**Clean Up Your Own Mess**

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**REVIEW:**

1) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is what we all have in common.

2) Before we get to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we need to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3) God loves us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but he loves us too much to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that way.

4) When you see a mess, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5) Often the first thing that comes to mind when we make a mess just makes it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*"You don't clean up a failure of* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *with another failure of* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*."*

**Matthew 5:23-24** “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

We can’t be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

**Luke 19:1-10** Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**HOW TO CLEAN UP OUR OWN MESS**

1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3 Admissions of an Effective Apology**

1) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that was done (specifically)

2) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it had

3) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that you feel

3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your way out of a problem you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your way into!

“Like a button on a shirt buttoned wrong, every attempt to correct things led to yet another fine — not to say elegant — mess.”

— Haruki Murakami, *Dance Dance Dance*

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

— Step 8 of Alcoholics Anonymous

“People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.”

— Proverbs 28:13

“An exceptional future can only be built on the transformation of the mess I’ve made, not the elimination of it.”

— Craig D. Lounsbrough