

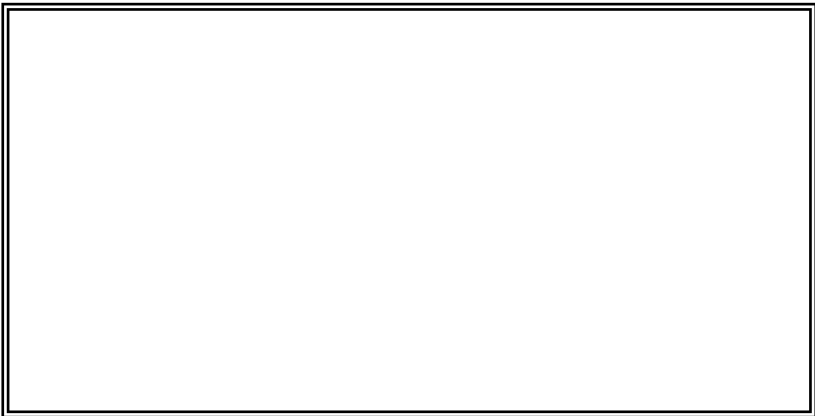
# heritage CHURCH 2020

*We exist to connect people to God, to each other & to their purpose.*

Living a **FILLED** life is not  
the same as living a **FULL** one.

**John 10:10 [NIV]**

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." - Jesus*



**John 8:2-11 [NIV]**

*At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.*

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

*<sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

Doing what's **RIGHT** leads us to what's **NEXT**.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

<sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared.  
“Go now and leave your life of sin.”

God calls us to...

...find holiness in [HIM](#).

...embrace grace with [OTHERS](#).

...live in faithfulness [OURSELVES](#).

**Leviticus 11:44a [NIV]**

*I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy.*

**Romans 8:1 [NIV]**

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

**Ephesians 2:10 [NLT]**

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

## SO WHAT?

What's your [NEXT](#)?



*authentic  
love*



*radical  
generosity*



*hopeful  
partnership*



*intense  
spirituality*



*faithful  
risk*



*passionate  
mission*

**NOTES:**



***"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable  
because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."***

*- C. S. Lewis*



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## How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone, wandered & need to come home.
- 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:

:: Share one goal you have for this New Year. Why? How is it going so far?

:: Reread John 10:10.

:: Discuss what Jesus meant by “life to the full.”

:: Would you describe your life as more “filled” or “full”? Why?

:: What would it take for you to know a greater “fullness” in Him?

:: Read/Review John 8:2-11

:: What do you find most helpful or challenging in this passage?

:: Who do you most relate to in this passage? Why?

:: What do the men’s choices reveal?

:: What do the woman’s choices reveal?

:: What does Jesus’ response teach us?

:: What does this interaction reveal to you about God/yourself?

:: Pastor Shawn highlighted the importance of doing the next right thing.

:: What are some “universal” right things for anyone who follows Jesus?

:: What are some potential next right things for you personally?

:: Identify one “next” God is calling you to do this week.

:: Invite someone you trust to pray for you & encourage you as you do it.

:: Consider offering to do the same for them.

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