

## **TITLE SLIDE:**

# **The Pursuit of God**

## **The Son's Pursuit**

## **SLIDE 1:**

### **The Blindness Of Sin**

**2 Sam 12:1-9** The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity. "Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

## **SLIDE 2:**

### **Spiritual Band-Aid**

**Heb 10:1-2** The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly YEAR AFTER YEAR, make perfect those who draw near to worship. If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.

### **SLIDE 3:**

## **THE CURE**

**Heb 9:25-26** Nor did He enter heaven to offer Himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages **TO DO AWAY WITH SIN** by the sacrifice of Himself.

### **SLIDE 4:**

## **There's A Cure For Sin!**

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

### **SLIDE 5:**

## **JESUS: Creator Of The Universe**

**Phil 2:6-8**

- 1. Who, being in very nature God**
- 2. Did not consider equality with God something to be grasped**
- 3. But made Himself nothing**
- 4. Taking the very nature of a servant**
- 5. Being made in human likeness**
- 6. And being found in appearance as a man**
- 7. He humbled Himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross**

### **SLIDE 6:**

## **JESUS: The Good Things To Come**

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### **SLIDE 7:**

## **Salvation vs. Sanctification**

**Mat 5:48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**2 Cor 5:21** God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **SLIDE 8:**

### **Comparing The Difference**

**Eph 2:4-5** But because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

**Blessings**: God giving people good things because they were obedient and now **DESERVE** blessings = Old Testament

**Grace**: God giving us a gift that we didn't do anything to **DESERVE** = New Testament

**Curses**: God giving people punishment because they were disobedient and now **DESERVE** the punishment = Old Testament

**Mercy**: God not giving us punishment for something we **DESERVE** = New Testament

## **SLIDE 9:**

### **Faith Vs. Human Effort**

**Rom 4:3-5** What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

## **SLIDE 10:**

### **God Gives Power To Weak People**

**2 Cor 12:9** But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, **SO THAT** Christ's power may rest on me.