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Out of the Mess
Romans 3:5-25

What is the best mess you've ever made?

When was a time you faced a mess and wound up making the mess messier?

What's Messed Up Always Spreads Out:

I. Messes spread

Romans 3:5-8 *"But," some might say, "our sinfulness serves a good purpose, for it helps people see how righteous God is. Isn't it unfair, then, for him to punish us?" (This is merely a human point of view.)* ⁶*Of course not! If God were not entirely fair, how would he be qualified to judge the world?* ⁷*"But," someone might still argue, "how can God condemn me as a sinner if my dishonesty highlights his truthfulness and brings him more glory?"* ⁸*And some people even slander us by claiming that we say, "The more we sin, the better it is!" Those who say such things deserve to be condemned.*

What is the most messed up or funniest excuse you've heard for why someone did something?

II. Messes spread

Romans 3:9 *What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all; for I have already charged that all people, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin...*

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III. Messes spread

Romans 3:10-18 *As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands, no one seeks for God. ¹²All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong; no one does good, not even one." ¹³"Their throat is an open grave, they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." ¹⁴"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." ¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood, ¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷and the way of peace they do not know." ¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

- Character (v.10)--
- Mind (v.11)--
- Heart (v.12)--
- Mouth (v.13-14)--
- Feet (v.15-17)--
- Eyes (v.18)--

What's the Way Out of the Mess?

Romans 3:19-25 *Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on.

1. Have you ever been tempted to fix a mess your own way but wound up complicating it? What happened?
2. What are some ways you have seen the mess of sin spread—between situations, decisions, people, or generations?
3. What excuses have you made for the messes in your life? When have you been tempted to make yourself feel better by comparing messes?
4. In what ways have you attempted to be "good enough" for God?
5. What's messed up in your life that you need to choose Jesus' way instead of your own? What would it look like for you to follow Jesus out of your current mess?



