

February 19th, Making it Stick
Part 3 in the series 'You Turn'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Finish this saying: You don't have to stay in _____.

Have you ever tried to make a U-turn, only to end up making an O-turn?

Read Romans 7:19-25

"I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord."

What is moral licensing?

Can you think of some real-life examples of moral licensing?

Read Matthew 7:24-27

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

"What kind of house do I want to live in?" How will this question help us avoid moral licensing?

How does Jesus' definition of a successful life differ from what culture considers a successful life?

Why does the Bible have so many rules?

What are the two greatest commandments? What is their purpose?

God promises that those who do not give up in doing good will receive a harvest. What do you think that harvest might be?