

JULY 15

“IF YOU COULD STOP SINNING, YOU WOULDN’T NEED A SAVIOR.”

READ

Psalm 86:1-5 and 15, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Jesus was not angry. The only thing that upset Him was religion getting between people and God. Jesus was compassionate toward those living under the curse of sin. If a church is not compassionate, it is not the Church. If Christians are not empathetic and broken about sin, we are not Christ-like. If you are angry with this world, you are not filled with Jesus. People are born in sin without a choice; it will be compassion that brings them to Jesus. People are weighed down with personal failure. God is good and ready to forgive. We talk about the good news, but all that people hear is how bad they are. A holy God demands a holy life, but if you could stop sinning, you wouldn’t need a Savior. God put our sins on Jesus, so that we may come to righteousness through Him. We are still not what we ought to be. We’ll never get it right, but our salvation is not contingent upon our strength and ability. It is not about our righteousness, but His. We have been reconciled to God through Jesus. That’s hope!

PRAY

You have called me as Your ambassador, an agent of reconciliation. May my love for the lost be evident. May I weep in brokenness for sinners and have compassion for them. Through me, let them see You.

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