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# TRANSGRESSION

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The Ologies Lesson 11



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## LESSON 11 - TRANSGRESSION

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### MAIN POINT:

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### MESSAGE NOTES:<sup>1</sup>

Listen to or view message #11 in *The Ologies*, “Transgression,” at [pscconline.com](http://pscconline.com). You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

#### *Thought Questions:*

1. What are some weaknesses of defining sin as “breaking God’s commands”?
2. How did the law of Moses increase rather than decrease transgressions?
3. If the law is true, why isn’t it the truth?
4. How can a person become a transgressor even without a written standard?

#### *Next Steps:*

1. Into which ditch are you more prone to swerve?
2. How will you live free according to The Way this week?

#### *Obedience Challenge: Above and Beyond*

This is a boring duty that you normally must do every week either at home, school, or at your job. Think of ways that you can perform that task with excellence as a service to Christ. For instance, if you’re doing laundry, you could take special care to fold the items into crisp, uniform stacks or if you are calling on clients you could take them treats.

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<sup>1</sup> You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

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## DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about humankind as created beings, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Psalm 5
- Tuesday – Psalm 19
- Wednesday – Psalm 51
- Thursday – Isaiah 53
- Friday – Mark 7
- Saturday – Ephesians 2

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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## INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

### Primer Exercise:

#### *For Children*

Say to your children, “God wants us to do everything we do like we’re doing it for him. What do you think that means?”

“One of the things it means is that we should our best at everything we do. Today, I’d like for you to draw a picture and do your very best.”

Lay out blank sheets of paper and some [dot-to-dot sheets](#). Make sure to also provide plenty of colored pencils or markers. If your kids don’t know what dot-to-dot sheets are, explain that they are a way for them to draw a picture according to someone else’s design.

After everyone has finished their work, ask them:

- Why did you choose the type of paper that you did?
- Which type of picture was harder to make?
- Which one would an artist choose?

#### *Everyone Else*

Watch this video on the role of Polaris in nautical navigation. [How To Navigate Using the Stars - YouTube](#)

- What are some other ways that ancient people might have navigated by land or boat?
- What benefits might there be to navigating by the stars?
- How is Polaris like the message about Christ?

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

## Session One: “Great Transgression”

- Read Psalm 19:7-13
  - How did the law of God help the Psalmist?
  - What does he ask God to do for him?
  - What does his prayer tell you about the risk associated with knowing God’s law?
- Application and Prayer
  - Why should we read the Bible?
  - What should we pray for as we read it?

## Session Two: “Like Sheep”

- Read Isaiah 53:4-9
  - How would you define “transgression” from this passage?
  - Do you think it’s possible for someone who’s never heard of the Bible to transgress?
  - What differences do you see between the two references to sheep?
- Application and Prayer
  - What does this passage warn us not to do?
  - What should we do instead?

## Session Three: “God’s Grownups”

- Read Galatians 3:19-25
  - Why did God give the Mosaic law?
  - What did he send to replace the law?
  - Now that the new standard has come, what should we do with the previous one?
- Application and Prayer
  - Think through the implications of the following points of the gospel for how we should live:
    - What should we do now that Christ has died for our sins?
    - Since he’s been raised to life again we should \_\_\_\_\_.
    - How should we behave to be ready for his return?
  - Commit your answers to God in prayer.

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## LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

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### I Am A Sheep

Words and Music by  
Dennis L. Jernigan

*Psaln 100:3*

Arr. by R. J. Taylor

1. I am a sheep and the Lord is my Shep-herd Watch-ing o-ver my  
2. We are His chil-dren and He is our Fa-ther Watch-ing o-ver our

soul! My soul to keep guard-ing o-ver me ev-er  
Great is His love for His sons and His daugh-ter!

Watch-ing wher-ev-er I go! And when the winds blow He is my  
Watch-ing wher-ev-er we go!

shel-ter! And when I'm lost and a-lone He res-cues me! And when the

Sing

Ii-on comes He is my vic-to-ry! Con-stant-ly watch-ing o-ver

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me! He is con-stant-ly watch-ing o-ver me!

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Words & Music by  
Graham Kendrick

## Knowing You

Philippians 3:10-11

Arr. by R. J. Taylor

1. All I once held dear, built my life up - on; all this world
2. Now my heart's de - sire is to know You more. To be found
3. Oh to know the power of Your ris - en life, and to know

re - veres, and waits to own. All I once thought gain I have  
in You, and known as Yours. To pos - sess by faith what I  
You in Your suf - fer - ings. To be - come like You in Your

## Knowing You

count - ed loss; spent and worth - less now com - pared to this.  
could not earn, all sur - pus - sing gift of right - eous - ness.  
death, my Lord, so with You to live and nev - er die.

Go to <https://psconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Knowing-You.mp3> for the tune.

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## Scripture Discussion

- Read Romans 5:12-21
  - How does Paul support his claim that everyone was made a sinner through Adam's transgression?
  - What's the difference between sin and transgression in this passage?
  - Why would God consider a whole race guilty for one man's sin?
  - If we didn't need the law to make us guilty or to lead us to righteousness, why did God give it?

## Pray

- Get a volunteer to close the prayer time at the end.
- Divide into three groups and read Psalm 32 aloud as follows:

**All** - Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.  
Blessed is the one  
whose sin the LORD does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

**Group 1** - When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.

**Group 2** - Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD."  
And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.

**Group 3** - Therefore let all the faithful pray to you  
while you may be found;  
surely the rising of the mighty waters  
will not reach them.  
You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**Leader** – I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.  
Do not be like the horse or the mule,  
which have no understanding  
but must be controlled by bit and bridle  
or they will not come to you.



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**All** - Many are the woes of the wicked,  
but the LORD's unfailing love  
surrounds the one who trusts in him.  
Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

➤ Segue into an open prayer time.

## Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #11 in *The Ologies*, "Transgression" in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don't require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other's **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.