



Different Kinds of Stains (6/14/15)

Have you ever had piece of clothing that you absolutely LOVED?! Maybe it is a jersey of your favorite player football player. Or maybe it's a shirt of Anna and Elsa from Frozen that you got when you went to Disney World. Or maybe it's a special shirt that your mom or dad gave you. Well one of my favorites that I have is my Memphis Grizzlies jersey. I always make sure it is clean the day before I know I am going to a game. I love putting it on and heading downtown to go to a Grizzlies game!

Now imagine if you were wearing your favorite shirt one day and you looked down and realized you had spilled something on it. Maybe it was some ketchup from the hot dog you had for lunch. Or some tomato sauce from the piece of pizza you had for dinner. Or a big brown spot from the chocolate syrup you put on your ice cream you had for dessert. You might not even know what it is, but all you know is that your favorite shirt now has a big, ugly stain on it!

Your mom then tries everything she can think of to get it out. She bought lots of different stain removers, but NOTHING will get it out. She even took it to the cleaners and paid to have them try and get it out, but when you get it back, the stain is STILL there!!

Today, we are going to look at a Psalm that talks about a different kind of stain. Read Psalm 51.

We are a lot like that shirt. Our lives become stained and dirty by sin. Some people try a lot of things to clean up their lives. Some think that if they just go to church every week, they will get clean, but eventually they will learn that the stain is still there. Some think if they just do enough good things, they will be clean, but that won't make the stain go away either.

If you get ketchup on your favorite shirt, you might not ever get the stain out. Perhaps it is hopeless, but it is not hopeless to get the stain out of our lives. The blood of Jesus can wash away even the worst stains in our life. The Bible says, "Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." Perhaps you have tried everything you can think of to get the stain or sin out of your life, but you haven't tried asking Jesus to cleanse you of your sin? Jesus is the only think that give remove the stain of sin from our life and give us joy in our lives. So next time you spill something on your shirt and it creates a stain, be reminded of the stain of sin and how only Jesus can remove it!

Discussion Questions:

- What does David ask God to do in verses 1 and 2?
- What is sin?
- Do you have sin in your life that you need to ask God to forgive you for? What are those sins?
- How can we live our lives differently after reading this Psalm?

Look back at Kennon's weekly email and take some time to listen to the songs with your family that we will be singing in worship this Sunday.

Scripture Memory From Harvest Kids for June (ESV Translation)

PK/JK: Matthew 6:33

SK/1st: Matthew 6:31-33

2nd/3rd: Matthew 6:31-33

4th/5th: Matthew 6:31-33

Pray and ask God to take away the stain of sin. Ask him to wash us in the blood of Jesus. Pray that God would wash us so that we can be whiter than snow. Now, thank God for sending his son so that we can be cleansed of our sins!

Sermon Follow-Up Question

What is something that you learned from the sermon that you had never heard before?