

A HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT

Chapter 10: Applying Redemptive Principles

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.**

#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.

#2. VULNERABILITY OVER SELF PROTECTION

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#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.

#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.

#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

#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.

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.

#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.

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

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.**