

“Brokenness Or Bail Out”
Hebrews 12:12-17
Sermon Series: “Broken”

Main Idea: Are we broken over our sin or only wanting God to bail us out of the consequences of our sin?

-Esau as an example of this, he was a godless man, this is a warning to false believers and a warning against antinomianism

(Read Hebrews 12:12-17 and Genesis 25:29-34 [refer to Genesis 27])

-Explain birthright and blessing as part of the background
-Characteristics of false believers/backslidden Christians who looking for bailout instead of choosing brokenness:

1. We choose fleshly gratification over spiritual responsibility.

-The story of Esau and Jacob

-Our spiritual birthright of who we are in Christ

-The responsibilities that come along with it (Psalm 67:1-2)

2. We want God's blessings without God. This is evidenced at times by athletes and celebrities who thank God for their success but deny Him with their lives. It is expressed in antinomianism. It is expressed in easy believism of people praying a prayer to escape hell but not really loving God.

3. We are upset over the consequences of our sin without being broken over the sin itself.

-Are we crying over what we've done or what we've lost? Are we crying over Christ or consequences?

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 and Characteristics of Genuine Repentance

1. It is a decision that comes from a change of mind that leads to a corresponding change in behavior (“fruits worthy of repentance”).

2. It is a willingness to do whatever it takes to change (Matthew 18:8-9).

3. It comes from humility (James 4:6-10).

4. It is grief over sin (Isaiah 6:5).

5. It is relational in nature because we have sinned against our God.

6. It is a willingness to accept the consequences of our actions.

- 7. It is confession and forsaking our sin (Proverbs 28:13).**
- 8. It is a willingness to make amends.**
- 9. It is a focus on the victim of our sins if it involves others and a prioritization of their needs and not our own.**
- 10. It is confessing to others at times and receiving ministry and accountability from them.**

Conclusion: Are you genuinely saved? Have you repented of your sins and are you trusting Jesus alone for your salvation? If you are a Christian, are you living a life of repentance? Are there sins you need to repent of?