



Problem

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Introduction / Review:

- Everything, including faith, has a starting point
- Starting Point - Who is Jesus?

1. The word we avoid - Sin

2. The word we prefer - Mistake

- Mistakes on purpose
- Planning our mistakes
- Mistakes over and over again

3. Jesus on "Sin"

- Breaks relationships
- Restoration not condemnation
- Forgiveness restores

²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder...' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

Matthew 5:20-21, 22 NIV

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Matthew 5:27-28 NIV

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.' ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:21-24 NIV

Two Questions:

1. Do you resist the idea that you are a sinner?
2. If so, why? If not, why not?

Next Steps:

- ☐ I will answer the "Two Questions" as I review my personal faith journey this week
- ☐ Admit that I am a sinner and need Jesus to be restored with God
- ☐ Work towards restoration in my relationships:

- ☐ Attend or listen to all of the "Starting Point" messages
- ☐ _____