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Message Series: Hope – Defeating The Enemy Inside

Today's Message: The Power of Sin in What It Does

Jeremiah 2:19 "Your wickedness will bring its own punishment. Your turning from Me will shame you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of Me, declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty."

The Love Jesus _____: Song of Songs 8:6, 7 "love is as strong as death... It burns like a blazing fire... rivers cannot wash it away."

Revelation 2:4, 5

1. First Love Is Beautiful in _____

Luke 7:36-50

* **Her Great Love**—_____ from a clear sight of how much she had wronged God and how much He had loved her to pardon her.

2. First Love Is Beautiful in _____

John 6:57, 58, 60 "... anyone who feeds on Me will live because of Me. I am the true bread that came down from heaven... Many of His disciples said, 'This is hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?'"

John 6:66 "Many of His disciples at this point turned away and deserted Him."

John 6:68 "Lord to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life?"

* Many _____ from Christ to look for fulfillment in the world, thinking it would satisfy.

3. Six Cold Splashes on First Love _____

1) The flesh knows how to eat an elephant—it does so _____, deliberately, one bite at a time.

* Sin inside us uses our natural laziness and negligence to stop spiritual training.

* Galatians 4:19, 20

2) The flesh wants us to have external _____ - so that it has No Power.

Hebrews 12:28, 29 "Let us worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

3) Our flesh sends us down rabbit trails.

* 2 Corinthians 11:2, 3

* So many are passionate, obsessed, so busy: many never lift their eyes to see Christ and His cause.

4) "Lord, give me purity—but not yet" - Augustine's prayer (before learning to love God)

Psalm 40:12 "For troubles surround me... My sins pile up so high I can't see my way out..."

5) The flesh pumps up our heads and shrivels our hearts.

* 1 Corinthians 8:1 "Knowledge puffs up."

Ezekiel 33:22 "You are very entertaining to them... They hear what you say but do not put them into practice."

6) The flesh gets us to do our own thing.

Isaiah 47:10 "Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself, 'I am and there is none besides me.'"

Truth: "What you are—when you are alone with God, that you are—and nothing more."

4. Falling In Love Again

* If we renew our first love—Revelation 2:7 "I will give you the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."

* Do you hunger and thirst to give your heart away to Him and receive His holy heart in return?