



## WEEK 4

### Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

God is more DISAPPOINTED for us than IN us.

### SIN:

:: (*ἀμορτία*) *hamartia*  
:: “miss the mark”

### 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

### 2 Kings 11:21–12:3 (NIV)

11:21 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign.

12:1 In the seventh year of Jehu, Joash became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. His mother's name was Zibiah; she was from Beersheba.

2 Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord...

...all the years Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 The high places, however, were not removed; the people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense there.

### 2 Corinthians 4:1-2a

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways...

God sees us for who WE ARE not simply what WE DO.

## **2 Chronicles 24:17-19 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> After the death of Jehoiada, the officials of Judah came and paid homage to the king, and he listened to them. <sup>18</sup> They abandoned the temple of the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and worshiped Asherah poles and idols. Because of their guilt, God's anger came on Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> Although the Lord sent prophets to the people to bring them back to him, and though they testified against them, they would not listen.

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and OVERCOMPLICATE what we don't.

## **Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV)**

### **1 Corinthians 13:11**

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

<sup>27</sup> "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. <sup>28</sup> In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

## **SO WHAT?**

If you're around the truth  
but don't embrace the truth,  
it doesn't MATTER.

### **John 8:31b-32**

<sup>31</sup> ...Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.  
<sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

## **John 3:16-17 (MSG)**

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."

## NOTES:

HOLY > HAPPY

**2 Timothy 1:9 [NLT]**

*⁹ For God saved us and  
called us to live a holy life.  
He did this, not because  
we deserved it, but  
because that was his plan  
from before the beginning  
of time—to show us his  
grace through Christ  
Jesus.*



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## How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

***Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.***

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## For Further Reflection:

- :: How has God been speaking to you through the “Not So Average Joes” series?
- :: Revisit/Review Joash’s journey. [2 Kings 11:1-14:23 & 2 Chronicles 22:11-25:25]
  - :: What made him a “not so average” Joe?
  - :: What do you find most comforting/disconcerting about his life? Why?
  - :: How did God respond to Joash’s choices?
  - :: What is one thing you can learn from his life and apply to yours?
- :: Pastor Shawn said, “We tend to oversimplify what we want and overcomplicate what we don’t.”
  - :: Share a time you’ve seen/experienced that in life. Why did it happen?
  - :: What are some practical implications/liabilities of living this way?
  - :: What are personal practices we can engage to avoid doing this ?
- :: Identify one thing God is asking you to do this week in order to live a “not so average” life in Jesus.
- :: Identify & invite at least one person to pray for you & hold you accountable in it.

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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