

Hardcore Christianity - Part 2

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Jose Muniz emphasizes the necessity of a repentant heart, discipline, and character for living a hardcore Christian life.

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Scripture: Proverbs 25:28, Isaiah 41:10, 2 Corinthians 7:10, 1 John 2:6

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of realizing that Jesus is always with us, urging believers to have a repentant heart, discipline in their spiritual walk, and a godly character that reflects Christ. It highlights the need for immediate repentance when sin occurs and the significance of maintaining discipline in prayer and Bible study. The message stresses the importance of character, integrity, and hard work as essential aspects of living a life dedicated to Christ.

Transcript

But see, some people don't realize that Jesus is with them, and they're like, man, God, they need to check her out. And you're just saying that in your mind, and Jesus is like, really? Really? Is that what you think? So, think about that. From now on, Jesus is with me.

Oh man, he's with me. He's with me. He's with me.

You have to remember that. Now, these are some really key things to be in heart and core for Christ. Here's another one.

The word R, the letter R for repentance. 2 Corinthians 7.10 says, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of. But the sorrow of the world works then.

We have to be walking around with a repentant heart. If you sin, we have an advocate. It's not the end of the world.

But it says, and if you sin, it actually works that way. So God's expecting you not to sin. Amen.

And if you sin, hey, we have an advocate. Don't worry, it's not the end of the world. You didn't lose your salvation here.

You blew it over here. But he's expecting you to repent of it right there. Forgive me, Lord.

I'm so sorry. I'm not doing that. Please give me the strength.

But when you flip into the TV and you see some, you know it's some, you know, everything, they use all this sexual stuff to sell everything nowadays. And you just, instead of flipping the channel, you just let it stay there. You're like lusting after it.

And nobody's around, so who cares? Hey, Jesus is around. Amen. But you don't repent of it.

You just let it slide. So the next time, in the beginning, you kind of change the channel and then you kind of get desensitized. And then the repentus just fades away.

And now, now it's full blown. Now you're imagining things and you're just all jacked up in your head. And nobody knows about it because it's just you.

But you don't know that God knows that. In a way you do, but you really don't care because, you know, you're not repentant. You're not broken.

You're not contrived. You just, sin doesn't bother you. But to be hardcore, you have to have a repentant heart.

So, man, if you fail, if you sin, man, right on the spot, and it bothers you that you sin. You know, you just hate it that, man, how in the world did I do that? You know, it really offends you. It takes you off.

You want to kick stuff around. You know, that's the kind of attitude that we should have about sin. But now people sin and, you know, nobody cares, you know.

Now the next letter is D. Discipline. Now that I'm born again, now I'm disciplining myself to the things of God. The Word.

Prayer time. Get up in the morning, man, get on your knees. What a way to wake up.

Today, you know, what I prayed, the first thing that I prayed for today was, uh, I prayed for CJ. The first thing that came to my mind. And I prayed for Skylar.

Savannah. Jonah. First thing that came to my mind.

First thing that came to my mind. So, uh, see the discipline things have changed. Now, when you think about your spiritual walk, what kind of discipline do you have? Does your Bible even move during the week? Or does it just stay there shut all week long? And then you bring it to Bible study.

And sometimes you get to then bring it to Bible study. You just sit down on it. Discipline.

Where's the discipline? So, to be hardcore for Christ, there's going to be some discipline required. Discipline. It says in Proverbs 25, 28, it says, He that has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broke down and without walls.

The word rule means control. You have no control over what's going on. You're just kind of floating along.

Discipline. Now, let's move over to the C. Character. 1 John 2, 6 says, He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as Jesus walked.

So we're supposed to be like an example of Christ. Now, character, it's pretty intense. We're supposed to walk like Jesus.

But you know what? Do you look like Jesus? Your lifestyle, the things you do, the choices you make. Or do you just look like the world and act like the world and talk like the world? You know, what's the difference between me and the undone? I mean, it says we're supposed to walk like Jesus and be like Jesus. So, you know, what's the difference between me and my lifestyle and my choices and everybody else? So, think about yourself.

What's the difference? You know, character. I mean, your job. I had a guy that he wanted me to meet with him and counsel him.

And I was supposed to meet him at 1.30. And I was going to meet him at 1.30 because he told me to be there at 1.30. So I told my wife, you know, we're going to meet over here at this Taco Bell or Taco Bueno. And so I'm there waiting for him. I got there at 1.15. So I open my Bible and I'm looking over some scriptures and thinking about what I'm going to tell him and how I'm going to encourage him.

And, well, it's 1.31. This guy's late. I mean, this guy lied to me. That's what I'm thinking.

Why? He said 1.30. Now it's 1.31. Then it's 1.35. And then it's 1.40. And then it's 1.45. And I call Amy. Hey, come pick me up. You're done already? No, the guy hadn't shown up yet.

So Amy picks me up. She had just gone across the street to a store. When she picks me up, it's 1.48. 1.48. So we were supposed to meet at 1.30. Now it's 1.48. And I'm gone.

At 1.51, my phone rings. Hey man, are you coming? I said, what do you mean am I coming? I left at 1.48. It's 1.51. What time did you tell me we were going to meet? 1.30. Okay. Okay.

Well, we're going to have to just make another, you know, schedule another appointment then because you lied to me. And the guy's like, well man, you know, no man, you're just getting it all. I said, no man, we said 1.30. Now, think about going to work.

And you're there at, you start at 8 o'clock and you show up at 8.05. We know what you're late. 8.01, you're late. You know, we're Christians, man.

We're supposed to be on time all the time. And if your car hits a flat, well, you call. Hey, sure, it's okay, you got a flat tire.

But, as a Christian, we should have character. Our word is like gold. If we say we're going to do something, we do it.

Yes. But, you know, now, I mean, in the church system, in the church world, man, if the church starts at 6 or 7 or 9, man, you got people trickling in, you know, just whenever they want to. You know, and I was like, wow.

Well, didn't we say 9? Now, there are some exceptions. You know, it's not like, oh man, you know. But, you know, we should make it a habit to where it's rare.

Yes. You know, when we give a word, and I'll meet you there at 7. Man, we're there at 7. And I'm expecting, man, I'm going to be there because I said I was going to be there. Well, that's just a part of being a Christian.

You keep your word, and then people start trusting you. Like, man, this guy, man, if he says something, man, he's going to do it. Why? Because you represent Christ.

And when Christ says something that he's going to do, he does it. So we're to, it says, and he that says that he abides in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walks. So, man, our word is on your own time.

Man, you work harder than anybody at work. Well, man, how do you think I got to be supervisor at Michelin? Man, I showed up 15 minutes before anybody was there. The only person that was there was my boss.

And I drank coffee with him, and I talked to him about Christ, talked to him about God. His name was Jimmy Dean. It's not the sausage man.

But he was Jimmy Dean, you know, and he was a really hardworking man. And he's about to retire. And there was a guy in front of me.

I had just started, man. I'd been there about a year and a half. There was a guy that had been there eight years.

So he's, and he's lazy. And I'm thinking, dude, you're going to be the boss? So, man, I'm going in there. I'm working overtime.

Man, I'm doing everything. Well, Jimmy Dean has a meeting with the soup head guy from, you know, that runs North America Michelin. And he says, no, I think you should put this guy in charge.

And guess what? They put me in charge. And then they shipped that other guy to Louisiana. And he was today.

So guess what happens now that I'm the boss? Man, I got kicked out of school my freshman year. And I'm the supervisor, you know, my hair back, you know, my sunglasses on. I'm sitting at the office, and people are coming into the office.

I need to talk to the manager. And I come out. Hey, how can I help you? And some of the looks that I got, like, dude, you're the manager? And, yeah, man, we fix him up.

We fix his tires or whatever he needed. But it's part of character. You work hard.

You go after it. You're a hard worker. You're a godly example.

And there'd be guys that they finish with their job, and, man, they just sit around. I'm like, well, dude, go help that other guy. Well, man, I already did.

I said, dude, you're on the clock. We're still paying you, so go help that other guy. I helped you.

That's the reason you're caught up. You know, but now, you know, just slacking off and stuff. I'm like, dude, so hard work pays off.

And, well, man, I've read my Bible, you know, four times this year. Guess what? It'll pay off. Amen.

Well, I've read a couple of chapters this year. Guess what's going to happen? It's like me trying to get all buff with 15-minute workouts. It ain't going to happen.

And see, a lot of Christians are expecting, well, man, I want to be bold like you. I want to be, you know, have you ever had a conversation, and you're talking about this other Christian, and you're saying, man, that guy's on fire. You know, have you ever had that conversation where you see somebody that really stood out? Well, if they're on fire, what does that say about you? Are you not on fire? Amen.

So, man, but he's hardcore. Well, what about you? See, God wants us all to be hardcore. Amen.

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