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Sermon Title: Man in the mirror

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Big Idea/Sermon focus:

- We are all in this together – a bunch of sinners (every one of us) in need of a saviour. Many of us have accepted Jesus as our saviour and rescuer from our sins. We are a community that embraces others that are beginning the journey of discovering Jesus as *their* saviour.

Message key scriptures:

- Romans 7:24-25, 8:1-4
 - The writer of this passage – the apostle Paul – is well aware of the sin struggle that, even he, faced. Impossible to beat sin in his own strength as much as he tried.
 - Plenty in the passage to discuss personally about this dynamic and the passage then introduced the saviour – Jesus – our rescuer which offers even more opportunity to discuss just what *He* means to us.

Questions:

1. Where do you stand personally, do you think, when it comes to Jeremy's quicksand illustration? (eg in the pit? how deep? rescued?)
2. (Many Christians struggle with self-condemnation, feeling unworthy, not living fully in the freedom Christ brings through his rescue. Establish if this is the case for anyone in your group and lovingly and prayerfully assist.)
3. How thankful do you tend to be, in regard to being saved from that pit? How, does this affect your daily attitudes and behaviour do you think?
4. Jeremy mentioned a two-year-old baby as someone who was in the quicksand pit and "born into sin" (according to Psalm 51:5). With this in mind, If the baby's life was cut short, do you think according to the bible he/she would go to heaven?

- Scriptures:
 - Deut 1:39 (principle of less accountability because of age / immaturity)
 - 2 Sam 12:22-23 (King David's infant son dies; his words provide great insight into answering the question)

5. In what areas may God be calling you this year to “stand up” and/or offer leadership for us to be one?

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