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Sermon – Tangled Up Mess

Scripture – Deu 11:26-28 & 5:9, Galatians 3:13

Main Message – God can untangle anything, if you follow His instructions.

If you throw a bunch of ropes onto the ground or into a bin without first coiling them properly what happens? Or a bunch of extension cables into a bin for storage. Anything rope-like will become a woefully tangled mess just by sitting there. It's kind of magical. Most people have spent some amount of time untangling things like this. Sailors know that your lines can't be just laying about next to one another. They take great care to prevent issues. It takes training, skill, awareness and planning to keep issues to a minimum. It can become downright dangerous not to take great care.

Such as it is when we progress through life. Some people seem to just be overloaded with problems whether they made some of them or not. They literally are living a tangled up mess that is so out of control, unraveling it doesn't even seem feasible. I've seen folks who have brought some form of disaster upon themselves, and you can't even warn them. I'm not talking about those people today. Their issues are obvious, except to themselves. On the other hand, some people are diligent about doing things the right way, and still stuff keeps hitting them. Now most everyone at one time or another asks the question, "Why is this happening to me?" What did I do to deserve this, or that? Well, my friends, you must consider that you may indeed be cursed. We are all somewhat cursed because we fall under the curse established in all human beings by the disobedience in the Garden of Eden. At some level we are all a tangled up mess.

Curses come in many shapes and sizes. Curses occur in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. 101 times in the KJV. This is a sermon, but I must say, studying curses might be a good topical Bible Study. God himself warns us of a curse. It is a choice sometimes. **Read Deu 11:26-28.** So, we get that, but what happens if you're indeed trying to follow God's laws, but still can't get there. **Read Deu 5:9.** Sadly, sin is pervasive. It seeps into our lives from outside sources continually. You may be caught up in a generational curse. It is hard, but not impossible to escape a curse that may have come from your predecessors because you don't even know them. You are the one to break it.

Curses can be poor health passed down by family line, also known by science as genetics. Well, break it in the name of Jesus. You may be cursed because a family member once entertained Spirits not of God, also known as demons. Sound farfetched? I hope not because the Spiritual world is filled with both good and evil. An individual's problems today that seem to never get resolved seems like a curse to me. So how do you break this terrible cycle?

Read Galatians 3:13 - Even Jesus, who was perfect, became the curse for us. Maybe you believe in Jesus. But have you given him the curse that is plaguing you.

You have problems, but they wouldn't come to you without cause. Proverbs 26:2

Next week we will talk more about curses. It is too big a subject to get done in one week. This week I wanted you to really see that living in a sinful world, even if you're trying to follow Jesus is still filled with minefields. We are cursed and because of sin we ultimately die in the flesh. But instead of losing heart with regard to that, be filled with the Grace of God because of what Jesus has done so that we can live an eternal life as a spiritual being not plagued by the needs of the flesh which is our undoing.

Be Free from an generational curse that you may have unwittingly inherited, participate in, or keep alive because of our own understandable ignorance.

Let Jesus be the curse for you.