

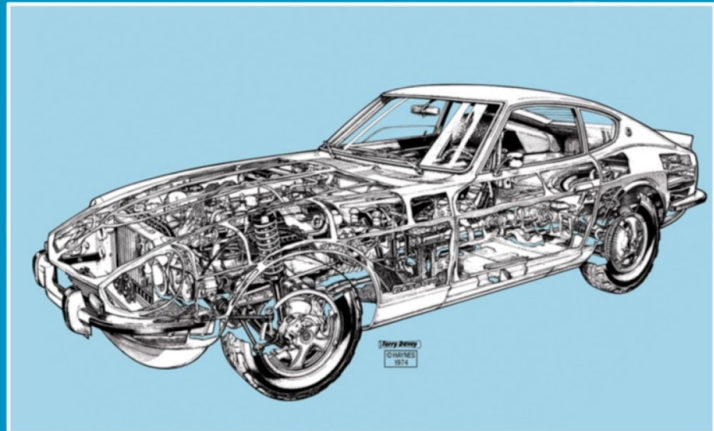
THE WAY IT WORKS

10C, 26V & 20EX



Ultimate Life Guide/Manual

20:02 thru 20:17 Commandments
1 - 10, no other, no idols, not in vain, 6-day & 1, honor, not kill,
loyal, not steal, not lie, not covet



The Way It Works — Good News

Sermon Discussion Questions – November 12, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Romans 3:19–20 (NLT) ¹⁹ Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Matthew 22:37–40 (NIV84) ³⁷ Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT) ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Isaiah 29:13 (NLT) ¹³ And so the Lord says, “These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.

Hosea 6:6 (NLT) ⁶ I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.

John 10:10 (NIV84) ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Romans 3:21- 24 (NLT) But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

John 1:12 (NLT) ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Warm Up:

Discussion:

1. What has been your favorite thing you have learned during this series?
2. Throughout the series, Pastor Tom has given us this statement: *The law of God shows me I'm a sinner, and sends me to Jesus for salvation. Jesus returns me to the law, to show me the way life works.*
Now that we have gone through all of the commandments, how has this statement changed for you?
3. Pastor Tom made this point:
*The objective of the Ten Commandments, then, is to show us that
We must be saved
We cannot save ourselves*
What does this statement mean to you? How does this statement ring true in your life?
4. Read Romans 3:21-24
Why is this good news for all of us? What does this passage show us about God? What does it show us about people?
5. Pastor Tom used a passage from Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe.
"A howl and gibber of dismay went up from the creatures when they first saw the great Lion pacing towards them, and for a moment even the Witch herself seemed to be struck with fear. Then she recovered herself and gave a wild, fierce laugh. "The fool" she cried. "The fool has come. Bind his fast."
Lucy and Susan held their breaths waiting for Aslan's roar and his spring upon his enemies. But it never came. Four Hags, grinning and leering, yet also hanging back and half afraid of what they had to do, had approached him. "Bind him, I say!" repeated the White Witch. The Hags made a dart at him and shrieked with triumph when they found that he made no resistance at all.

Then others—evil dwarfs and apes—rushed in to help them, and between them they rolled the huge Lion round on his back and tied all his four paws together, shouting and cheering as if they had done something brave, though, had the Lion chosen, one of those paws could have been the death of them all. But he made no noise, even when the enemies, straining and tugging, pulled the cords so tight that they cut into his flesh. Then they began to drag him towards the Stone Table . . .

He was so huge that even when they got him there, it took all their effort to hoist him onto the surface of it. Then there was more tying and tightening of cords . . .

When once Aslan had been tied (and tied so that he was really a mass of cords) on the flat stone, a hush fell on the crowd. . . The Witch bared her arms . . . then she began to whet her knife. It looked to the children, when the gleam of the torchlight fell on it, as if the knife were made of stone not steel and it was of a strange and evil shape . . .

...there shining in the sunrise, larger than they had seen him before, shaking his mane (for it had apparently grown again) stood Aslan himself."

When looking at the parallels of this story and the story of Jesus, how does this help show the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus? How does this impact the way you see the crucifixion and resurrection?

6. Read John 1:12. What does it mean to be accepted by God? What does it mean to become a child of God? What does being a child of God look like to you?

Next Steps:

Pastor Tom ended the series with this:

Believe + Accept= Become

- *Believe that He is the way, the truth, and the light—the way He said He was.*
- *Believe that He was born and lived and He died, that He rose from the grave and He's coming back again.*
- *Believe that Jesus Christ is the substitution for your sin.*

Accept that grace into your life. Say, "Jesus Christ, I accept Your grace. I accept Your unfailing love. I accept the fact that You want to wash away my sins and forgive me for all my sins, all my screw-ups, and all my moral failures. I want that grace applied to my life and I want You to lead my life." And then we become children of God.

Believe + Accept= Become a child a God.

Have you accepted this grace into your life? If not, what is stopping you? If you have accepted that grace, how has that changed you? What next steps is Jesus calling you to?