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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: An Urgent and Gripping Illustration Regarding a Life of Service and Role Modeling in the Kingdom

Text: Mark 9:44-48

"And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."

Mark 9:44-48

The most important aspect in the life of a disciple is to see the reality of Jesus in a comprehensive and clear fashion by the power of the Holy Spirit under the authority of the Word of God.

"When methods (for growth in Christ) promise a great deal more than they actually deliver, the net result is not victory over sin, but an ever-greater sense of guilt and heightened awareness of personal failure. THEORIES THAT DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EVER-PRESENT POWER OF SIN SIMPLY CANNOT DELIVER WHAT THEY PROMISE."

John D. Hannah, John Owen and the "Normal" Christian Life: Or Sanctification in the Era of Confusion

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." **Hebrews 12:14**

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

1. Growth in grace is to be pursued and the corresponding realized joy and usefulness in the life of a believer is worthy of the most costly sacrifice.

"and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted."

1 Timothy 1:10b-11

2. Mortification (putting sin to death) is a lifelong process in the life of the believer and it is his joyful duty.

"Make it your daily work to put sin to death; be always at it while you live; cease not a day from this work. Be killing sin or it will be killing you." **John Owen, Mortification of Sin**, p. 50

"This sanctification works in the whole person, but not completely or perfectly in this life. The old sinful nature retains some of its control in body, mind, and spirit. And so a continual and irreconcilable war goes on in every believer. The old nature tries to get its way in opposition to the Spirit, and the Spirit fights to assert its authority over the flesh."

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Although the old nature temporarily wins battles in this warfare, the continual strengthening of the sanctifying Spirit of Christ enables the regenerate nature in each believer to overcome. And so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Westminster Confession of Faith
(Chapter 13 - Justification), Article 2 & 3

"Therefore, I think he has profited greatly who has learned to be very much displeased with himself, not so as to stick fast in this mire and progress no farther, but rather to hasten to God and yearn for him in order that, having been engrafted into the life and death of Christ, he may give attention to continual repentance. Truly, they who are held by a real loathing of sin cannot do otherwise. For no one ever hates sin unless he has previously been seized with a love of righteousness."

Calvin, The Institutes of Christian Religion, p. 615

3. Jesus uses these startling metaphors to underscore the urgency of the message.

Unconfessed and unforsaken sin weakens, darkens, saps energy, brings sorrow, and limits the usefulness of the child of God. (Psalm 6:1-7, 32:3-4)

4. Put sin to death by the Holy Spirit.

"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." **Romans 8:13-14**

How do we, by the Spirit, put to death the deeds of the body? We plead with God for the power of the Holy Spirit, pursue him by the means of grace (Galatians 3:2) and endeavor to put sin to death.

5. We must know ourselves. This knowledge includes our inclinations and points of potential failure/sin.

6. Eternity is at stake. The honoring of Christ and the blessing of others is in the balance.

We put sin to death not to earn our standing in Christ; but fleeing from dishonoring behavior is a sign of our justification by faith alone in Christ alone.



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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

Traditional Worship and Classes
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am

Contemporary Worship and Classes
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



Give in-person by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

Give online by visiting our website at: eastcooperbaptist.com/give.



Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

Get to Know.

Sharon Basha

NURSERY DIRECTOR ON STAFF

Sharon is from Mount Pleasant, SC. At the age of 13, Sharon gave her life to Jesus during a revival at her church. She joined the ECBC staff in 2000. Sharon is married to Mike and they have three children, Anna Grace, Michael, and Lauren. A few of her favorite things are photography, traveling, and singing.



Serve.

Serve On A Team Monthly.

SERVE AT EAST COOPER

KIDS MINISTRY SUMMER SUNDAYS - Starting June 4 we give our regular volunteers a break for the summer. We would love for you to help by serving some Sundays this summer.

PRODUCTION TEAM - Do you have an interest in helping with lyrics, mixing audio, or camera work? We'd love for you to serve with us. We ask volunteers to serve once a month, for both services. Training is provided.

WELCOME TEAM - We invite you to join our Welcome Team as they greet people coming to service and keep our coffee filled.

WORSHIP MINISTRY - If you are gifted musically and desire to worship the Lord through that, we encourage you to join one of the various outlets in the Worship Ministry!

SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

POOR AND DESTITUTE - There are people in our community in need of our help, both through serving them and sharing the gospel! Serve by partnering with Families Count and Hope to Home as we reach our community.

PRISONER AND TRANSITION - Right here at East Cooper, you can reach those in prison through writing and sharing Bible studies with them!

VULNERABLE CHILDREN - Every life is precious and you can care for vulnerable children at the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Lifeline Children's Services!

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Upcoming.

CONNECT CAMPS

Connect Camps is a one-week, day camp filled with non-stop fun, engaging activities, daily faith-based lessons, and the chance to make lasting friendships. Runs from **June 12-16**. Scholarships are available online.



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DEBT REDUCTION

Give today to help us focus on eliminating our debt as soon as possible.



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SOUTH ASIA MISSION TRIP

A small team will go to the mountains of South Asia to visit and encourage some of our global partners. They will also go to local villages to share the gospel with those who have never heard of Jesus before.



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APPLY ONLINE.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

We give our regular Kids Ministry volunteers some time off in the summer to recharge and rest from a great year of teaching our children. Therefore, the Kids Ministry needs your help with Summer Sundays! Volunteer today!



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BEGINS JUNE 4!

Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date	\$ 4,283,406	(fiscal year:
Budget Required	\$ 4,391,778	August 1, 2022-July 31, 2023)

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4.16.23

Hello.

Please complete the perforated section and take to the Welcome Desk or place in any giving box located around the church.

I/We attended worship at:

☐ 9:30am ☐ 11:00am

☐ I am a first time guest

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