The Unfaithfulness of God’s People
Malachi 2:10-16

#1 Remember Who You Are

Exodus 19:5 states, “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant / promise, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.”

Your Identity in Christ
You are God’s child (John 1:12)
You are justified or declared Righteous (Romans 5:1)
You were bought at a price, you belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
You are a saint (Ephesians 1:1)
You are complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10)
You are the salt and light of the earth (Matthew 5:13-14)
You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
You are a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
You are God’s co-worker (2 Corinthians 6:1)

#2 Mirror vs. Window Mentality

Israel has forgotten who they are and are making choices that go against their true identity. They married women who worshiped foreign god’s and have broken faith with the wives of their youth, the wife of their marriage covenant.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loves the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery— but I am talking about Christ and the church. However each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” Ephesians 5:25-33

Your Identity in Christ
You are God’s child in your home (John 1:12)
You are justified or declared Righteous in your home (Romans 5:1)
You were bought at a price, you belong to God in your home (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
You are a saint in your home (Ephesians 1:1)
You are complete in Christ in your home (Colossians 2:10)
You are the salt and light of your home (Matthew 5:13-14)
You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit in your home (John 15:16)
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#3 Ripple effects of Unfaithfulness

-God no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.
-If affects your children
-A man covers himself with violence.
As we close today:
- Remember who you are and live up to it.
- Stop looking in the mirror and start allowing God to work through you
- Our choices have ripple effects...choose faithfulness.

- Take advantage of Resources:
  - Talk to Pastor Ric or Pastor Jason
  - Seek out Christian Counselors
  - Online resources... www.marriagebuilders.com ; www.focusonthefamily.com
  - Visit the church library for book resources under Christian Living
  - Take ownership and seek forgiveness and/or forgive
  - Don’t give up!!