



Life Church Sermon Sheet: Building on a Firm Foundation!

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Title: Luke 6: The Trial of the Centuries

Week 4: GO HOME and Make Disciples! The Trial is over

Scriptures: Luke 6: 46-49

Our Coach needs us to use the foundational principles that make us greater than a superstar! Play as a team- Value everyone! Let that culture permeate the team so people are willing to sacrifice for the goal... There is no other foundation other than sacrifice!

Recap: week 1-3- Introducing the Trial and the Players, Rebellion & Woes, knowing who you are based on the outcome of the trial.

Week 4- Only one Foundation... Don't add to it or take away from it, but build healthy interdependent disciples upon it!

Question for Christians- Am I bearing Fruit as a disciple? We Reap what we sow. Are we willing to lay it all on the line, even our teeth for a championship? For helping someone else hold up the Trophy Jesus won for the whole team?

Revisiting The Trial...

- 1. Satan thought he was the Goat. God wanted to share his Goat-ness with others!**
- 2. We cannot be successful without listening to our proven Coach! Though the world says it is all about getting your points and hitting the last shot... It really is about the team willing being willing to lose teeth to support the goal! Job did that, Jesus Did That. God is the Brad Stephens of the Church, looking for people who are willing to put team above MVP!**
- 3. Being good, Being beautiful, being gifted is not always enough to win... The Celtics make us proud, not just because they won, but how they won... They were willing to sacrifice- pass to the open man, see everyone's gifting and celebrating that!**
- 4. Man fell again and again... God decided to take things into his own hands and send his son to finish the trial- in one Day...**
 - a. The verdict was Man- Guilty of being sinful and not worthy of God's perfection-**
 - b. Sentencing- DEATH-**
 - c. Jesus Paid that Debt! But because he in doing so, he proved Satan's Rebellion was UNTRUE- He was not better than God, He would have to face his own Trial!**
 - d. Follow up Trial- Satan- Accused of Rebellion...**
 - e. Found Guilty, Under house arrest (earth) until his final judgement in the Lake of Fire. Go directly to Jail, do not pass Go, Do not collect \$200, Do not Win Championship!**

God wants us to be aware what we need to do now the Trial is over!- Make Disciples.



f. We who are on Jesus Team- We who follow Mazzulla. We get a trophy, especially as we remember the foundation that got us here in the first place- sacrifice!



Luke 6: 46-49 Ask; the Question... Now that the trial is over, and the 1st championship is won... What are we going to do now? Go to Disneyworld? Or Go make disciples on the Foundation which puts team first through sacrifice?



- **The Wise and Foolish Builders**
- **46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? 47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."**

Our Purpose becoming a Perfect team, Glorified Chicken, I mean Glorified Children by Resemblance! Satan wanted to be the goat, God wanted to make us all the body of the Goat by resemblance! The Us are those who choose to make him Coach, Lord AND do what he says!

- **The Purpose of Man Roman; 8:28-29 (NIV)**
- **28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



Satan's Last Dance... Video with his going up against a lowly man- and Losing! Let things be confirmed by 2-3 Witnesses... Job was a Witness, but Jesus was the Expert Witness... **Case and Series Closed!**

Building on the Foundation of Christ alone!

Now that the trial is over... We do get a Parade, but we also have to prepare for what is next- to Build on what has been established! That we don't have bench players but stay ready players where God has a purpose and a big shot for us to make – We just have to always be

ready!

- **1 Corinth 3: 10** By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. **11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. **14** If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. **15** If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Luke 6: 46-49- Wise and Foolish Builders

* What we say and what we believe and Do can be different things.

*If we don't put His Word into Practice, we are in trouble... What we do can fall down or be burnt up! Corinthians 3: 10-15

*DO NOT MIX STUFF IN THE foundation CEMENT THAT IS NOT OF GOD- anything other than Christ... It can cause the Foundation to crumble! Examples- Heresy's like Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, or even Theology that is too Conservative or too liberal.

1. They shall know we are Christians by our Lord!
They shall know who our Lord is by our actions!(Love)
2. Woe to those Who build on Christ Foundation with Straw. Things that Jesus didn't prioritize- Not Rules, but sacrificial Love.
3. Once we choose God's team, we must avoid missing the Parade, like the prodigal son's brother! Focusing on what people do wrong, judging them rather than Seeking our Father's heart about them!
This does not mean, not judging actions- especially

Group Questions

1. Home is where the Heart is... We are strangers in a strange land... What does it practically mean to be living in Babylon, but have citizenship in the New Heaven?
2. Have you ever been tempted to do something good, but at the expense of short term ethics? Jesus REALLY could have ruled the world... but not in the way God wanted.
3. Why do we get so bent out of shape about who is the finals mvp, the goat, versus enjoying our team winning? What does it mean to be the great, we have to serve others? What does this mean for the church? For us individually?
4. What are some ways we can build on Christ's Foundation? What are Materials that won't burn? What are the straw?
5. What does it mean to have a home? What do you appreciate about that? What is tough for those who are homeless? How can we help Physically and Spiritually?

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Life Church Sermon Sheet: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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Title: Luke 6: The Trial of the Centuries

God wants us to be aware of the Judgement Phase- to motivate us to look to him!

Week 3: The Reaping the Fruit- Judgement Phase of the Trial

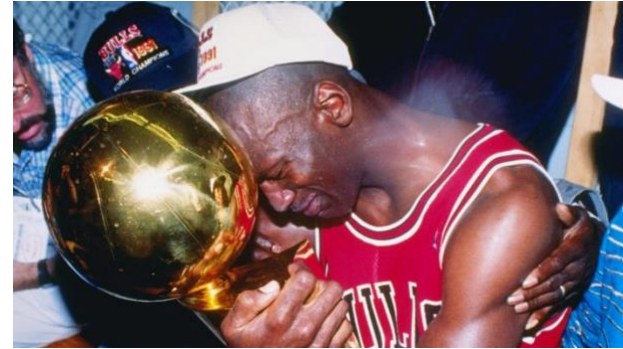
Scriptures: Luke 6:27-45

Love will help me know My Name

Recap: week 1&2- Introducing the Trial and the Players, Rebellion & Woes

Week 3- Father's Day Bearing Good Fruit naturally, and intentionally

We are delivered from judgement, not by Works Lest any Man should Boast Eph 2:8-9. (Paraphrase)



Question for Christians- Am I bearing Fruit as a disciple? We Reap what we sow... but in Jesus that is NOT quite the case, We Bleed Green as Celtics Fans... We Root for our team because of the transformation we have made by growing up here, or coming here, or connecting with the team, etc. I was a Bulls fan growing up and I am now a Celtics fan.... That transformation took time!

Revisiting The Trial....

- 5. Loving Enemies... If God does this he will love even those who would rebel.**
- 6. We Can't JUDGE!**
- 7. Judgement is to sentence for the Fruit we bear... Rebellion or Following ?**

We often focus on Sin, but Sin is like Speeding- It has a fine that can be paid, Rebellion and Intentional Murder have much stricter consequences. Jesus died on the Cross for our Sin (which we inherited from Adam), not for our rebellion. Nothing can cover Rebellion... When we evangelize, we should not emphasize people's sins, but their rebellion. God says the only way to his kingdom is through His son- to deny this is to deny Treatment for our Cancer- rebellion. Kingdoms have sides! Fans pick teams... Lucifer was on God's Team until he CHOSE not to. In the culture wars people focus on sins, and not rebellion, not realizing that they are making idols of their rules or their freedoms and as a result miss God and actually rebel against Him. So with this in Mind we have to see the Traitors for what they are!

God is Calling us to be image bearers who Learn from our Father and take on His characteristics.

1. Love your Teenagers... I mean Enemies... Those who would rebel against you! They Killed the real prophets who told people what they needed to hear not just what they wanted to hear. Be there for them... They are children of a fallen image bearer just like you. We are all made clean by Jesus. They just need to accept that and unconditional Love is the invitation. Prayer, patience, persistence are all characteristics of Love. An Example is Daniel's Love for Nebuchadnezzar. The very Enemy who took him from his Home, He Prayed for, encouraged, etc. Notice his words when he recovered from his consequences.... Daniel 2 ⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. ⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery."⁴⁸ Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many

gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. ⁴⁹ Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court. Daniel 3: ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Daniel 4:37 Now I, **Nebuchadnezzar**, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

2. **Don't Judge people- Let God do that... You CAN judge actions and give consequences... but unlike the angels... We have time, opportunity and consequences and pain to help us change... while our bodies are alive. Understand Satan is accusing you, and if you accuse others, then he can accuse you again, and God's had will be forced to judge you!!! Vengeance is mine sayeth the Lord... Romans 12:19... Understand the issue with Kings... They are influenced by the Principalities in their areas... The Prince of Persia was an angel in the Bible influencing Persian area kings. Do you sense influencing in our Country...? As a result we should not judge those who are tempted and influenced, but stand against such influence, as Jesus did against the Pharisees. Do not allow yourself to be abused under this command... Jesus said turn the other cheek, but when someone hit him, he did ask, why!... He forgave him, but wasn't a pushover, and judging an ungodly act- a hurtful act is not only acceptable but part of our stewardship!**

3. **Bear Fruit naturally... How do we become like God... Matt 5:44-48 ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ **that you may be children of your Father in heaven.** He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.** What does it mean to be your Father's Child... When the kids act a little off- Crystal is quick to say he is your Child (That's if I don't beat her to it). To be Like God is to be unaccusable... He is not saying don't sin, but in this context he is saying don't be like Satan! A rebel, an accuser, a hater, especially for self gain... Sin is not our enemy- it has been defeated, Death is not our enemy it has been defeated, Satan is not our biggest enemy, He can only accuse us... Our biggest enemy is God- He is the one who can execute judgement on us, and our way to force his hand in this not love our enemies. You know a tree by it's Fruit. Love his Character. Divorcing people's actions from their identity is tough... Sin is often thought of as a debt that is owed. In this light, all image bearers are related to Bill Gates to pick a billionaire. When the sin, they owe you money... You must cut them slack because you know you will get paid back in the end. You can keep allowing them borrow money, if they never pay it back, but the hope is they will ask their father, and all you are owed will be paid back in full, but they have to choose. We want to love them so they eventually will choose to ask the father for help, Jesus paid the debt. Paul, is an example of someone who owed a lot, but his slate was made clean. Others like Nebuchadnezzar came around, but we don't know where they stand... we were just called to love! Once you know the Finances, you can love naturally. God has your back! Loving is no longer a debt you have to bear, but one that has been paid for you!**

Faith is Not enough for Salvation! Faith in the goodness of a Dad who would die for you is!

- Faith that God lives- Many Religions have that, Everyone who is not an Atheist has that! We must have a Faith and acknowledge his Name! The Word Good comes from God... We must believe he is Good, as seen through the gift of his son, taking our place for our sin and appeasing the WRATH of God... Like any Father, He has a special Skills and Love to take care of his own!



Devine Love- Help us to Know our Name

From Love's Devine by Seal

- Through the rainstorm came sanctuary
And I felt my spirit fly
I had found all of my reality
I realize what it takes

[Chorus]

'Cause I need love, love's divine
Please forgive me, now I see that I've been blind
Give me love, love is what I need to help me know my name

- The fruit of believing Faith that God is Good is Love, the Fruit of Unbelief or disdain for God (He is not Good) is God's Wrath and Eternal Separation.**
- Who we love, and How we Love Decides our Name. Lucifer Fell in Love with himself- He became known as the NON-God Loving angel- Hence his New Name- Adversary. We get a fresh start with time to make mistakes, repent, redeem ourselves, harden our hearts, get them softened-By Love (Like Paul-Saul), reharden them- Like King Saul. Love helps us to know our hidden potential to know our full Names... Abram was a Father, Abraham was the Father of Many- with a Barren wife.**

Group Questions

- Abram had his name Changed, Lucifer had his name changed. How does Loving as God on his terms or not, change our name? What name would you like to have? Loving Father, A sharer of the faith, one who stands up for what is right, etc.?
- What is the difference between judging people and judging their actions (that cause harm)?
- Love covers a multitude of sins (I Pet 4:8), but it doesn't cover rebellion. Ex. Bronze Serpent... People sinned and were judged, but all they had to do is look, but some could have chosen not to... What does a rebellious Spirit look like? What should you do in this regard? Is the Prodigal son an example of this?
4. Some people have tough relationships with their fathers or father figures, instead of protecting caused harm. How can God's Call to love your enemy be applied to this or others that are hard to love?
5. The more we know God, the more it is more natural to love as He does? What are some things that get in the way of us knowing God? Have you seen someone's heart get hardened? How Can you help soften it? What are some Limits to what you can do?

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Life Church Sermon Sheet:

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Title: Luke 6: The Trial of the Centurion;

Week 2: Traitor Woe;

Scriptures: **Luke 6:12-26 Jesus, Apostles & Woes**

Recap: week 1- Introducing the Trial and the Players

Week 2- Understanding the nature of Rebellion- Being a Traitor.

The Trial for Man was given a preview in Job... Satan tried to test a man who was Righteous, but lost everything But did not Curse God! The Apostles are named, and even in Jesus' Group was one who would curse God- rebel against Jesus' Ministry and Kingdom- a Traitor... Jesus needed to have one in his midst to show that even with Jesus, man's heart has some problems... but the First traitor was Lucifer... The beautiful, the Wise, the "rich" in his gifts and talents.

Question for Christians- Am I follower of Christ, am I a disciple? Do I have alternative viewpoint pushing me away from God's View/Kingdom. If Angels can fall, so can we... am I a Zealot, Thief, Tending to violence (Peter), etc.

Now comes the Beatitudes... Blessings and Woes... THIS IS THE SHARING OF THE UPSIDE DOWN, NUANCED GOSPEL that Satan didn't see coming... He was rich, People said good things about him

²⁴ "But **woe to you who are rich,** (Think the Rich man and Lazarus Luke 16: 31)

for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,

for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone **speaks well of you,**(Think Lucifer!)

for **that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.**

Now for the Blessings-

"**Blessed are you who are poor,** (think Job!)

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,

for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,

when they exclude you and insult you

and reject your name as evil,

because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For **that is how their**

ancestors treated the prophets.

God wants us to bear
fruit of His kingdom,
not rebellion.



Who was the OG Traitor/ Rebel by Choice?- Lucifer- the Rich! Disciple- Judas- the one with the Money and his own plan for what the Son of Man should look like.

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Angel Characteristics:

The difference between Us and Angels is important.. as we Look to Rebellion and Consequences..

Angels	Fallen Angels	Man
Created Perfect Spiritual (Non-corporal- tangible in the Physical world, but with the power to become Corporeal if needed) Beings- with free will		Original Man Created With a Perfect Body and Spirit , BUT his seed would have sin as part of his Flesh DNA. This is why we can't walk after the flesh, and that no good thing dwells in the flesh...
Had Animal Features, Especially Serpent/Dragon like features		Has God- Like Features.
Generally didn't have wings unless stated		Red Bull gives us wings.. JK.....
Have Free Will, Cannot be tempted	Have limited Free will- They cannot undo their Rebellion	Have Free Will , Can be tempted
Cannot be forgiven for Rebellion		Have been forgiven of everything except not choosing to Follow Jesus (Rebellion). That is our Tree of the knowledge of Good and evil. Our one Choice... Our one Rebellion. We have Freedom, but if we keep sinning intentionally- and acting unloving, this can be rebellion... or become it.
Cannot Die	Cannot Die- so Must have a home outside of Heaven and Earth- Hell- Lake of fire was prepared for fallen angels.	Bodies can Die but are resurrected (Death was defeated for all not just Christians), Spirits Can Die, Soul- Debatable. Death has agony connected to it independent of Hell. DEATH of man BEGINS in the Garden.
Cannot Reproduce	Can Reproduce with Human Help	Can Reproduce and have families. Will be like Angels after we die- not given to Marriage. Those who do not die... like Enoch/ Elijah?
Can Change Appearance Not Physical Beings but can interact with the Physical realm	Can Overtake and Possess Humans	Physical AND Spiritual Beings, our bodies will ALL (Believers and non-Believers) be resurrected. (Acts 24:15)
Created "Perfect" initially- but with free will. 2/3 Have not rebelled against God.	Fallen angels loss their free will and are only Rebels now.	Created "Perfect image bearer" initially- but with free will, so after Adam all are sinful.
Will be servants of God and address the Rebellion of their fellow angels.	Will be Judged for their Rebellion	Will be conformed into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29) and therefore above angels, and will judge them

1. **What is the difference between having dirty garments vs a Dirty Heart? Rebellion... What are Blessings vs Woes and where does choice come in?**



People make the same mistakes Satan does...

God's Kingdom is UPSIDE Down and Hard to see Correctly! We have a connection to Adam's Sin, We can be Tempted, but most importantly, we too can Rebel! People have Challenges with Jesus and therefore God... They focus on the Rules (Conservative framework) and not the Purpose of the Rules... To serve... We often focus on Freedoms versus being under a King we must Follow and Sacrifice for (Liberal). We Find Idols in those things that separate us from God!. An example.. from last week.. The Sabbath was made for man, not the other way around... Sabbath was supposed to give rest. If someone breaks the Sabbath, God is not waiting with a thunderbolt to smite someone, but they miss the rest it was supposed to give them. The Metric Week also didn't work. People had the freedom to make a 10 day week, but Man was not designed for working Like that... A policeman is supposed to help a speeder get their pregnant friend to the hospital or deliver a baby or give an escort so no one gets hurt.

2. **Job is part of the Trial... God asks Satan if he has tried Job**

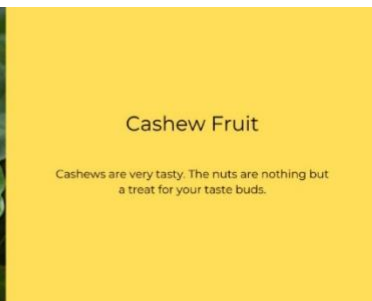
A) For non Christians: This answers the Age old Question- Why do bad things happen to Good People?

B) God kills a lot of people in the Bible- we should not shy away from this..

- i. Evidence of God's Destruction- The Flood, The Judgement of the "gods" of Egypt, (10 plagues), The people being attacked by poisonous snakes, the death of Korah and much of his family (Swallowed by the earth), God's Judgement of Moses- He could not see the Promised land, The capture of Caanan- including the death of children, Israel's destruction, Job's loss of his family, Plagues under David, Judah's Banishment, The fall of Judah to the Romans, etc. etc.
- ii. God was executing Judgement... and that is part of his limitation as a follow of His own Word.
- iii. His mercy is seen in unexpected places- like Psalms where many of the sons of Korah were used of God in a Mighty way...

Group Questions

1. How do angels and their choices similar and different from the choices we can make?
2. Why is it that we cannot be saved by good works? Eph 2:8-9?
3. From the Video if the High priest has filthy clothes, what does that mean for us?
4. What Does Rebellion look like in Today's Culture? Why should we emphasize rebellion -to not accept the new clothes Christ offers more than just sin? Christ is a Doctor.. Sin is an inherited disease that Kills us, not just choices we make. Rebellion is a choice... Accepting Pardon is a choice... What things often get in the way of people accepting Christ's Pardon and healing?
5. What is the fruit of Healthy Choices we and others make for the kingdom?



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Life Church Sermon Sheet:

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Week 1: The Balance between Justice and Love.

Scriptures: Luke 6:1-12 Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath

God wants us to understand the balance of God's Justice and Love.

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

6 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. ² Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" ³ Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."⁶ On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. ⁷ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. ⁸ But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"¹⁰ He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored. ¹¹ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

3. What is a Trial- THE TRIAL?

- a. A formal examination of evidence before a judge, and typically before a jury, in order to decide guilt in a case of criminal or civil proceedings. (Google)
- b. **Lucifer- The Bright one- Accuses God... This is important because we have to defend God against Accusers to this day...**
- c. **TO accuse God, the Adversary also accuses us, of being inferior- meaning as image bearers, God is inferior too, or at the very least He has to destroy us!**
- d. **Can God make a Rock so Big that He cannot pick it up? YES- His Word, His Justice, His Character...**
- e. **Remember God is Love- That balances his need for Justice:** Satan was found with wickedness... Not seeing God Rightly, but exalting himself above God. When you want something you focus on the rules to get what you want, not the purpose of the rules to begin with. **The Law is designed to protect and serve.** Satan could be fulfilled serving God, but his pride made serving God untenable.

People make the same mistakes Satan does... People have Challenges with Jesus and therefore God... They focus on the Rules and not the Purpose of the Rules... To serve... The Sabbath was made for man, not the other way around... Sabbath was supposed to give rest. If someone breaks the Sabbath, God is not waiting with a thunderbolt to smite someone, but they miss the rest it was supposed to give them. A policeman is supposed to help a speeder get their pregnant friend to the hospital, or deliver a baby or give an escort so no one gets hurt.

- f. **Satan is allowed access to God's Throne (Until Rev. 12) , and is allowed to accuse His creation. God Lose this Trial! ALL of mankind must be destroyed... But GOD had Mercy but showed how his mercy balances his justice. The day you eat of the tree you will surely die... God established substitutional sacrifice as a filler until the perfect sacrifice could be born.**

This is the hidden part of God's Law. His pride got in the way. If someone sinless volunteers to take the place of mankind- the son of Man, Death was the ONLY way...

4. Job is part of the Trial... God asks Satan if he has tried Job

C) For non Christians: This answers the Age old Question- Why do bad things happen to Good People?

D) God kills a lot of people in the Bible- we should not shy away from this..

- i. Evidence of God's Destruction- The Flood, The Judgement of the "gods" of Egypt, (10 plagues), The people being attacked by poisonous snakes, the death of Korah and much of his family (Swallowed by the earth), God's Judgement of Moses- He could not see the Promised land, The capture of Caanan- including the death of children, Israel's destruction, Job's loss of his family, Plagues under David, Judah's Banishment, The fall of Judah to the Romans, etc. etc.
- ii. God was executing Judgement... and that is part of his limitation as a follow of His own Word.
- iii. His mercy is seen in unexpected places- like Psalms where many of the sons of Korah were used of God in a Mighty way...

E) For Christians- the Question we have – if God lost the Trial- and Jesus had to die for ALL sins, does that mean I can do whatever I want to do since the sin is covered?- The answer is not really... Sin is covered but Nuance is the nature of good and evil.. We can't even do things that are not sins if it causes someone to stumble... because love is paramount, not being right...

5. War in Heaven and the Purpose of Hell.

- a. Rev 12 Talks about War in Heaven.. Satan no longer had access to Heaven once Jesus was sacrificed.. The Trial was over and sentencing occurred, and Death defeated. The Day The Son of man Rises, no one needs fear death who have accepted his commuting of our sentences!
- b. The Purpose of Hell... Designed for sentencing of Satan and his angels... Our mindset is not to get people to avoid Hell, but to take on Heaven and the commuting of our sentence- the Good news- God's Kingdom and our call to fulfillment is our focus.

Group Questions

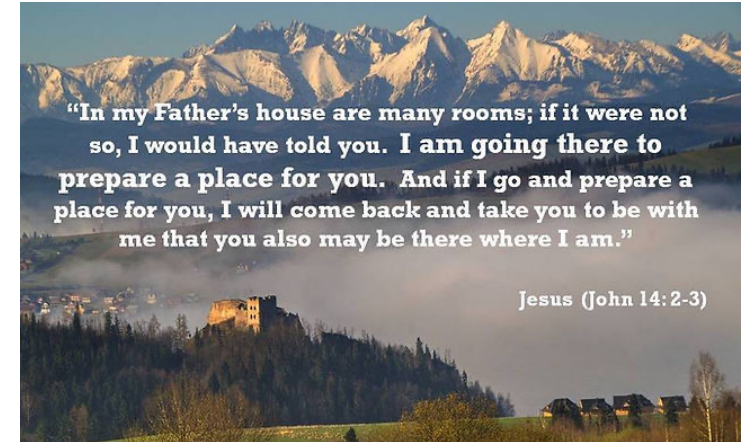
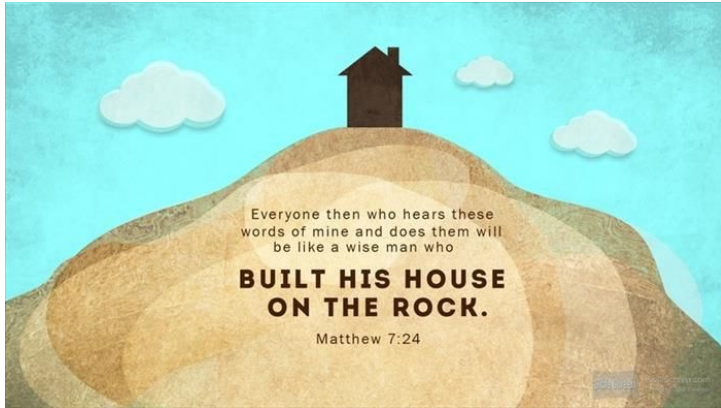
1. What is the Purpose of a Trial to you?
6. From the Video on Satan's Story, what sticks out?
7. God's Justice is balanced and part of His Love and Mercy... What does this look like in practice?
8. A Friend says they cannot trust a God who allows or even causes bad things to happen to innocent people- What do you say to them?
9. Bonus Question... Why did God Create Hell? We don't focus on trying to get people to avoid Hell, but to join God's Kingdom, but what do you share with someone with Questions about Hell?



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Welcome to Life Church Boston





THE TRIAL OF THE CENTURIES
LUKE 6 WEEK 4 PARADE TIME!!!
GO HOME AND BUILD DISCIPLES! THE TRIAL IS OVER

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RECAP Devine Love- Helps us to Know our Name, and our Heritage and Foundation

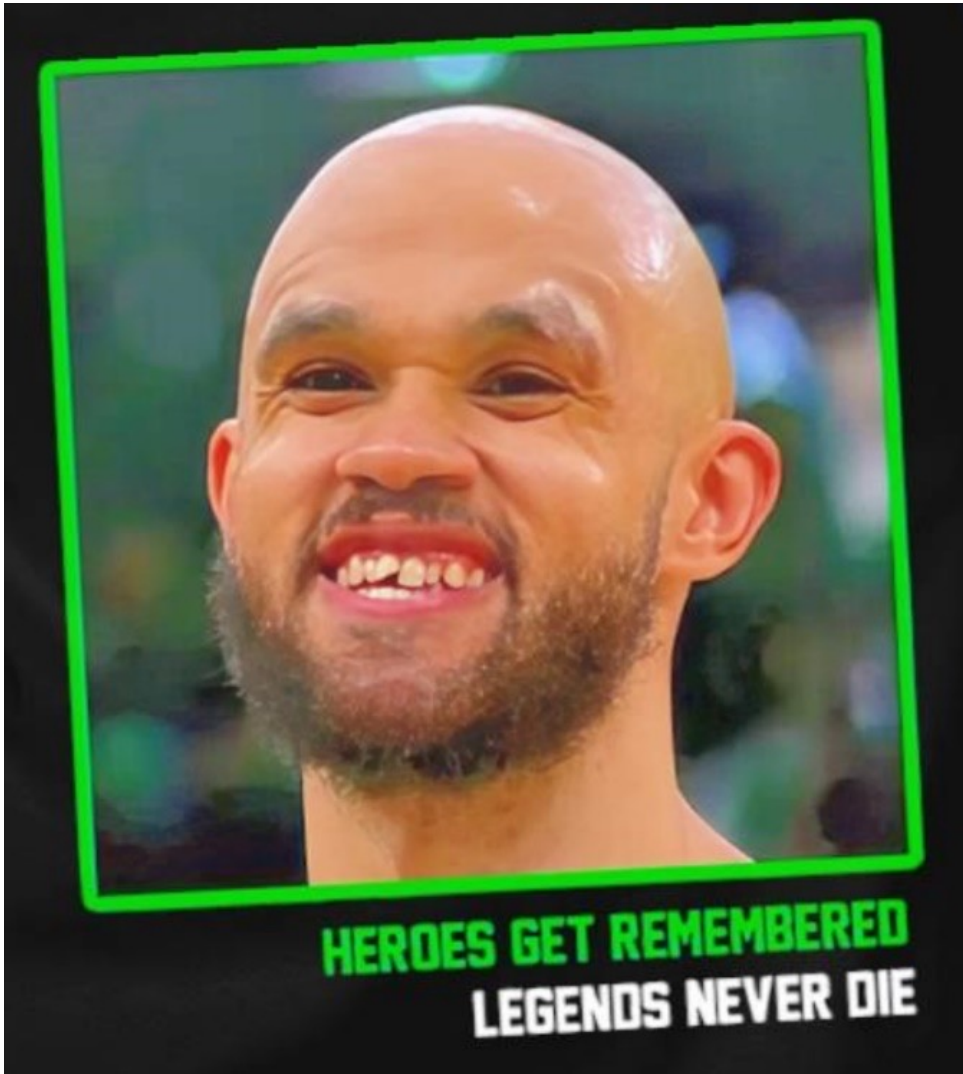
- From Love's Devine by Seal
- Through the rainstorm came sanctuary
And I felt my spirit fly
I had found all of my reality
I realize what it takes

[Chorus]

'Cause I need love, love's divine
Please forgive me, now I see that I've been blind
Give me love, love is what I need to help me know my name

- The **fruit of believing Faith that God is Good is Love**, the **Fruit of Unbelief or disdain for God (He is not Good) is God's Wrath and Eternal Separation.**
- **Who we love, and How we Love Decides our Name.** Lucifer Fell in Love with himself- He became known as the NON-God Loving angel- Hence his New Name- Adversary. We get a fresh start with time to make mistakes, repent, redeem ourselves, harden our hearts, get them softened-By Love (Like Paul-Saul), reharden them- Like King Saul. Love helps us to know our hidden potential to know our full Names... Abram was a Father, Abraham was the Father of Many- with a Barren wife.

Going Home... building on a Rock



- Once the Trial of Heaven was Over, then All that is left is to Go Home... The Question is Where do we Go? What Kind of House to go to in the meantime? Remember this is an Old Heaven and an Old Earth. Sin was found in Both. Rebels will not be allowed in the New Heaven and Earth (One unified place). Jesus Went to prepare a place for us! While still on the Old Earth our Job is to Have faith and follow our Lord- Telling others to build on a rock of Jesus and not on Good works, or Faith in Faith, or Love of Love, not Faith in God or Love of God... Some People Just don't want to go home! Life is short- Be careful not to let it pass you by, focusing on the wrong things, or having Jesus as a good luck charm, or feeling your love and works outweighs your hate and sin. The Only Rock we can go home to is Christ!

Recap!!!What Rebellion Looks like – The Trials- Satan Won, What Love and ANTI Rebellion Looks like! Satan’s BIG Loss.



- Satan Forced God’s hand...
- Kicked out of the Garden- Man Sinned...
- Flood Killed mankind- Man Still Sinned
- Laws to help clarify things- Man still sinned...not just against the laws (Flesh) but with the laws as well... (Pride) Satan’s very sin..
- People of Israel Punished but other sinful people! Lose their land... Prophets warn
- Prophets tell of something coming...Man Still Sins...
- THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAVE TO BE HUMAN!!!!- not an angel, be completely **sinless**, able to reproduce and have perfect offspring, something that would not need a sacrifice...
- That THING WOULD BE the Perfect Human, Be able to represent humans, **BE ABLE TO SIN! Be able to choose not to sin!**
- NOT be fully God the Father- the Judge, not be a Spirit because a test had to be Judged fairly... No conflict of interest! **Someone who who would Choose God and NOT REBEL!**

God's Upside Down Kingdom... It is not about being a Goat, but being a team Player! Winning is all that matters as a team... Not points!



Our Purpose becoming a Perfect team!

- Being Children by Resemblance... Romans 8: 28-29.... What is our Purpose... To be Children- perfect Children... Holy- like God is Holy... Fully Committed to the TEAM... Not for points.... Being ready to play defense, or shoot when called upon.
- Satan Wanted to be the Goat... That wasn't for him to decide... His actions, His service, His winning would decide that.
- One thing I really appreciate about the Celtics Winning season, it was selfless... They Passed to find the open man, they played relentless team defense. They sacrificed stats for team...



Our Purpose becoming a Perfect team,
Glorified Chicken, I mean Children!

- Who is Jesus- He and his Team (the true church) are winners... It doesn't matter who hits the winning shot? Ask David...
- The Purpose of Man Romans 8:28-29 (NIV)
- ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who ^[i] have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



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Satan's Last Dance... Jesus did not want to go to the Cross and Satan Gave him an out... SATAN Really was giving up his Kingdoms... He was not Lying... Jesus Could have ruled Mankind without the cross!



TO be the Greatest is to be humble like a child and become the servant of all, not to demand it!



- Satan's rebellion began as a being who did not like the frailty of what God was building... He didn't like what God was doing... He built upon a rock of pride... something NOT SOLID.
- **The Wise and Foolish Builders**
- ⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."
- We cannot be Christians who Call Jesus Lord and not Build where he says build- On his Death and resurrection...
- We cannot call him Coach Coach, and then not pass to the Open man... not play defense, not follow the System... Our system Follow the Sacrificial Resurrected Christ! To be His Children by resemblance.

Building on the Foundation of Christ alone!

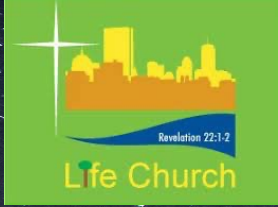
- **I Corinth 3:** ¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.
- ¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.
- ¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"^[a]; ²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."^[b] ²¹ So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas^[c] or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Build your house on the Rock



- Satan built his Case against God and Man on Man's sinfulness.
- We must build our ministry on God's Grace and Man's Transformation and Purpose.
- We become children by Resemblance, by what the Spirit does inside those who are Christ's.
- Christ's True foundation is Pure and will not crumble..

Luke 6: 46-49- Wise and Foolish Builders



* What we say and what we believe and Do can be different things.

*If we don't put His Word into Practice, we are in trouble... What we do can fall down or be burnt up! Corinthians 3: 10-15

* **DO NOT MIX STUFF IN THE foundation CEMENT THAT IS NOT OF GOD-** anything other than Christ... It can cause the Foundation to crumble! Examples- Heresy's like Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, or even Theology that is too Conservative or too liberal.

1. They shall know we are Christians by our Lord!

They shall know who our Lord is by our actions!(Love)

2. Woe to those Who build on Christ Foundation with Straw. Things that Jesus didn't prioritize- Not Rules, but sacrificial Love.

3. Once we choose God's team, we must avoid missing the Parade, like the prodigal son's brother! Focusing on what people do wrong, judging them rather than Seeking our Father's heart about them! This does not mean, not judging actions- especially those that injure others.



Questions for today

Group Questions

1. Home is where the Heart is... We are strangers in a strange land... What does it practically mean to be living in Babylon, but have citizenship in the New Heaven?
2. Have you ever been tempted to do something good, but at the expense of short term ethics? Jesus REALLY could have ruled the world... but not in the way God wanted.
3. Why do we get so bent out of shape about who is the finals mvp, the goat, versus enjoying our team winning? What does it mean to be the great, we have to serve others? What does this mean for the church? For us individually?
4. What are some ways we can build on Christ's Foundation? What are Materials that won't burn? What are the straw?
5. What does it mean to have a home? What do you appreciate about that? What is tough for those who are homeless? How can we help Physically and Spiritually?

