

# CONFIDENT

## Walk Boldly in Your Faith Part 3

Statement 2- Humanity continues to **spoil** what God created

*Because of Humanity's internal nature and external influences, we continue to spoil what God originally created for His glory and for our good.*

How quickly God's **INTENDED** design gets spoiled! Genesis 3-7

Genesis 3 Sin impacts **RELATIONSHIPS**, work, and **COSMOS**  
Rom. 8:22

Genesis 4 First **KILLING** in history: Cain and Abel

Genesis 6 Human corruption is **RAMPANT**

Genesis 7 **NOAH** and the Flood

The **SLIPPERY SLOPE** for people, people groups, & humanity

Romans 1

vs. 21-23 Stop **HONORING** God as God

vs. 24-27 Ethics and **MORALITY** go sideways

vs. 28-30 Cease to **ACKNOWLEDGE** God at all (Ex. Hosea 4)

Four indicators that God is at the **CENTER** of Life

Regular **RELATIONAL** engagement with Him

His Word is **CONSULTED** before choices are made

He's the **MOTIVATION** for doing good and refraining from wrong

Our **PASSIONS** align with His passions

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – October 8, 2023

**Romans 1:21-23** "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures."

### DISCOVER

1. Why is there evil in the world? How did the coming of Jesus provide perfect hope with so much evil in the world? In what ways does humanity continue to spoil God's original plan for the world? How does the church continue to provide hope?
2. How can we approach bridging the gap between ourselves and those who have put themselves at the center of their belief system? Does compromise in our beliefs play a role in meeting with those who are anti-Christian? Explain.
3. What part does placing oneself at the center play into distancing the person from God? When we are compromised by hidden sin, then how might that lead to excusing the sin or lifestyles of others? What are some negative small steps toward pushing God from the center?
4. What was the progression in history, taught by Phil, from God at the center to current belief systems? If God is at the center of individuals, society, or nations, how is that manifested in art, literature and beyond? What is wrong with humanity being at the center along with God?

### EXPLORE

1. Read Isaiah 5:20-22. How do you see this scripture being fulfilled today?
2. Read Romans 1:18-32. What are the warning signs and consequences described by Paul? Why might it be really difficult to reverse course when sliding down into humanism?
3. Read Romans 3:23-26. Which of the verses do you hold onto most dearly? Romans 3:23 is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible. Why might it be good to always include verse 24 when reciting verse 23?

### EXPERIENCE

1. What does it mean to have Christ at the center of your life? What are some of the markers that indicate that God is at the center of your life? Answer for someone close to you if that seems less awkward. Now read James 1:27 and Galatians 5:16-22. What overlap do you see in the indicators that you gave?
2. How does the slippery slope apply to individuals? Society? Nations? What brings us back from a slippery slope as individuals, society, or nations?
3. How did you learn humility when you were young? How is this related to keeping God at the center? What are some of the ways we can continue to learn humility as we age? How does keeping the Bible above our opinion or perceptions of the truth impact our understanding of the world? Is it possible to have a child-like approach to God and only believe that which is observable and provable? Explain.
4. What gives you confidence that God can rescue us?

### PRAY

**Pray...** Abba Father, please protect us from those people, temptations and ideas that would compete with You being our centering point. Many of us have learned the hard way that our ways are not higher than Yours. In humility, we seek your Spirit and written word as our only source of truth. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Action...** During your quiet time compare yourself to the attributes listed in Galatians 5:22-23.