

1 **A HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT**

Chapter 10: Applying Redemptive Principles

2 **CLEANSING RELATIONSHIPS**

- We need to look at a method to filter each relationship through redemptive principles.
- We could think about this as a purification process that begins with a willingness to allow God access.
- This process will continue through the next 3 chapters – this chapter is general, the next chapters specific.

3 **#1. FACING TRUTH**

- Denial is always the blinder of our ability to be free.
- Bringing situations into the light allows exposure. It's okay to call out that truth even if at first it is ugly and painful.
- In the single act of committing to face truth, we unlock the very doors that had been bolted shut. We become willing to see what's inside firsthand.
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4 **#2. VULNERABILITY OVER SELF PROTECTION**

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8 #6. GRIEVE

- One of the greatest disciplines we will face in recovery is the ability to grieve properly rather than act out wrongfully.
- Grief brings validation, and it ascribes worth to what we needed and lost; or what we never had in the first place.
- If we don't learn to grieve negative situations and emotions, we'll continue recycle unhealthy patterns
- Developing this mechanism will take time – with plenty of failure. But it's something we can pick up and use as soon as we become aware.

9 #7. WAIT TO RECONNECT

- With a purified heart, we can begin to see people appropriately
- God may ask us to wait on the relationship, to end the relationship or to restore and heal the relationship.
- If we move out of His will and into our own ideas of what the outcome should be, we'll be in the danger zone.
- Waiting is a spiritual principles – one of the toughest disciplines, but

produces the most spiritual fruit aware.

10 **#8. INTERCEDE**

- The way we love people is by praying for them – this isn't a "last ditch option" but should be the first option we turn to
- Each time we pray, we present them before God for the purposes of intervention and redemption. We ask for the resources of God to move on their behalf.
- Jesus is an interceder for us
- We must be careful that we don't just pray for our own desired outcome in someone, but God's outcomes

11 **#9. LOVE AS GOD LOVES**

- The love of God calls us to take what Christ has done for us, and to love through that same filter.
- God's love is supernatural, and supersedes human experience, human needs, human expectations and human violations.
- Therefore, Gods' requirement of love won't be made evident when we are being perfectly loved by others, but when we are being asked to love those who don't love us back.

12 **LOVE OUR ENEMIES**

- An enemy can come in many forms, including our spouse, parents, children, sibling, etc.
- In fact, by definition, an enemy would be a person who we perceive to be a threat or danger to us – someone who we believe doesn't have our best interest at heart, and may look for ways to hurt or sabotage our lives.
- When attempting to love in our relationships, God asks us to connect to the resource of His love somewhat like a hose. That hose is actually being aimed towards a redemptive purpose in that relationship.

13 **#10. SET REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS**

- We can place faulty and unreasonable expectations onto our broken or failing relationships.
- We pointed to our own standards and acts of "love" as proof that we deserved to receive in return for our efforts.
- When we place standards and expectations unto people unfairly, we

actually ask them to wear the cloak of shame. This is done in a spirit that opposes grace and the Holy Spirit.

14 **GOD'S DESIGN FOR RELATIONSHIPS**

- We need to honor God's purposes
- We need to see the overlay of God in each human relationship
- We must learn how to let Him "fill in the gaps" when our earthly relationships fail

15 **GOD'S ORDER FOR RELATIONSHIPS**

- The principle of authority and submission
- Authority is delegated power
- We aren't powerless to people – we only give up our power when we don't know how to receive authority from Jesus first.
- Reestablishing God's authority and using it to deal with each relational room is the key
- God's purposes, His role and His abilities supersede the power of our human experience. If He goes into the room, He can conquer it.