"Sin Rebounds but Grace Abounds" Genesis 29:1–30:24 October 15, 2023

Sin Rebounds

"Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Genesis 25:30)

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' To the contrary, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:19–21)

"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

Grace Abounds

"But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." (Romans 5:20)

"The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David." (Revelation 5:5)

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Revelation 21:4).

"Love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord." (Song of Solomon 8:6)

Notes

Discuss

- How would you answer the question, "Do Christians believe in karma?"
- Could you share an example of a time that you experienced the consequences of sin and what you learned from it?
- Have you experienced the temptation to hold a grudge against someone because you thought that they were getting away with something? If so, could you share how the truth that sin rebounds affects your thinking about offering forgiveness?
- What are some of the things that people will do to try to earn the love of someone who has rejected them?
- Is there an example from your life of how the abounding grace of God was enough for you in painful circumstances?

Read

John 4:1-42

Pray

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will impress upon you the consequences of sin and cause you to live a more holy life.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to find satisfaction in the abounding grace of God toward you.

Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry (6th–12th Graders): First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Exploring Membership: October 15, 22, 29, and November 5 at 9:30am
- Men's Breakfast: October 21 at 8:00am
- Trunk or Treat: October 29 from 3:00–5:00pm
 - Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, October 22 at 12:15pm
 - Neighborhood Outreach: Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30pm
- Operation Christmas Child Packing Party: November 4 from 9:00-11:30am
- Building Workday: November 18 at 8:00am
- Thanksgiving Potluck Meal: November 19 at 12:00pm
- Members' Meeting: December 10 at 5:00pm