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Message Series: The Way Up Is Down

Today's Message: Repentance: The Foundation of New Life In Christ

TRUTH: "To be near God and have God near us is the whole purpose of human life." ~Miller

1. Getting Real; Getting Right With God

James 4:8, 9

1) **Keeping Our Eyes on God** As We Cry Out For Mercy

Psalm 130:1

"**A song of ascent**" - a pilgrim lament song expressing sorrow for sin crying for mercy.

2) "**Lament**" - "to tell God your deep sorrow for how little you love and serve Him

James 4:10

3) "**Humble yourself**" - to get rid of all hope in myself and instead, accepting what Christ did on the cross: His GRACE, MY NEED

Colossians 3:3

2. The BIG DIFFERENCE: Truly Experiencing God Vs. Just Wanting God's Help

Isaiah 6:1-5

*Isaiah begins to have True / Real / Thorough Repentance

Contrast Mark Twain:

1) Sensitive to his own rottenness—but felt sorry for himself—not sorry for his sin against a Holy, Loving God.

2) **The Result:** His confession was Self Pity—leading to a bitter atheism, criticizing God.

Contrast: Isaiah 6:5

TRUTH: When I move closer to God—I see how utterly needy I am and how Great God's love is for me!

Isaiah 6:3

* No more half-hearted praise... No more just saying words... no more hardened heart, ignoring God...

Isaiah 6:9

3. The FLIPSIDE of Real, Deep Repentance

NOTICE: Our Loving God commands us to not just thirst for God but to drink of Christ.

Isaiah 55:1-3

John 7:37, 38

Luke 15:17

Psalm 32:3, 9, 5