” Isaiah 1:18

This is the \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ verse of the Bible.

3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The son drifted away saying, “GIVE ME MY share...” Luke 15:12

He returned to the Father saying, “MAKE ME a servant” Luke 15:19

“If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creature, the old has passed

away. Behold, the new has come.” 2 Cor. 5:17

“Because God is merciful to you, OFFER yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. And do not conform to the pattern of this world, but BE transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

The heart of worship is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God is not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slave driver, or a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who

uses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ force to coerce us into submission. He doesn’t

try to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our will, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to himself.

THE FATHER’S RESPONSE

Phil. 2:6-7 “Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men.” Living Bible

4. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“We’re going to celebrate with a feast of eating and drinking...

He was lost but now he’s found! So the party begins!” Luke 15:23-24

“Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him... his

name is the Lord!” Psalm 68:4

“I will sing to the Lord because he has been so good to me!”

Psalm 13:6

The habit of group singing is actually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your health.

Mental, emotional, social, and physical

This week in your small group: 7 Habits For Spiritual Health