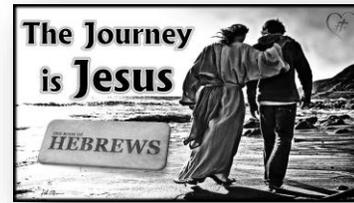




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“BUILDING a GODLY LIFE”

Avoiding Bitter Tears

HEBREWS 12:12-17

ESAU’S TEARS → GENESIS 25:29-34; GENESIS 27:33-35; HEBREWS 12:16, 17

Esau sacrificed _____ on the altar of _____.

To Build a Godly Life...

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1. **RESPECT GOD’S** _____ vs. 16; GENESIS 25:34; 26:34
“Godless” “Profane” – “to step beyond the threshold”

Don’t mistake God’s _____ for His _____.

ROMANS 2:4

2. **BARRICADE against** _____ vs. 16; 1 PETER 2:11; 1 CORINTHIANS 9:27
Immorality → “porn”

3. **CARE for** _____ vs. 12-13

*There is a difference between _____-care
and _____ care.*

4. **WORK for** _____ vs. 14; ROMANS 12:18; MATTHEW 5:9

5. **PURSUE** _____ vs. 14b; MATTHEW 5:8
“Sanctification” - Set apart for God’s purposes

6. **SOAK in GOD’S** _____ vs. 15a; GALATIANS 5:4

Grace-based vs. _____-based.

7. **GUARD against** _____ vs. 14b; EPHESIANS 4:31, 32

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. In Sunday’s message we talked about seven things that build a godly life. Was there anything in the sermon that was helpful, eye opening, troubling, or confusing?
2. What does the phrase mean: **“Don’t sacrifice tomorrow on the altar of today.”** What is an example of doing this?
3. Why do people have a problem with boundaries? What do boundaries have to do with living a Godly life?
4. What is the difference between *self-care* and *selfish care*?
5. How is Christianity *grace-based* as opposed to *performance-based*? What are some differences?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Genesis 25:21-23. What does this passage teach us about the sovereignty of God as it pertains to Esau and Jacob?**
- **Read Romans 2:4. How do we mistake God’s patience for His pleasure? And why is it a mistake? What is the goal of his patience?**
- **Read 1 Peter 2:11. How does pornography and immorality “war against our soul”?**
- **Read the following passages and identify the actions we can do that make peace. What else can we do to work for peace?**
 - **Colossians 1:20 –**
 - **1 Timothy 2:1, 2 –**
 - **Isaiah 32:17 –**
- **Read Ephesians 4:31, 32. What causes bitterness? What are signs that we might be bitter? How can we get rid of bitterness?**

LIVING OUT

- **Are you willing to stay the course and continue to work at building a godly life? In what areas would you like help?**