

SERMON OUTLINE NOVEMBER 15, 2015

"Can God Forgive Me?"

Hebrews 10:17-23

INTRODUCTION: "In 1941, Noble Doss dropped the ball..."

I. MAYBE WE WONDER: CAN GOD EVER FORGIVE ME?

- A. A friend who believes he has "out-sinned God's love"
- B. Our common sense thinks:

 "we can only 'cash-in' so many mercy cheques . . ."
- C. The devil tries to convince us "God's mercy has limited funds"

II. GOD SAYS TO YOU: FORGIVENESS IS WHAT I AM ALL ABOUT!

- A. Listen again to what he says to you in **Hebrews 10:17-23**
- B. This is what Jesus said to a paraplegic man in **Matthew 9:** "Take courage my son, don't fear; your sins are forgiven."
- C. Our sin leads to fear & our fear to hiding from God (Genesis 3:8-9; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
- D. Permit me to introduce you to *Molly the runaway dog* . . .

III. WE HAVE SINNED & RUN AWAY, BUT GOD HAS NOT ABANDONED US

- A. Listen to God's promises to you!
 (John 3:18; Colossians 1:13; 1 John 4:18; 1 John 3:20)
- B. We trust in God's promises, not our feelings (Titus 2:11-15; Hebrews 13:5)
- C. Nothing strengthens courage like a <u>clear grasp on grace</u>; nothing fosters fear like an <u>ignorance of mercy</u> (1 **John 1:9**)

CONCLUSION: It is time to 'silence the roosters' in your life!