



Wednesday, October 18, 2023
 "Love Should Bring You Home!"

Last time in The GIFT BOX:

The penalty of sin is immediate and long-term.

Sin is behavior outside of covenant.

We sometimes tend to the penalty of sin immediately and, other times, later.

Genesis 4:3-8; 4:9-16

Scripture Passages:

Genesis 4:16-26

I. God's design for those created in His image has not changed.

- o *Life* | Genesis 2:7; 2:21-22
- o *Eden* | Genesis 2:8-9
- o *Dominion* | Genesis 1:26-28
- o *Responsibility* | Genesis 2:16-17
- o *Companionship* | Genesis 2:18-24
 - Genesis 4:1; 4:2; 4:17; 4:25
 - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - Proverbs 18:24
 - Matthew 18:19-20
 - I Corinthians 7:2

II. God's role in, and faithfulness to, covenant has not changed.

- o *Foundation* | Genesis 17:7
- o *Demonstration* | Exodus 34:10
- o *Alteration* | Jeremiah 31:31-33
- o *Transformation* | Hebrews 8:6
- o *Restoration* | Galatians 3:29

III. Our provision from God has not changed but it has been distorted.

- o John 10:1-10

Intention
 Procreation
 Expression of love
 Intimacy
 Renewal Refreshing

Distortion
 Regret/manipulation
 Drama
 Immediate gratification
 Isolation

IV. Our faithful response to God's faithfulness is to uphold the covenant.

- *Personal choices are prerequisite to powerful outpour.* | Deuteronomy 7:9
- *Obedience leads to outpour.* | Exodus 19:5
- *I am a child of God!* | Psalm 25:10
- *I am not helpless!* | Romans 8:26-28

In preparation for Week 4:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Please read Song of Solomon 4.