



Missing the Mark (8/9/15)

How many of you enjoy playing games? If you are anything like me, you love playing games. One game that I played a lot of growing up was darts. I remember asking for a dart board one Christmas when I was younger. When I opened it up on Christmas morning, I was so excited! My dad helped me hang it on the wall, and I spent all day playing. Have you ever played darts? What are you trying to do in darts? That's right; you are trying to hit the very center of the board every time. That is called the "bull's eye." You get big points if you hit the bull's eye, and normally will win the game if you can hit it. But hitting the bull's eyes is hard. As often as you try to hit it, you usually miss it.

Paul said something like this in Romans when he was talking about the way he acted and talked. Read Romans 7:14-25 to see what Paul had to say.

We learn in this passage that Paul wanted to act, think, and speak right all the time. He wanted to be good all the time. Paul did not want to sin. But he did sin. There were times when he acted badly or had some bad thoughts or spoke rudely to someone. Paul says that he didn't understand why he acted badly sometimes, but he knew that he did. How many of you want to act, think, and speak right all the time? Of course you do. But do you do the things you want to do all the time? Of course not. We all sin just like Paul. We miss the bull's eye over and over again.

There is good news though. Jesus loved us so much that he died for our sins. Thanks be to God that even when we continually miss the bull's eye, we have the promise of God that everything will be all right. I am thankful that God came to take care of our misses.

So the next time you play darts and you can't hit the bull's eye, be reminded that Jesus came to save us when we miss the mark.

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 August (ESV Translation)

PK/JK: John 14:15

SK/1st: John 14:15-17

2nd/3rd: John 14:15-17

4th/5th: John 14:15-17

Pray and ask God to give you the strength to make the right choices. Thank God for dying on the cross for our sins so we can be saved even when we do miss the mark. Praise God for all he is doing in and through you.

Sermon Follow-Up Question

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