## Isaiah: The Lord Saves, Part 9 "True Faith Lived Out" | Isaiah 56-59 Pastor Andrew Jun

Strive for justice and righteousness as a reflection of your faith in Jesus Christ.

## I. God's Command (56:1-8)

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• See Isaiah 56:1. God commanded his people to "keep justice" and "do righteousness" in response to God's solution for sin and invitation to fellowship.

See Matthew 7:12 & 16-17. One purpose of the Law was to reveal God's character.

• See Isaiah 53:8-12. See the effects of fasting with "true" faith: through keeping justice and doing righteousness," people experience more of God and his grace.

• See Isaiah 59:2 & 8. Israel's problem was their sinfulness and they cannot fix themselves (as the Law reveals).

## III. God's Provision (59:9-21)

• See Isaiah 59:16-17. God looked around and saw no human being who could rescue his people, so he stepped into the mess himself.

## II. "True" Faith vs. "False" Faith (56:9-59:8)

• See Isaiah 58:3-5. God did not accept this kind of fasting with "false" faith that reflected a merit system and dichotomized lives.

• See Isaiah 59:20 & Colossians 2:13-15. God declared that he would send a Redeemer- his special Servant and King- who would save his people.

• See Isaiah 53:6-7. God chooses this kind of fasting that brings people to receive God's grace and to be near to God's heart.

- $\Rightarrow$  Life Application:
  - 1. Think about your current situations and/or relationships.
  - 2. Examine your heart and the fruit that comes out of your life.
  - 3. Celebrate the victories and confess the failures.
  - 4. Decide and do what please God by faith. Repeat.