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The centerpiece of the sermon this week comes from the King James Version of 2 Samuel 23:5.

In it, David says,

“Although my house is not right with God,  
Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant.”

1. What are some ways we try to “get our house right with God” on our own steam in our own power?
2. What do we gain in trying to do it ourselves? What do we lose?

In Jesus’s sacrifice on our behalf, we see this covenant of unconditional love play itself out. In Matthew, Jesus prays to God asking if it’s possible for the cup to be taken from him. The fact that it is not possible highlights just how badly we needed and still need a saviour.

3. Why do you think it was not possible for the heavy cup of crucifixion to be taken from Jesus?
4. What are some practices we have that daily remind us how much we need God’s saving grace?
5. How can we keep those practices from becoming ways of working for our own salvation and instead continue to receive and thank God for them?

But it doesn’t stop there. In Christ was are not only “Justified” by faith in his work on our behalf on the cross, he sends the Holy Spirit to sanctify us and draw us deeper every day into loving relationship with God and each other.

6. If we really believed that we were loved, saved by God, that our sins were nailed to the cross, and we can truly be increasingly free from sin by the power of the Holy Spirit, how would that effect our relationships? Family? Friends? Others?