

# Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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All through the Bible, people brought messes to Jesus just like we do to our Mom's.

My Messes – as told by our beloved Pastor...

Leaving the back gate open and 20 cows that had been grazing on wheat came into the back yard for the night and turned a green lawn to a very smelly brown.

Liquid soap in the dishwasher – filled the whole kitchen with suds two feet high!

Filling the garage with water so they could slide out bikes!

Messes ALWAYS led to a meeting with Mom.

The same is true of God.

The most popular verse in the Bible...

***John 3:16 So God so loved the world*** (loving the world means loving the messed up people in it) ***that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.***

The verse nobody knows...

***17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.***

Bible illustrations of messes brought to Jesus ...

Woman caught in adultery. Jesus is in the temple courtyard teaching and a woman is dragged in to Jesus. He says to the woman, look at me, I do not condemn you. Leave your life of sin.

Zacchaeus – one day Jesus was walking along and saw a guy in a tree, a tax collector who had made a mess of his life by selling out to the enemy and overcharging people, stealing...Jesus went to his house.

Woman at the Well – in the heat of the day at one of the hottest places on earth, a lady had to get water at this time to avoid seeing people, and she had been married 5 times and was living with someone now who she was not married to...

You can't pray yourself out a mess you behaved your way into.

The woman caught in adultery – tradition says it is Mary Magdalene (not sure) with way, it seems she went out and sinned no more and followed Jesus out of her mess.

Zacchaeus – His life changed so drastically that he paid back all the money he had stolen with interest.

Woman at the well – left her most vital possession in life (her water jug) and went and told the elders in town she met a man, who told her all her sins, and did not condemn her, and she thinks it is the one sent from God.

It is the messes of life that arranged a meeting with God

Life Mom cleaned up the messes of your life, God wants to clean up the messes of your life. Like all the examples above, the messes get cleaned up by following Jesus.

Following Jesus requires:

Bringing God what you have (feeding the 5,000)

Jesus says to all "bring me what you have"

***Matthew 14: 16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. 18 "Bring them here to me, " he said***

Our excuses ...I don't have time (then bring me what time you have) I don't know much (bring me what you do know)

Doing what you know to Do.

***Matthew 7:24-29 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who builds his house on the rock." If you hear these things and do them ...Jesus did not want the people to think just hearing him would make their life better.***

You can't just hear it you have to do it.

Illus: We think attendance will make a difference

Being a consistent attender has almost no value – (you know this that is why some of you quit going to church at some point)

Obedience makes the difference – when someone explains or shows you what to do it makes all the difference – not to get God’s favor just to see Him work ... Obedience is an act of faith – trust.

***1Peter 5:6 6 Humble yourselves*** (aka. Obey Him there is a close relationship between humility and obedience. We shift our focus from the things I want to be or want to do, to God, saying I trust you God.

Ex of Jesus ***Phil 2:8 “And being found in appearance as a man, be humbled himself, by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.***

Ex of disobedience causing stress ...

If we live our lives completely inside God’s boundaries for life, we would cut out more than half of our stress or said the other way, to live outside the boundaries of God adds unnecessary stress.

If a man refuses to love his wife the way God tells us to there will be stress in the marriage. If a woman refuses to show her husband the respect God calls them to, there will be stress in the marriage. If children don’t obey their parents, there will be stress in the family.

If we don’t follow God’s rules for finances (give, save, live), we will have stress financially.

You’re not getting where you want to go in business, so you start cutting corners and taking shortcuts that may be illegal.

You lower your standards for who and what you do with who you date because the desire for a relationship is stronger than the desire to obey God.

***Therefore, under God’s might hand***

***That he may lift you up*** (what you want is what he wants, God is as interested in you maximizing your potential as you are.)

God wants you to be free of the weight you are carrying around, and that starts with humility

***In due time*** This is the part we don’t like, we want a fix NOW (when God is ready he will lift you up past the things that keep you down if you humble yourself, there is a right and a wrong time for these desires to go away.

We buy houses, cars, get married, move, quit jobs, take jobs without focusing on obeying God first. He wants you to have those things, *in due time*.

God wants to use it to grow you into what he wants you to be, it's up to God WHEN that happens.

#### APPLICATION

1. What do you need to bring to God today?
2. What do you need to start Doing?