



BIBLICAL
TRAINING CENTER

REAL

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SIT UP
FRONT

Hunter Mayo, Pastor of Family Life

- Purpose of Marriage
- Marriage Problems Are Often Worship Problems
- Marital Interactions - “Wardrobe” of Responses

PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

- 1Cor 10 :31 “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”



CHRIST'S LOVE IS.....

1Co r 13 - LOVE IS ...

patient

kind

rejoices with the truth

bears all things

believes all things

hopes all things

endures all things

1Co r 13 - LOVE Is/Does NOT ..

jealous

boast

arrogant/proud

dishonors others/acts rudely

seek its own

easily angered /provoked

keep account of wrongs

suffered

rejoice in unrighteousness₅

MARRIAGE PROBLEMS ARE WORSHIP PROBLEMS

I take God off the throne
Put myself on the throne



MISPLACED WORSHIP -CHASING IDOLS

Jeremiah 2:13

“For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

REDEEMING EVERYDAY INTERACTIONS

- Romans 13:14: “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

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being renewed in
knowledge after the image of its creator.

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

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OUTLINE

- Examine your heart
- Respond with mercy
- Build up one another





- Disappointments
- Repeated hurts
- Promises broken



Examine your heart first



- C o l d S h o u l d e r
- H a r s h w o r d s
- A t t a c k i d e n t i t y
- U n k i n d t h o u g h t s



MATTHEW 3-5

“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”



My sin

- First
- Worse
- Most



M i n i m i z e m y s i n

W e i g h t o f m y s i n



Minimize my sin

Conviction of Holy Spirit

Weight of my sin

Grace of Gospel

REFLECTION: EXAMINE YOUR HEART

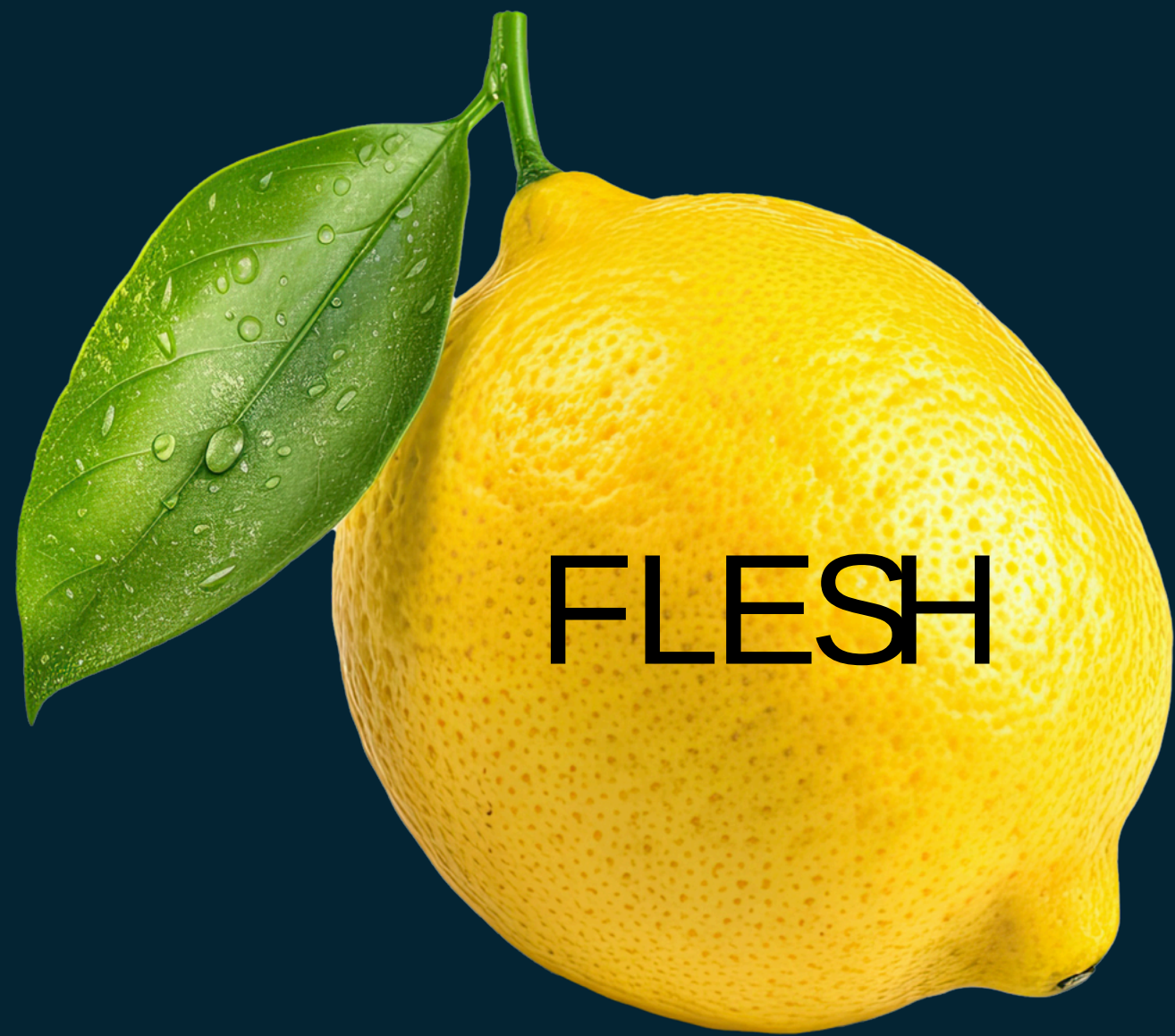
- In what ways do I minimize my sin and maximize my spouse's sin?
- Where does my flesh show up (thoughts, tone, expectations)?
- What steps can I take this week to examine my own heart first?

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MAKING LEMONADE





FLESH



MERCY



REAL
marriage

REAL
mercy

DEFINING MERCY

“Mercy is the kind, sympathetic, and forgiving treatment of others that works to relieve their distress and to cancel their debt.”

Relationships: A Mess Worth Making, by Paul Tripp and Tim Lane

GOD'S MERCY

- Ephesians 2:4-5 “But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...”

CONNECTING MERCY TO FORGIVENESS

- Peter struggled to grasp forgiveness
- Matt 18:21-22
- Peter: “Lord, how often shall my brothers sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”
- Jesus: “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven”
- v23 - 35 – Parable of the forgiving servant

MATTHEW 18:23-35

PARABLE OF UNFORGIVING SERVANT

- Servant owed king \$10 billion
- “Fell to ground, prostrated himself, Have patience with me”
- King “felt compassion and released him, forgave the debt”
- Slave → Fellow slave owed \$12,000
- Seized him and choked him ‘Payback what you owe’
- Fellow slave fell to ground, pleaded, have patience

MATTHEW 18:23-35

PARABLE OF UNFORGIVING SERVANT

- Other slaves reported the unforgiving slave
- King: “I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?”
- v35 “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”

....ASCHR IST

- Ephesians 4:32
- “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

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- 1Peter 2:20b-21
- “But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.”

REFLECTION -RESPOND WITH MERCY

- Where do I need to cover my spouse with mercy?
- What would change if I embraced the call to suffer and patiently endure?
- Where has resentment begun to take residence in my thought life?

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Resource - Sermon series

Evangelizing those who have wronged you
by Milton Vincent

BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER

- Encourage
 - Exhort
 - Comfort
- } Parakaleo
- Administer / Instruct - Nouthe teo
 - Edify (Build up) - Oikodome

PARAKALEO -ENCOURAGE ,COM FORT

- Translation - “call alongside”
- 1 Thess 4:18 'Therefore encourage /com fort one another with these words [about the Lord's return].'
- 1 Thess 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing”

PARAKALEO -EXHORT

- Hebrews 3:13
- “But texhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin”

NOUTHETEO -ADM ON ISH , INSTRUCT

- Translation - “to put in them ind”
- Loving reasoning appeal to change them ind
- Rom 15:14 “...com pe tent to adm on ish one another...”
- Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach ing and adm on ish ing one another in a llw isdom , sing ing psalm s and hym ns and sp iritua l songs ,w ith thankfu lness in your hearts to God .”

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- Allow Holy Spirit to finish the job

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- Say thank you!

BONUS: INVITING CORRECTION

- What patterns do you see in my life?
- Where do you see my flesh commonly show up?
- Where do I make excuses for my flesh?

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you” 1 Peter 5:6

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