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FUGE 2019 - SERMON NOTES FROM TRAVIS AGNEW - LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

1PM - DESIGN - GOD'S DESIGN FOR YOUR LIFE [MATTHEW 22:15-22]

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- Matthew 22:15-22
- Counterfeit Images [Matt. 22:15-17]
- The religious Pharisees and the political Herodians couldn't stand each other but hated Jesus more.
- We live in a time when religious and cultural forces are hostile towards the work of Christ.
- Original Design [Matt. 22:18-22]
- Any item belongs to the one by whose image it has been stamped.
- Your money is stamped with the image of the government, but your life has been stamped with the image of God.
- Your stuff might belong to another, but your life belongs to God.
- A creation never works accurately unless it works according to the design of its Creator.
- You cannot follow Jesus by identifying with a defiant culture or a watered-down faith.
- Sin disfigures God's image on us, but Christ came to give us a makeover.

2AM - BROKEN - **WHY DO YOU CALL ME LORD? [LUKE 6:46-49]**

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- All of us go through storms, but only some of us make it through them.
- Engaging biblical information requires study, but experiencing biblical transformation requires practice.
- Some of the most tragic lives are those who know the Word but fail to apply it.
- Our lives crumble when we fail to apply the truth from His Word.
- Most of the brokenness in our lives comes from our sin or someone else's sin.

2PM - BROKEN - **THE MOST BROKEN PART OF YOU [MARK 2:1-12]**

Living in light of the letdowns of this world, we desperately want Jesus to fix the broken parts of our lives. While we focus on specific areas we want Jesus to address, He is fully aware of the source of our greatest brokenness.

- More than you need God to work in your situation, you need Him to work for your salvation.
- The most broken part of you is your sin.
- We all need the kind of friendships that will get us to Jesus by any means necessary.
- Not only do we need the kind of friends who bring us to Jesus, we need to be the kind of friend who brings others to Jesus.
- We need the closest people to us to possess the right type of faith and the right amount of willingness.
- Our greatest need is not the one that is always the most glaringly obvious.
- We need forgiveness for our sins more than relief from our circumstances.
- Jesus is able to go beyond what we ask in order to provide for us what we need.
- Jesus never indicated that this interruption to His sermon was ever outside of His plan.
- The reaction of the crowd and the response of Jesus clarified the speculation - Jesus claimed to be God.
- Jesus validated His authority to forgive by proving His ability to heal.
- While others' sins may complicate your current circumstances, your own sin has broken your eternal standing.
- You need Jesus to forgive you more than you need Him to fix you.

3AM- TURN - WHO DO YOU THINK JESUS IS? [MATTHEW 16:13-23]

While everyone has an opinion of Jesus, we need God's truth more than we need our opinions. Instead of trying to edit the God of the Bible, we must learn to embrace the God of the Bible.

- Our culture worships the Wiki God. We want ever so desperately to serve a deity whom we have the freedom and capability to edit.
- The theological slogan for our culture is: "I just don't think God is like that."
- It doesn't matter what you or I think about God. It matters what God thinks about God.
- God doesn't accommodate personal opinions if they are incorrect.
- God made Peter in his image, and now Peter wanted to repay the favor.
- Stop trying to change Jesus and learn how to embrace Jesus.
- Plenty of people want you to follow their version of Jesus. Which way will you turn?
- I don't want your version of Jesus. You don't need my version of Jesus. We just desperately need Jesus.

3PM - TURN - **THE TURN THAT WILL DECIDE YOUR LIFE [JOHN 3:1-18]**

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- John 3
- You can't follow Jesus discreetly for too long.
- The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23), and dead people can't do spiritual things (Eph. 2:1-3).
- All sinners are spiritually dead, and our only hope is if Jesus causes us to be born again.
- Demons have superior theology to us (James 2:19), and yet they are still destined to hell (Matt. 25:41).
- Salvation requires more than a mere mental acceptance of Jesus' work.
- You cannot understand John 3:16 without wrestling with John 3:14-15. You cannot understand John 3:14-15 without studying Numbers 21:4-9.
- The bronze serpent provided life, but the perfect Savior provides eternal life.
- The symbol of our punishment became the instrument of our salvation.
- Saving belief is not passively accepting the Bible as fact, but desperately running to Jesus as Savior.

- God's love for you is not contingent upon your performance for Him.
- Jesus died for us while we were still sinners, not after we were sinners.
- Sin has struck us with a fatal blow – which way will you turn?

4AM - RESTORE - WHY WAS THIS WASTED? [MARK 14:1:1-11]

Jesus is restoring His Creation, and He has invited us to be a part. Any offering given for Jesus should ever be counted as wasteful.

- Too many believers are giving their best away to lesser pursuits.
- You will never give Jesus an adequate response if you are worried about the approval of the crowd.
- You never regret giving something of value for something you value more.
- The truest offerings are those that can never be taken back.
- Many people criticize others' offerings in an attempt to distract you from their own stinginess.
- Halfway efforts never make worldwide impacts.
- I can either play the leading role in my earthly kingdom or a supporting role in God's heavenly Kingdom.
- Our response when Jesus differs from our expectations reveals the motive of our commitment.
- There are two types of followers of Jesus: those who want Jesus and those who want what Jesus can give.
- God is moving in His plan to restore a broken world. Will you be involved in it?

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – **SPIRITUAL AMNESIA [MATTHEW 15:32-39]**

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- Spiritual amnesia is a dangerous condition of fearing the present situation by forgetting the past deliverance.
- Never let the problems of your life dilute your perception of Jesus.

	14:13-21	15:32-39
People	5,000	4,000
Loaves	5	7
Fish	2	A Few
Messiah	1	1
Baskets	12 small	7 large

- They had previously seen God do more with fewer resources, and, confronted by a new set of obstacles, they were faithless in Jesus' ability to handle the situation.
- If we allow anxiety to paralyze us, we view our problems as too big and our God as too small.
- What in Jesus' past makes you think that He is unable to handle your future?
- How severe is your spiritual amnesia right now?
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 - Matt. 19:26 - With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.
 - Luke 1:37 - For nothing will be impossible with God.

4PM - RESTORE - GOD'S GRAND PLAN TO RESTORE [LUKE 24:13-35]

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 - We often ask God to give hope when He is the source of our hope.
 - The Bible is not a collection of disconnected, moralistic stories.
 - The Bible is the one overarching narrative of how the cross of Christ will rescue a fallen people.
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- God created the heavens and the earth
 - Mankind rebelled trying to prove their worth
 - Sin escalated to the shedding of blood
 - God's wrath displayed in the form of a flood
 - Yet one was blessed to be a blessing
 - A nation promised, a Messiah coming
 - A people rescued out from slavery
 - The Law given to show their inability
 - Finally settled into the Promised Land
 - Yet the cycle of sin punished again and again
 - A kingdom established, kings took up the crown
 - Yet the greatest of men still let the people down
 - A nation divided while prophets warned in the streets
 - Until godless enemies came and administered defeats
 - A people in exile suffering with their guilt
 - A remnant returns, a city rebuilt
 - The people feared if they'd been left on their own
 - 400 silent years before the answer was known

- Glory to God and peace upon the earth
- A Savior was given, a virgin gave birth
- God in the flesh lived free from sin
- Jesus conveyed grace and truth from within
- Recognized as teaching with authority
- Despised and rejected by the Pharisees
- Christ crucified on the hill of Calvary
- Exchanged righteousness for our depravity
- Yet on the third day, the Savior would rise
- Commissioned the disciples in his ascent to the sky
- The Holy Spirit empowered, the gospel unashamed
- The Church established, giving everything away
- No amount of persecution could keep the message back
- Paul was converted, proclaimed the faith he attacked
- Among the nations, churches were multiplied
- Letters were sent, doctrine and practice clarified
- A revelation was given for though the future seems grim
- Christ will return and we will be with him

Final Reading is an Excerpt from book I wrote called *Wiki God*.

CLOSING - RESTORED STRATEGY [MATTHEW 28:16-20]

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- Matthew 28:16-20
- We are called to make disciples – not converts.
- If there is a true profession of faith, there should be a true progression of faith.
- Growing in Christ will not happen by accident. What is your plan?