

God Never Said That Series

## “It Doesn't Matter What You Do”

*“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.”*

Matthew 7:1-2 (NLT)

### Cultural Misbeliefs about Sin:

#### **I'm not a bad person.**

*If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.*

1 John 1:8 (NLT)

*As the Scriptures say,*

*“No one is righteous - not even one.”*

Romans 3:10 (NLT)

#### **All sin is the same.**

#### **How we live has:**

#### **Consequences on Earth.**

*“Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces. And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets. Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be severely punished.”*

Luke 20:46-47 (NLT)

*“Why don't you talk to me?” Pilate demanded. “Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?”*

*Then Jesus said, “You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above. So the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”*

John 19:10-11 (NLT)

*Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.*

1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT)

#### **How we live has: Eternal Consequences.**

*Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.*

James 1:14-15 (NLT)

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

#### **Since I've already done it, I might as well keep doing it.**

*Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?*

Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)

*The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

### **SO WHAT?**

*This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” - and I am the worst of them all.*

1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)

### **Jesus is a friend of sinners.**

*If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)

## **Growth Group Questions**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Do you suffer from Road Rage? Share some of your driving sins.
2. What other pet peeves might lead you to want to sin against someone else?
3. Re-read Psalm 1 Corinthians 10:13. How have you seen God deliver you (or give you a way out) from a tempting situation?  
  
How can we be consciously looking for the way out when being tempted?
4. Re-read 1 John 1:8-9. When have you had to confess a sin to someone else? How is that the same and/or different when it comes to confessing sin to God?
5. Is there a sin you are allowing to continue in your life?
6. What does God want you to approach differently in order to overcome the sin that has held you hostage?