

SERMON SERIES: INDICATORS

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Key Line

“Indicators: Addiction.”

Introduction

This past week we spent time looking at what the Bible says about apathy, and how can and should live out our faith passionately. This week we are wrapping up our Indicators series by looking at the fourth indicator, addiction. Most people would dismiss addiction by saying this week doesn't apply to them, but we live in a culture that feeds our addictions. This week we are looking at what the Bible says about it.

- What are some everyday things you find “addicting”? (Your favorite TV show, a certain podcast, a candy that you like, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read Romans 7:14-25.

- What might verse 14 mean when it says the law is “spiritual”?
- What does verse 22 mean by “the law of God”?
- How does this passage reflect Jesus’ desire for us to live?
- Verse 25 gives thanks to God. What is the reason for this thanks?
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Go Deeper

This passage refers to the law quite a bit. Do a short word study on the word “law” using either the Blue Letter Bible or Logos apps. Answer these questions:

- What does the “law” mean?
- Is there a difference in the law from the Old and New Testaments?

Talk About It

- Are there areas of your life that are easy to talk about? Are there areas that are hard? If you feel comfortable sharing, what are they?
- How might life be different if you remembered to lean on God’s grace each day?
- Why do you think it is important for us to lean on God’s grace?
- How can you encourage someone struggling with some sort of addiction?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Lean on God’s Grace.

Challenge: Write yourself a reminder of God’s grace for you. Place it somewhere visible that you will see each day. Each time you see it, say a short prayer for God to help you do what you want

to do and not do what you do not want to do. It may be helpful to keep this reminder on you, maybe in your wallet or with your phone, so you can look at it any time.