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SERMON NOTES

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CONSEQUENCES OF SIN AND MERCY

1. **Understanding Sin**
   - *Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness [ignoring God's law by action or neglect or by tolerating wrongdoing—being unrestrained by His commands and His will].* - **1 John 3:4**
   - The Lord God gave the man (Adam) one commandment - **Genesis 2:17**
2. **The Consequences of Sin**
   - Sin has consequences, both individually and collectively. Throughout Scripture, we see examples of people who experienced the results of disobedience.
   - The generation of Noah - **Genesis 6:13; 2 Peter 2:5**
   - Judgment through the flood (Pharaoh) - **Exodus 7:14**
   - A hardened heart and resistance to God (Nadab and Abihu) - **Leviticus 10:1–3**
   - Judgment for offering unauthorized fire (Israel in the wilderness) - **Hebrews 3:8**
   - Hardened hearts and disobedience (Korah) - **Numbers 16:32**
   - Judgment for rebellion against God (Achan) - **Joshua 7:1**
   - Sin brought trouble upon Israel (Saul) - **1 Samuel 15:28**
   - Lost his kingdom because of disobedience (Judas) - **Matthew 27:5**
   - Betrayal and a tragic end (Ananias) - **Acts 5:5**
   - Judah's exile to Babylon (Refusal to repent) - **2 Kings 24:3**
   - Judgment for lying to the Holy Spirit (Important Principle) - **Galatians 6:7**
3. **The Consequences of Disobedience**
   - Disobedience affects our relationship with God and can influence our lives and the people around us.
   - The Fall of Man - Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command - **Genesis 3:6–7**
   - Separation from God – Sin creates a barrier between us and God - **Isaiah 59:2**
   - Death – Sin entered the world through Adam, and death came through sin - **Romans 5:12**
   - Sinful choice - Lot chose to dwell in wicked city of Sodom - **Genesis 13:12-13**
   - Disobedience - Achan's actions brought about a tragedy that affected the nation - **Joshua 7:1**
   - Missing God's standard – All have sinned and fall short of God's glory - **Romans 3:23**
   - Judgment – God holds people accountable for their actions.
   - *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* - **Romans 6:23**
4. **Repentance and God's Mercy**
   - Repentance means recognizing our sin, turning away from it, and turning back to God.
   - David acknowledged his sin and cried out for God's mercy. He understood that God desires a broken and contrite heart. - **Psalm 51:1, 4, 17**
   - Jonah called upon God from the belly of the fish. - **Jonah 2:1**
   - Peter remembered Jesus' words, recognized his failure, and wept bitterly. - **Matthew 26:75**

- The Church at Ephesus was instructed to remember, repent, and return to its first works. - **Revelation 2:5**
- The Early Church was instructed to repent and be baptized. - **Acts 2:38**
- Paul's Message emphasized repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus Christ. - **Acts 20:21**

5. **Repentance Is More Than Regret**
   - Regret: Feeling bad because of the trouble or consequences our actions have caused.
   - Repentance: Recognizing that we have sinned against God and making a sincere decision to turn away from that sin.
   - Pharaoh acknowledged that he had sinned, but his actions showed that his heart was not truly surrendered to God. - **Exodus 9:27**
   - God promises forgiveness and cleansing when we confess our sins. - **1 John 1:9**
   - Shows the beautiful relationship between mercy, truth, righteousness, and peace. - **Psalm 85:10**

SIN - Disobedience to God's Word
CONSEQUENCES - Separation, judgment, and death
REPENTANCE - Recognizing sin and turning back to God
MERCY - God's forgiveness, cleansing, and restoration through Jesus Christ