I am Responsible For My Actions

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INTRODUCTION

- In the hands of a master, it could play the most beautiful music in the world, but in my hands, it is useless.
- Our lives in the hands of the master can be beautiful music. But if it's left in our hands, without any discipline, without any accountability, without any effort, without any practice, without any commitment, our lives are useless.

1 God's Rules Do Not Limit Us

Psalm 119:30; Psalm 119:43; Psalm 19:9

- His rules do not limit us. In other words, his rules establish boundaries so we can truly reach our full potential.
- Great is your mercy, O Lord. Give me life according to your rules.
- God's rules, God's boundaries, God's limits, God's directions do not hinder us as much as they aid us and protect us and guide us.

2 A Rule of Personal Accountability

Ezekiel 18:1–2

- I want to look at one rule this morning, and it comes to us from Ezekiel chapter 18, and it is a rule of personal accountability.
- They were blaming all of their problems on the generation that preceded them.
- The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth have been set on edge.
- The proverb simply meant our fathers have committed these sins. Our fathers have done these things, and we're stuck with the consequences.

3 All Souls Are Mine

Ezekiel 18:3–4; Ezekiel 18:20; Exodus 20:5–6

- Behold, all souls are mine, the soul of the Father, as well as the soul of the Son is mine, the soul who sins shall die.
- God's simply telling us that he's in control. He is sovereign.
- What God is saying is judgment is going to be from an individual basis. You are not going to be judged as a family.
- God is certainly not saying that if a child does righteousness, that child's going to suffer the same condemnation as the father.

4 I Am a Merciful Judge

Ezekiel 18:21–23

- Just because your dad was an alcoholic or your dad was lazy or your dad was a bum, or your dad wasn't providing, doesn't mean that you have to be that way.
- If a wicked man turns from all of his sins that he's committed and keeps all of my statutes and does what is lawful and right, he will surely live, he shall not die.
- God, out of his abundant mercy, is longing and yearning to forgive us if we will turn to him, if we will change.
- As God, I remember sins no more.

5 I Still Must Judge Because Justice Demands It

Ezekiel 18:30–32

- I still must judge. Because justice demands it.
- Repent and turn from all your transgressions, so that your iniquity will not be your ruin.
- Get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?
- Every single one of us is going to be judged one day.

6 We Have Choices

Ezekiel 18:10–13

- The reason I can't play that guitar is because I chose not to play it.
- When it comes to our spiritual life, the reason we don't know more about the Bible, the reason we're not involved more with the church, the reason we're not evangelizing our neighbor, it's a choice.
- In verses 10 to 13, we're told that we choose evil.
- They're still committing these same heinous crimes. And for some reason they're blaming it on everybody else.

MY NOTES