

A SERIES ABOUT FAITH starting point

PART 2: Coming to Terms

INTRODUCTION

A word that always comes up in religious conversations is “Sin” and honestly, it’s a word that makes most of us uncomfortable because to say that you’re a sinner feels like you’re saying, “There’s no hope for me. I’m doomed. I’m toast”.

But Jesus talked about sin in connection to relationship. He said, what all of us have experienced, that sin breaks relationships and the only way to restore those broken relationships is to come to terms with the fact that we are sinners.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What kind of reaction does the word “sin” stir in you? What do you associate with it?
2. During the message, Sam said, “*Jesus’ agenda in pointing out our sin was not condemnation but restoration.*”
Is that statement difficult for you to believe?
Why or why not?
3. Read Luke 15:11–32.
What’s most surprising to you about this parable?
How does it challenge the way you view God?
4. Do you resist the idea that you are a sinner?
If so, why?
If not, why not?

MOVING FORWARD

Those who knew Jesus best tell us that *he* is the starting point of faith. He came to bridge the gap created by our sin—not our unintentional mistakes, but our sin. Recognizing our sin paves the way to restoration and redemption.

Jesus isn’t put off by your sin. He’s ready to forgive your sin and restore God’s relationship with you.

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and all are justified freely by his grace through
the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Romans 3:23–24