

The Mulligan

In golf, there's a shot called the Mulligan. It happens when you hit a terrible shot, and want a do-over. It's a free re-tee. A concession from the rest of the people playing with you that that shot didn't happen.

And they're glorious. Before the last shot, you were embarrassed. Frustrated. Angry. Confused. Lost in the woods. Ready to quit.

Now? There's great potential. You have the whole fairway in front of you. The green is wide open. You're still on your first shot. Still on the tee box, at least as far as the group, and more importantly, your scorecard, is concerned. Mulligans put you back at *zero.* They erase the mistake.

Don't you wish you could take a mulligan in life?

There's something you did that you regret. Someone you hurt. Somewhere you went. Someone you trusted. You dropped your savings on something. You were hurt by someone. Maybe your mistakes were made public, your life on display as a spectacle for others. Maybe someone else's stupid decisions affected you. And you'd like your mulligan to cancel out his choices, too.

And you want a mulligan. You'd like to wipe the slate clean. You'd like to move on as if that never happened. As if he never did _____. She never said _____. You never did _____.

That's exactly the kind of shot that God gives us. Check this out: 'He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.' – David, Psalm 103:12

Do you know how far the east is from the west? Infinite. Because the east and the west never touch. Ever. East is never west, and west is never east. "As far as the east is from the west" means that God has completely removed your sin from you. It can't be further from you. It's even better than a mulligan, because it's like God says, "Go ahead. Take a free shot. But...oh wait, I'll tee it up for you. And I'll hit it for you. And I'll forget you ever even had a bad shot."

David goes on to say of God: 'The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.' – Psalm 103:13

A father doesn't hate his child that needs a re-do. He has compassion for them. "He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever." (Psalm 103:9) We may hold on to our hurt, our despair, and our frustrations. We may cling to our past failures. But God offers "steadfast love" to us. He redeems us from the pit." (Psalm 103:4) In fact, the moment we turn to God we find Him running to us! (Luke 15:20) He's not standing ready to condemn us all over again. He's removed our sins from us.

You need a re-do today. A God-sized mulligan. Go ahead. Re-tee that ball. We serve a God of second chances.



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We welcome you to all our services!

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| Sunday: | 10:00 AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 11:00 AM | Kids Church |
| Wednesday: | 5:30 PM | Fellowship & Devotion |

Announcements

Kids Church: We will be staying upstairs this Sunday for Kids Church. We will sit together on the first two rows for the sermon.

Friday: Church Women United will hold a service on Friday March 6 at The Canopy Fellowship, registration 8:30am. Sis Kasey Wiley will be leading a group Bible study. All ladies encouraged to attend.

Next Sunday: Life Groups at 5:00 PM.

March 15: Church Bowling Party at Edgewood Bowl from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Pastor Don & Myrna Marble
Memorial Scholarship
2020/2021**

We are currently accepting applications for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

If you are interested in applying, the application is available on the table at the back of the church.

Deadline to submit your application is Friday, April 24, 2020.

Thought of the Week

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday!



For Today's Sermon:

Psalm 51:1-17

Step 1: We understand that we are _____ and _____ is _____ before God.

Step 2: We understand the promise of _____ and cleansing through the _____.

Step 3: The relationship with God brings _____ and _____.

Step 4: The relationship with God brings _____.

Step 5: The relationship brings _____ and ongoing fellowship with God.



Saturday, April 11

Registration begins 11am

Easter Egg Hunts Toddler - age 13

Bouncy Houses Hot Dogs Prizes
Face Painting Snow Cones Popcorn Cotton Candy
Everything is FREE

10am Special Needs Egg Hunt

