**Text**: Mark 9:42-50

**Topic**: Sin/Temptation

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 **Extreme Measures**

“Going to extremes in your fight against sin.”

**Text**: **Mark 9:42-50**, “**42**“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. **43**And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. **45**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. **47**And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, **48**‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ **49**For everyone will be salted with fire. **50**Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” **English Standard Version**

*Going to extremes in your fight against sin requires you to*…

**Point #1**: **Avoid** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.42**

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**Point #2**: **Take** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.43-48**

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**Point #3**: **Live** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.49-50**

**Corollary Verses**: Romans 6:1, 14:21; 1 Corinthians 8:12-13; Deuteronomy 14:1; Romans 13:14; Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 12:1; and Hebrews 12:1-4.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Romans 6:1**, **14:21**; and **1 Corinthians 8:1-13** then answer the following questions. In what ways can you potentially cause another believer to stumble into sin? Although you have “freedoms” in Christ, when and where should you exercise your freedoms? Paul implies that the more mature believer you become, the more freedoms you lose. Explain what you think this means?

2.) Read **Romans 13:14** and **Colossians 3:1-17** then answer the following questions. What does it mean to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ? Explain how you personally do that. What proactive measures can you take to experience victory in your battle with sin? Have you ever employed any extreme measures in your own fight with sin? If any, what were they?

3.) Read **Mark 9:42-48**; **Matthew 13:45-50**, **25:31-46**; and **Revelation 3:15-17** then answer the following questions. Does the Bible use hell and eternal punishment as a motivator to pursue righteousness? What should be our primary motivation for pursuing righteousness (**Matthew 22:37**)? How do you benefit from the warning found in Scripture?

4.) Read **Matthew 5:13** and then answer the following questions. Salt and light are used metaphorically to represent their preserving and purifying qualities. In what ways can you life influence others as salt and light?