



Part 3: Not My Master

INTRODUCTION

Declaring that sin is not our master is an important first step in allowing God to set us free from our sinful patterns and behaviors. God also wants us to understand what sin “sounds like” so that when temptation comes, we can then decide to turn away from sin. The good news is that we can also learn to recognize what it sounds like to be in Christ – tuning our ear to the voice that leads us to freedom.

LET’S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Have you ever been in a situation where someone has asked you to do/not to do something – you were prepared/warned and wanted to meet their expectations – but still fell short? What was the result of that?
2. Currently, how do you identify with how Adam responded to sin?
3. What is it about that sin that leads you to respond like Adam so easily?
4. What might it look like for you personally to respond to sin “in Christ?”

THIS WEEK

When we choose to put our faith and trust in Jesus, we get to respond to sin in a completely different way than Adam. We get to respond to sin with the perspective of us being in Christ. But this requires us not only to declare that sin is not our master, but also to decide to not let sin reign in our lives. This week, practice responding to sin with the perspective of Christ. For example, instead of “It’s just this one time,” say “Whose voice is that?”

“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

Colossians 3: 3-4