

Study Guide: 10-12-25 Adjustments - Cracks and Compromises

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Overview

The St. Francis Dam's catastrophic failure on March 12, 1928, serves as a metaphor for spiritual cracks caused by root issues, compromises, and complacency. Using Psalm 51 and biblical examples, the message explores how unaddressed personal flaws lead to failure, urging reliance on God's Word for correction.

Reflection Questions

- What is making your heart dirty, as asked in Psalm 51:10?
- Can you identify a sin in your life and its root cause, like Paul's struggle in Romans 7:18-25?
- Where have you compromised or grown complacent, similar to the dams ignored cracks?

Main Points

1. **Root Causes:** Sin is a symptom of deeper issues (e.g., anger from past hurts), addressed by the Spirit (Galatians 5, Romans 7).
2. **Little Compromises:** Small sins spread (1 Corinthians 5:6); building on bedrock (Matthew 7:26-27) requires effort, not shortcuts (Luke 16:10).
3. **Comfortable Complacency:** Ignoring cracks (Zephaniah 1:12) leads to failure, as seen in Samson and Nicodemus's hesitancy (Judges 13-14, John 3, 7, 19).

Application

- Focus on one crack to address today, e.g., give your life to Jesus, stop rebelling, join a Serve Team, or let go of the past.
- Use the Word to deconstruct and correct root issues, trusting God's guidance.
- Take action now, allowing God to fix the problem rather than stressing.

Group Discussion Prompts

- Share a personal crack (root cause, compromise, or complacency) and a step to address it.
- How can we support each other in avoiding shortcuts like building on sand?
- Discuss a time you felt Gods call to actdid comfort or complacency hold you back?