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WITH ANDY STANLEY

SERIES: ADDRESS THE MESS

Episode 1: "Mess in the Mirror"

We've all made a mess, been a mess, or experienced a mess. But could our messiness be just the thing that brings us closer to everyone in our lives?

QUESTIONS	NOTES
01 How do you usually respond when people you know are in messy situations?	
02 "Awareness of our messes awakens us to something outside of us to which we are accountable." Have you experienced this before? What, or who, helped you address the mess you were in?	
03 Talk about a time when you fell short of your standards. What did you do to try to "clean up" the mess you made? Did it work?	
04 Has someone ever judged you because of a mess you were in? How did that impact your relationship with that person?	
05 Do you believe the messes in your life could actually bring you closer to those around you? How could this idea make your relationships better?	

BOTTOM LINE

We all know a mess when we see one, because we've all been one.

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Episode 2: "Best Mess Ever"

When we find ourselves in a mess, we usually look for a quick fix and an easy way out. But God invites us to something much better—something that has the potential to improve every aspect of our lives.

QUESTIONS

01 What's one conflict or challenge in your life—large or small—you wish there was a quick fix for? Why is a quick fix so attractive?

02 Think about a less-than-ideal situation you found yourself in. Can you pinpoint which decisions led you there?

03 Discuss this statement: "When we acknowledge our messes, we are baby steps away from acknowledging God." Do you agree?

04 Have you ever felt as if you had to "clean up your mess" in order to gain God's approval? Explain.

05 Andy mentioned that God values a relationship with you more than your good behavior. How does this statement change, challenge, or reinforce your view of God?

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Our messes are opportunities for God to bring us close, not cast us aside.

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Episode 3: "Inside Out"

Many people believe Christianity is all about staying out of trouble. But a life following Jesus is not about *avoiding* something. It's about *becoming* something.

QUESTIONS

01 What kind of moral or religious guidelines did you grow up with?

02 In general, do you view rules as healthy boundaries or frustrating red tape?

03 Talk about your perception of Christianity. Have you ever viewed it as simply messing up, getting in trouble, and repeatedly being forgiven?

04 God is not trying to make you better at behaving. God is trying to make you a better lover of people. Does this challenge any assumptions or beliefs you had?

05 How could your life get better if you looked beyond your own needs and wants?

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BOTTOM LINE

Following Jesus is not primarily about doing what's right. It's about doing what's right for others.

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Episode 4: "Messy-er"

The messes in our lives can be, well . . . messy. And if we're not careful, they can become even messier. So, how do we make choices that lead us forward instead of backward?

QUESTIONS	NOTES
01 Have you ever made a messy situation messier? How so?	
02 When you're in a difficult situation and you're not sure what to do, how do you typically respond? (Retreat inwards? Reach out for help? Ignore it?)	
03 Discuss a time you witnessed someone make a difficult—but ultimately better—decision, even when there was an easier way around it.	
04 What's the hardest part about "taking the high road" instead of the path of revenge?	
05 Think about a decision in your life right now. Consider all the possible options. How could asking, "What story do I want to tell?" help you make a decision? Which options could lead to a story you *don't* want to tell later on?	

BOTTOM LINE

The real story isn't the messiness in your life—it's your response to it.

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