



FAIR HAVEN IS

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SPEAKER	David Smith
TITLE	Tell Your Story
SERIES	If you take a close look at Fairhaven, what do you see? What's important to us? Why do we do what we do? And where do you fit in? Whether you're new to Fairhaven or have been with us for a while, you make us who we are.

On Sunday Pastor David concluded the “Fairhaven Is” sermon series. In previous weeks we learned that Fairhaven is a place of hope when we: 1) Build deep relationships 2) Lend a hand 3) Tell our story, and finally 4) Love God back.

- 1.) Pastor David begins his message by illustrating the metaphor of reaping what we sow. What are some specific ways you can intentionally sow holiness into your own life, so that others might reap God's hope?
- 2.) Did your first thoughts run to what new or old rules do I need to follow better? Pastor Smith went on to show that we love God back through personal holiness. Please read Lev. 11:44, 45; 19:2; 1 Pet. 1:15–16. Is personal holiness easier or harder than following a set of Christian standards?
- 3.) Discuss the difference between ‘Positional Holiness’ and ‘Progressive Holiness?’ Do you observe that too many of God's people may be stuck at the positional level? Do you ever think progressive holiness is a better fit for pastors, church staff and elders? In your view, why are believers hesitant to pursue personal holiness?
- 4.) Do you care as much about your own sin as you do about poverty or other social issues? How can you address your own particular sin or pattern of sin beyond “low grade guilt” (1 Peter 1:2)?
- 5.) Read Revelation 21:1-8. Do you feel that you are ‘pulling heaven into today?’ If not, what next steps can you take to do so?
- 6.) Galatians 6:1 (NIV) tells us: “Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.” Describe a time when you were able to bring another person to Christ or to help someone to overcome a sinful behavior.
- 7.) During this sermon series, what examples from the life of the church, come to mind highlighting the previous messages on 1) building relationships 2) helping others and 3) telling your story? Does Fairhaven provide useful opportunities to move forward in these areas? What personal actions or church activities do you think would be helpful for people to Find Hope by following through on the themes of the series?
- 8.) What examples of living with low-level guilt are you aware of from your life or from others you are close to? How do you think more personal holiness would help people overcome living with low-level guilt?

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life so that our sins could be forgiven. We know that the power of the Holy Spirit is the key to progressive holiness and the sanctification of our hearts. We ask that you show us how to be set apart and holy as the Lord is holy. Help us to avoid our sinful temptations, for we know that the pleasure of sin is nothing compared to the pleasure of Heaven. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.