



# THE PROBLEM OF SIN

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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

### Isaiah 59:1-3

- **WHAT IMPACT DOES SIN HAVE ON OUR RELATIONSHIPS (ESPECIALLY OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?)**
- Sin separates us from God- it has great destructive relational power
- Sin distorts our picture of God- at times even hiding his face from us
  - Scripture reference: "Without holiness no one will see God" (Hebrews 12:14)
  - When we choose a life of sin, we are unable to understand who God is, and following him becomes increasingly less attractive.
  - We invite doubt into our lives, we become confused on what is right and wrong, our morality mutates to validate our feelings and natural desires rather than God's will.

### Genesis 4:2-7

- Sin is like a wild animal- and the more we let it control us, the more beastly (like a wild animal) we become
- When we sin, we become less human- true humanity is found in holiness, which is separation from sin.

### James 1:13-15

- Sin makes us animals, but it also grows like a virus- sin multiplied is the source of all great evil- wars, sexual violence, genocide, all forms of abuse and injustice are all examples of the terrible destructive power of sin when it grows.
- Scripture Reference: "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)
  - **WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT SIN LEADS TO DEATH?**
- Sin desensitizes us, it grows, like cancer and sears our conscious, and twists our understanding of right and wrong.

### Genesis 6:5-6

- Sin grieves God, it has emotional impact on him because it is destructive to our relationship with him and others.
- **WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS?**

## AT A GLANCE

### SCRIPTURES:

- Isaiah 59:1-3
- Genesis 4:2-7
- James 1:13-15
- Genesis 6:5-6
- Luke 7:36-50
- James 5:16
- Galatians 5:16-23/2 Timothy 3:1-5

### CHALLENGE:

- Examine Galatians 5:19-21 & 2 Timothy 3:1-5
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## IT IS VITAL THAT WE SEE OUR PROBLEM

### Luke 7:36-50

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- This woman saw her sin, the Pharisee did not
  - Our love and gratitude toward God is directly proportional to how forgiven we believe we are, and the self-awareness is key for this.
  - If we do not believe we are “that bad” or we tend to compare ourselves to others to feel better about ourselves- we are just like Simon.
  - And if we act this way we will never see our need for Jesus, we will never see our need for forgiveness nor be motivated by love and gratitude.
- **HOW AWARE ARE YOU OF YOUR SIN- MORE LIKE SIMON OR THE WOMAN?**

### James 5:16

- Confession is vital to healing and repentance.
- Confession invites both personal and communal accountability and is a necessary step in our journey toward God.

### Prep for Next Study

- Explain the concept of core sin and motivation

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### Galatians 5:16-23/2 Timothy 3:1-5

- When considering what our core sins may be, we are asking the question:
  - What sins are most likely to turn us away from God?

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### Challenge + Prep for the Next Study:

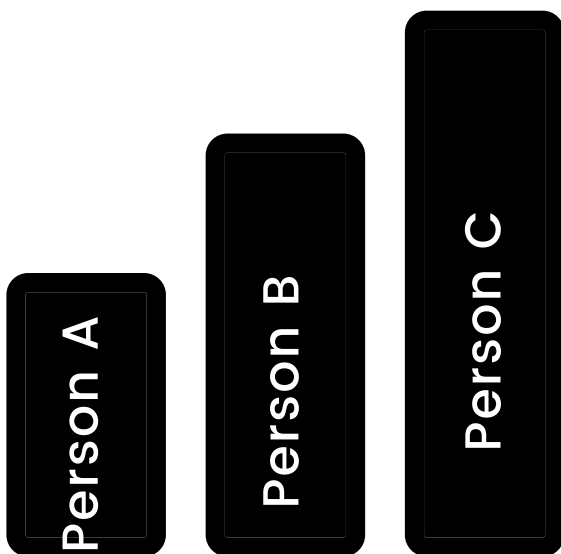
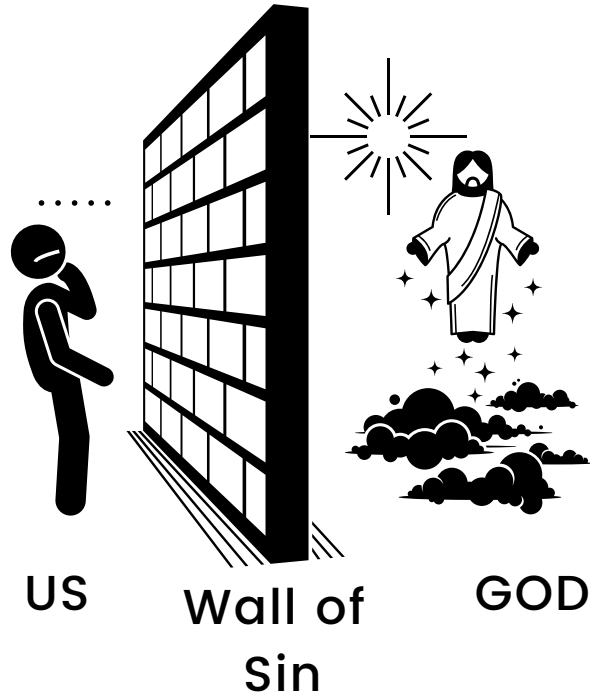
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## HELPFUL GRAPHICS:



How we see Sin  
(Side View)



How God sees Sin  
(Top View)