

The Story Of The 2 Cs (Part 3 of 3)

(Removing Callousness)

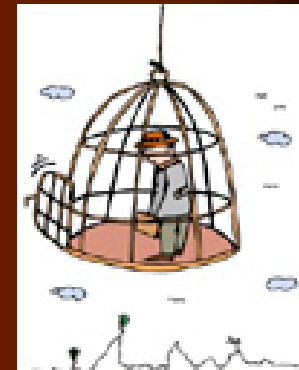
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Question Flash

- Your 1st thought?

John 8:32

32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



Is It Humanly Possible?

- **Luke 23:33-34**

33When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. **34**Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

- **Is it humanly possible to have such freedom?**

- **Luke 15 (elder son) vs. Acts 7 (Stephen)**

59While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." **60**Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

- **What's the difference btw the two? 1Thes 5:18**

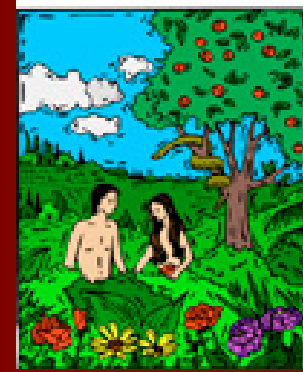
Last Week's: Callousness Causes

- **Selfish (Spiritual)**
 - Lk 15:12 "Give me..." (What I want)
 - Lk 15:13 "Set off..." (Choose to be cut off)
- **Sins (Physical)**
 - Lk 15:13 "Squandered wealth in wild living"
- **Hurt, Feelings (Emotional)**
 - Older Son
 - Focus on Emotional hurts b/c so integral
 - Ex. Car (Body, Engine, Driver)



Causes of Emotional Hurts

- **What is the main cause?**
 - Clues in scripture



- **Gen 3:1-13**

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Causes of Emotional Hurts

Gen 3:1-13

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Causes of Emotional Hurts

Gen 3:1-13

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Main Causes of Emotional Hurt

- **Others/Circumstances**
 - **Victims**
 - * **They made us do it**
 - * **Our happiness is hinged on what they do**
- **Believe in lie**
 - **"I am" not good enough**
 - **Not lovable**
 - **Stupid**
 - **Failure**



Exposing the Enemy



- **Judges 7:9-18 (Gideon)**
- **Schemer (2 Cor 2:11, Eph 6:11)**
- **Liar & father of lies (John 8:44)**
 - **Lies planted thru thought (scheme: Eve/Jesus)**
 - * **Take captives every thought (2Cor 10:5)**
 - * **Full of bitterness & captive to sin (Acts 8:23)**
 - **Past event**
 - * **Incident & resolve**
 - * **Incident with lies (bounded from moment)**
 - **land mines**
- **Victory Has been won**
 - **WW II: Japanese occupied islands**
 - **Continued to believe lie**

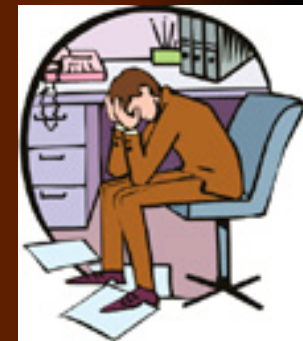
Jesus: The Truth

- **John 8:32 “Then you will know the truth & the truth will set you free”**
- **Truth misunderstood for logical knowledge**
 - a) Logical**
 - **Addiction, anxiety, forgiveness**
 - **Pharisees**
 - **Logical answers often do not work**
 - **You don't know how I feel**
 - b) Experiential (5 Senses – including emotions)**
 - **Jesus the way, truth, life (John 14:6)**
 - **Lady & window**
 - **XM & protestant children**

Steps to Freedom

- **Willing to accept that we are not victims**
 - They can't control how I feel (ie. Happiness)
- **Emotion is bridge to past hurts/lies**
- **Embrace the lie (willing to receive)**
 - This is how I feel about myself
- **Ask Jesus to reveal His truth**

- **More equipped to deal with issues at hands**
 - Testimony of cell group member
 - Freedom to love
 - * Lives change with those around us
 - * Compassion toward the lost



Discussion & Prayer

- What stood out for you in today's message?
- Do you believe that we have a tendency to make ourselves "victims"?
- How can we find freedom?
- Pray for one another.

