



discipleship LIFE NOTES



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Love That Sets Us Free
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Key Scriptures

Some different responses and attitudes:

Luke 7:1-10 The centurion seeking healing for his slave. Humility and Faith

Luke 7:28-29 The people and the tax collectors, acknowledging God's justice because they had received John's Baptism of Repentance

Luke 7:30 The Pharisees and lawyers, rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not received John's Baptism of Repentance
Jesus exposes their heart of wanting to call the shots, be in control, having rigid ideas that must be conformed to, judging by external things but not taking note of the fruit.

Luke 7:36-50 Simon the Pharisee true heart and lack of love contrasted with the sinful woman whom he was criticizing

Luke 7:37-50 The sinful woman (probably a prostitute) who overcome with love for Jesus came into the midst of a hostile environment to love on Jesus with no holding back.

Gen 3:7-11 The fall caused such a break in our relationship with God, that inherent in man is the fear of exposure to the deepest level – God longs for us to letting Him see our innermost parts, and allowing Him access.

Key Thoughts

God's love has come to restore back to open hearted freedom.

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Repentance vs. Defensiveness by Gavin Ortlund

A defensive heart says, "But look at what I did right!" (diversion). A repentant heart says, "Here specifically is what I did wrong" (honesty).

A defensive heart says, "But look at what was done to me!" (distraction). A repentant heart says, "Here is how I contributed to the conflict" (ownership).

A defensive heart says, "It wasn't that bad" (downplaying). A repentant heart says, "It was a big deal" (admission).

A heart of repentance is something I have to work at – like finally learning to relax a muscle we've always kept tight.

Word from God to Greg in Cambodia:

"Why do My people draw away from Me when I draw near?" "I've been drawing near."

He wants to know us: Word to Sandra Feb 10: I saw Him stripping us (but the picture was of a groom tenderly undressing his new bride) - He wants to truly "know" us and we keep covering ourselves with things that have been "learned" from mans misconception and religion. It's like our version of peace, joy and righteousness He is peeling off us so that in our nakedness and vulnerability we can truly know Him and be known.

Questions

1. Which of the attitudes/responses in Luke 7 is evidence of the Great Commandment working in the heart?
2. Which of these responses do we see ourselves in and why?
3. Share any sense you have of fear of being "uncovered" before God. (Remember this is speaking of letting Him see and have access to our innermost parts.) What do you desire and plan to do about this? Prayer for each other in pairs might be good at this point.
4. What in the article Repentance vs. Defensiveness spoke to you and why?
5. Is there any further action that needs to happen?
6. Are you drawing near to God or drawing away?

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