Sermon Summary: June 16, 2019

**Messy:** Joining God in the Mess

**Messy Within Boundaries**

* Essentially, boundaries are about responsibility. They define what I am responsible for and what I am not responsible for.
  + A great example of a boundary is to look at the first boundary ever created: the boundary of the fruit in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:16–17).
* Why should we have boundaries?
  + We need to know limits or we live in chaos.
* How exactly do boundaries work?
  + We are not responsible ***for*** others; we are only responsible ***for*** ourselves but are responsible ***to*** others.
  + We are responsible ***to*** carry the burdens of others and ***for*** our own loads (Gal 6:2-5).
  + We also must keep in mind that we are only responsible for what is within our ability to do (Prov 3:27 & Rom 12:18).
* What do properly functioning boundaries look like?
  + The story of the Good Samaritan is a perfect example (Luke 10:25–37).
  + Christians must take into account the law of compassion.

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