

## **FIGHT CLUB**

Romans 8.13 // Hebrews 3.12-15, 10.24, 25

### **THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN**

Hebrews 3.12-15

#### **Six Ways We Minimize Sin** (based on "Gospel-Centered Life" by Bob Thune)

**Defending:** Is it hard to receive feedback about weakness or sin? When confronted, do you explain things away and talk about your successes, or justify your decisions?

**Faking:** Do you try to keep up appearances and maintain a respectable image? Are you often thinking about what others think of you? Do people know the "real you"?

**Hiding:** Do you conceal a lot about your life, especially the "bad stuff." Where "faking" is about impressing, hiding is more about shame. Do you think people won't accept or love the "real you"?

**Exaggerating:** Do you tend to think (and talk) more highly of yourself than you ought? Do you make things (good and bad) out to be much bigger than they are (usually to get attention)?

**Blaming:** Are you quick to blame others for your sin or circumstances? Do you usually follow up "I'm sorry" with "but..."?

**Downplaying:** Do you downplay your sin as "normal" or "not that bad"?

**Comparing:** Do you look around and justify some of your weak spots by seeing that others are doing the same or worse than yourself?

### **OUR FAITH IS NOT PRIVATE**

Our faith is not private. Personal, yes, but not private.

James 5.16 // Hebrews 10.24, 25

**Jesus didn't die on the cross to collect a group of loosely collection of souls bound for heaven, but to create a new community as proof of the Gospel to the world.**

-Jonathan Dodson, Gospel-Centered Discipleship

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**True friendship calls you out of the darkness of personal privacy into the loving candor of mutual concern. It moves you from being a sealed envelope to being an open letter.**

-Paul Tripp, Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

Philippians 1.27, 28 // 2 Corinthians 10.3-6  
1 Timothy 6.11, 12 // 2 Timothy 4.6-8

## **NOTES:**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **SERMON CDs AVAILABLE**

If you would like a copy of the sermon from today's service, go to the sound booth in the back right after service. They will make one just for you!

Also, make sure to not just watch, but also subscribe to our **YouTube Channel**, which is at [youtube.com/LifeMissionTV](https://www.youtube.com/LifeMissionTV). You will get notified AS SOON as our sermons and short videos go up online!

### **KIDS ON MISSION**

Please log on to check out [www.lifemissionchurch.com](http://www.lifemissionchurch.com) and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

**Also**, the daily devotional book, **Long Story Short**, is available in the Atrium to purchase.



## **WANT TO GET CONNECTED?**

- **JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP!**

If you want to get connected to a group of people near your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the **Connection Card** or visiting the **Connection Booth** in the Atrium!

- **JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM!**

We would love to have you come serve our community with us. Let us know on our **Connection Card** that you want to help!

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Before group, spend time going through the "Seven Ways We Minimize Sin" list. Which one(s) are you most prone to? Ask a spouse or friend (and be open to them!) \_\_\_\_\_  
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How does the idea of being in community threaten these tactics? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read **Ephesians 4.32** and **James 5.16**. What has to happen for us to be able to forgive each other? What has to happen for us to be able to confess to one another and pray for each other?  
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Now read **Galatians 6.2**. Knowing that we're going to sin and we're going to be sinned against, how does this verse help "let your guard down" a bit when thinking about confessing sin and being open and honest with others? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read **Hebrews 3.12-15**. What are some real examples of ways that having people who "speak the truth in love" have helped you recognize, or even steer away from, the "deceitfulness of sin"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jobey mentioned the concept of "Fight Clubs" on Sunday. What difference do you potentially see between a "Fight Club" and other times when you get together to confess sin or for accountability? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Often times, when we get together for accountability, we fill our conversations with practical methods, opinions, or just "it's okay, bro, we all sin." Though our times together should include comfort and practical advice, what is often missing from these times? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read **1 Corinthians 15.1-3**. What did Paul consider to be of "first importance" that the church needed to be "reminded of"? What key phrases stand out to you that show the power and necessity of the Gospel in our growth? \_\_\_\_\_  
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When we get together to fight *for each other*, even helping each other put on our spiritual armor by reminding each other of the truth, we can experience a growth like never before. Read **Ecclesiastes 4.9-13**. With God as the "third cord", who are the various friends that can help pick you up, keep you warm, and fight with you?  
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Are you willing to be able to tell them everything and get rid of "the mask"? If so, tell them. Even if you have told them before, tell them again. Make a time with them soon, asking them to start meeting in a regular "Fight Club" with them to share the Gospel with each other.  
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