



## *Pastor Hanke's Blog*

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### Looking For Sin

Bible Reference: Luke 13:1-9

I have never liked tattling. My kids are very aware of this. I try to avoid punishing the kids for a crime when it comes to me by a tattletale unless it is absolutely necessary. Often my kids believe that it is necessary and the crime must be punished, which I guess is no surprise.

Tattling is exactly what was happening in our reading this week. Pilate had ordered some people killed, but while his men were carrying out that order, the victims blood got mixed with the blood of the sacrifice. That was a really big deal. The laws and expectations of sacrifices were very specific and detailed, so the people took this very seriously. Now that the Messiah was around, they were telling on Pilate and praying that Jesus would stop the government from oppressing them. Instead, Jesus called out the tattlers and asked if they had repented.

We may not tattle, but we certainly look around and notice the sins that other people seem to get away with. We may look to Jesus and tell Him to deal with that person over there whose sin is so great. We can get very upset when we feel like we are doing what God has called us to do, worshiping and serving Him, yet find someone or something standing in our way and nothing being done about it. Personally, I see how being in an unchurched culture encourages us to be more creative in ministry, and the benefits that brings, but I have my moments when I look to God ask why is it so difficult to financially maintain a church when that is what You want us to do.

This weekend we will take a closer look at this reading on repentance. The obvious sinners were not the people Jesus told to repent. It was those who were calling out the sin—the tattlers—that Jesus called to repentance. We take time to look closer at our lives and where Jesus is calling us to repentance.

*God's Peace,*

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