

Feb. 28, 2016 - "Yes, But How?" based on Luke 13:1-9

Book borrowed had YBH noted in the margins. Underline parts agreed with, but used YBH for parts he needed help in doing.

- Many things in life we'd like to have, but question how to get them
- Parable of fig tree suggests that we need to repent and bear good fruit –YBH
- St. Paul in Roman 7:14-25, notes how hard it is to do what should be done, but Jesus on the cross has set us free
- "Repent" says Jesus, the first step. Hard to declare publicly our sin
- Not taught to admit our shortcomings – to employers, to spouses
- There are many worse than us. Most don't commit grizzly crimes, sins of passion, violence, but we do neglect the poor, accept forms of injustice, give in to gossip, fail to honor God

God doesn't ask the fig tree to produce bananas, it's nothing we can't do.

- We have differing gifts
- Key is to remember that Christ has freed us to use our gifts
- Story of violinist who is able to play with tune in his head ,not by worrying where his fingers are
- Fingers may still make mistakes, but beautiful music still comes.

Where there is repentance and confession, we are released to figure out 'how'.