

a study in jeremiah **#2 "Sin Sampler Platter"** The Vineyard Church of Conroe Raymond McDonald April 14, 2013

Sermon Outline Notes

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

The Kingdom Life <u>BREAKS DOWN EVERYTHING WE USE TO</u> <u>PROTECT AND PROP UP OUR SELF-IMAGE</u> building our Confidence in Christ

I. Jeremiah 2:1-3

The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: "This is what the LORD says: "I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown. ³ Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them," declares the LORD.

True Confidence is found in Christ who provides...

FULFILLMENT, SECURITY, FREEDOM, IDENTITY & INNOCENCE for our lives.

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust. 2 Peter 1:3–4 MSG

II. Jeremiah 2:4-13

¹³ "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

When we pursue <u>FULFILLMENT</u> outside of Christ, we end up <u>DRY AND EMPTY</u>

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:37-38

III. Jeremiah 2:14-19

¹⁷ Have you not brought this on yourselves by forsaking the LORD your God when he led you in the way? ¹⁸ Now why go to Egypt to drink water from the Nile? And why go to Assyria to drink water from the Euphrates? ¹⁹ Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you.

When we pursue <u>SECURITY</u> outside of Christ, we end up <u>VULNERABLE AND WOUNDED</u>

⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:9–10 NLT

IV. Jeremiah 2:20-25

²⁵ Do not run until your feet are bare and your throat is dry. But you said, 'It's no use! I love foreign gods, and I must go after them.'

When we pursue <u>FREEDOM</u> outside of Christ, we end up in <u>SLAVERY AND ADDICTION</u>

But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:22 NLT

V. Jeremiah 2:26-32

²⁷ They say to wood, 'You are my father,' and to stone, 'You gave me birth.' They have turned their backs to me and not their faces; yet when they are in trouble, they say, 'Come and save us!'

When we pursue <u>IDENTITY</u> outside of Christ, we end up in INSIGNIFICANCE AND MEANINGLESSNESS

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6 NLT

VI. Jeremiah 2:33-37

³⁵ you say, 'I am innocent; he is not angry with me.' But I will pass judgment on you because you say, 'I have not sinned.'

When we assert our <u>INNOCENCE</u> outside of Christ, we end up under <u>GOD'S JUDGEMENT IN GUILT AND SHAME</u>

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:8–10 NLT