

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. What do you want people to say about your when your life is over? What legacy do you want to leave? How is that going?

2. Jeremiah said “*There is a difference between the GRACE of Jesus and the WAY of Jesus.*” Why do you think this distinction is so important? How does that play itself out in your own life?

3. As you reflect on the talk from this week, what might God be asking you to do?

- Take Responsibility
- Practice Confession
- Make Obedience A Priority
- Other:

4. How can your group pray with you this week?

MESSAGE NOTES

The Struggle Is Real // Week 5

The struggle with compromise:

1. A compromised life happens one _____ at a time.

2. Character is more important than _____.

VERSE TO REMEMBER:

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. **Proverbs 4:23***

3. Character determines your _____.

4. Character determines your _____.

*As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the real person. **Proverbs 27:19***

*I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate... I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway... I have discovered this principle of life - that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! **Romans 7:15, 18-19, 21-24***

5 symptoms you're drifting into compromise:

1. There's a gap between your _____ & _____ life.

2. You're _____ things.

3. You don't keep _____.

4. You _____ your decisions.

5. Your life has become all about _____.



MESSAGE NOTES *(continued)*

There is a difference between the _____ of Jesus
and the _____ of Jesus.

The gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.
Matthew 7:14

We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. **Colossians 1:9-10**

3 steps to build character:

1. Take _____.

2. Practice _____.

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
James 5:16

3. Make _____ a priority.

Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 7:24-25**

NEXT STEPS CLASS

Want to discover your next right step? Want to discover WHY we started Westbridge Church and WHY we do things the WAY we do things? Join us on Sunday, March 17th for our Next Steps Class @ 2pm. Just sign up online or on your Connection Card!

“Be doers of the word and not hearers...” *James 1:22*



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our Groups are currently in session. We encourage you to take these questions home with you and **WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS.** Bring them with you to help as you discuss how to apply this to your life! Have a great week!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What are you most looking forward to this spring?

2. As you reflect on the talk from Sunday, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Reread these verses from Sunday's talk:

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In what ways do you identify with what Paul is saying? How does that show up in your own life?

2. Read **Luke 6:43-45.** Based on these verses, why is your character or your private life so important?