

BROKEN MIRRORS

Solomon was the third King of Israel, the son of King David. Though he was given great wisdom, he still had a deceptive heart that would lead him astray from his wisdom, and from his God. Because of this, he seems to have struggled in his identity, knowing himself as being accepted and pleasing to God, but also one who falls into sin.

A broken mirror is still a mirror.

But it is distorted, crooked, and shouldn't be completely trusted.

THE SIRENS OF OUR HEART

In Homer's *Odyssey*, the main character Odysseus knows of creatures called the Sirens, whose songs are seductively beautiful and heavenly. But everyone knows that they sing this way to set a trap. In reality, they are hungry, destructive creatures, drawing in passersby only to shipwreck on the rocks and be devoured. So Odysseus' plan is to have himself tied to the mast so he can hear the Sirens and not be able to steer the ship, leaving his men, who have wax in their ears, at the helm.

1 Peter 5.8

A trap is only a trap if you **don't see it**.

KNOWING YOUR SIN, BEHOLDING HIS BEAUTY

The traps we fall into, indeed, are the ones we don't see. But a good trap often exposes *part* of the trap: a curious string, a bit of cheese, a blinking light. We often will see what we want to see, or the dangerous part is hidden from our sight. We may know from previous (or other people's) experience that there is something behind it, but we move ahead anyway. But this is foolish for us to ignore the wisdom of others and the wisdom of God's Word and choose to follow our hearts.

Proverbs 6.27, 14.12

You should know your sin clearly,
but you should behold His beauty more deeply.

Sin is a worship issue. We worship our way *into sin*, and therefore we must worship our way *out of sin*. Only when we behold something more majestic, beautiful, and life giving as what we *think* our Sirens will give us, will we then find ourselves in true freedom, joy, peace, and walking in true wisdom. It is only by beholding the beauty and love of Jesus Christ and His Good News that we can walk in this freedom.



This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Colosians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Ecclesiastes 7.25-29. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

There's a bit of "bad news" in this text: men and women going astray, traps being set, and wisdom being ignored. What good news can we focus on in light of all this bad news?

Repent and Ask for Provision

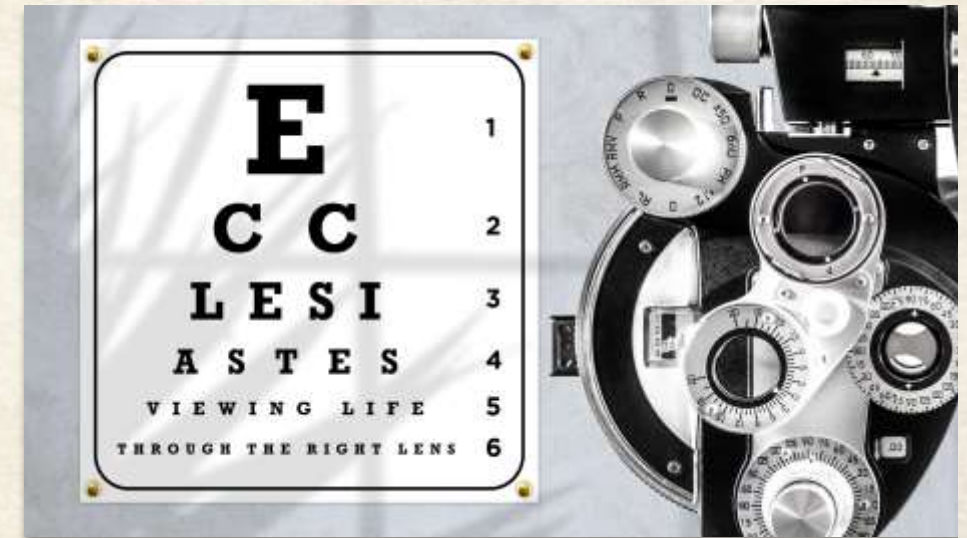
We are all like broken mirrors. Our original design, as the Preacher says, is that we are made upright, in perfect, clear image. But we have all made our schemes and gone our own way. We are now distorted images of God, unable to be totally trustworthy. How does this truth affect the way you discern your heart, desires, and intentions? How should this change how you pursue these desires?

Your Life Mission

None of this bad news should take us out of the game. The reason for that is because *intentionally* and *purposefully* uses the foolish things of the world, indeed even the broken mirrors of the world, to reflect His glory and show His power, love, and grace. He is so amazing, that He can even use you and me in all of our brokenness to bring people to the freedom and saving faith of Christ.

What opportunities or conversations or social settings with non-believers are on the horizon or in your calendar that you could use prayer for, that God has ordained you to cross paths with and reflect His glory? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



TAKING THE BAIT

Ecclesiastes 7.25-29 // July 7, 2019

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