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Irresistible Faith: Staying Close to the Irresistible Christ

This series is about becoming the kind of Christian the world can't resist!

HOW DO WE BECOME THIS TYPE OF CHRISTIAN?

It starts, continues and ends with staying close to the irresistible Christ!

2 Corinthians 2:15, *"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."*

WHY DOES IT FEEL SO DIFFICULT TO STAY CLOSE TO JESUS?

#1 It's difficult if we try and act like we're okay and don't need Him.

Matthew 9:11-13, *11 ... "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12..hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go & learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

Jesus came to help sinners who recognize they're spiritually sick. If we think we're okay, we won't seek Him.

Real change the world will notice happens when instead of acting superior to everyone else, we admit our weakness.

Romans 8:38-39, *38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus...*

In Jesus, we are loved so fully that there's nothing left for us to hide from Him, so we are free to seek Him.

#2 It's difficult if we ignore the best path towards Him.

Psalms 119:72, *The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.*

Following Jesus and following the scriptures are inseparable.

To become a Christian the world can't resist we must become people who live by and love the Bible.

#3 It's difficult if we place something else at the center instead of Him.

Luke 12:15-21, *15 "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." 16 He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and*

be merry.”’ 20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ 21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

If we move Jesus towards the fringes of our life, and put something else in the center, that replacement will poison us.

What, if you were able to have it and keep it, would cause you to think that you could, “Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry”?

Every “god” besides Jesus will eventually let us down, but with Jesus at the center, everything else finds it’s healthy and appropriate place in our lives.

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