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Mark 5:32-34

- Colossians 3:22, 4:1*

- Matthew 20:25-28*

2. How _____?

Growth Group Homework – October 8, 2023

Warm-Up

1. Share about a time that you tried to change, start or quit a habit in your life?

Talk it Over

2. Sunday's message taught us that even though slavery was outlawed, our hearts still have slavery impulses. We can become enslaved to sin patterns or bad habits. What are people enslaved to today in our culture?

- What are some of the reasons people get stuck in these habits?

3. In Romans chapter 7, the Apostle Paul describes the tension in his own heart between wanting to do what is right and not being able to. Read Romans 7:14-25 and share what stands out to you.

- What are the connections between these verses and the slavery impulses that Bevan mentioned?

4. The Screwtape Letters is a fiction book written by C.S. Lewis that contains some important realities. It is in the form of letters from a senior demon who is training a junior demon. The junior demon's job is to study and deceive a man who is a newer Christian. The "you's" in this passage are the Christian man and the "Enemy" is God. Read this quote from The Screwtape Letters:

"You can make him do nothing at all for long periods. You can keep him up late at night, not roistering, but staring at a dead fire in a cold room... But do remember, the only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the Enemy (God). It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick."

- Based on this quote, what are some of the tactics and strategies of Satan?

5. Considering the verses in Romans, and the quote from Screwtape Letters, what are some habits or patterns in your own life that could enslave you? What good do they keep you from? Share an example of each.

- Let's say you were able to quit one of these, what positive effect could it have on your life and/or your relationships?

Take It Home

6. Bevan explained that slavery impulses can't be eliminated from the human heart, but they can be redirected with God's help. How can you cooperate with God to redirect your own slavery impulses this week (e.g., one day this week plan to invest in a relationship instead of watching TV)?

7. **Do at home:** Contemplate the possible root cause for one of your slavery impulses, then take what we learned from last week's Bible Experience and do it on your own. Identify key words or phrases that would help you find truth in the Bible about what you're dealing with. If you need help getting started, please reach out to your group leader.