Recap
—- knowing God intimately
- place faith in God's heart
- receive with a meek heart
-New identity Romans 6
-forever blessed Eph. 1:15-21

Beware of wasting — prodigal

2 Corinthians 6:1 b "receive not the grace of God in vain."

Jeremiah 2:13 "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water."

Hebrews 4:16 " let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Group activity

- Eve
- Golden calf/leaders
- 10 spies and Israel
- Israel in promised land

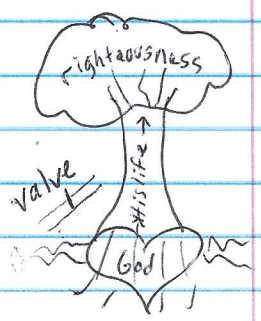
The diagnosis and remedy

Biblical Terms + meanings

1. Name - refers to character, reputation, attributes of God - the whole being

2. meekness of ♡ - strength under control (who's?) direct lead/guide · restrain hold in check
   - picture a massive warhorse willingly accepting the bridle of his master + at the slightest touch of the rein the horse responds full heart, no bit required. Truly broken horse (♡) is eager to please his master + comes near glad to see his master.
   - James 1:26, 3:2 (bridle) tongue, whole body; James 4:15 if the LORD will

tamed



- humble, accept God's will (Jesus) with joy + expectation (faith)
- recog. God's authority as Creator, Savior, Shepherd, Father, Teacher
- recog. God's goodness + devoted/loyal love

- opposite: resist; argue/protest; complain; unwilling (self-will)
  James 3:14-18 stubborn; stiff-necked; rebellious; disobedient
  set in old ways; walls of protection; unbelief
- Similar words: yield, submit, obey, trust, follow, agree
  bow, Kneel "not my will, yours be done"
  Cooperate with God, teachable, tamed gentleness, restraint
- Biblical ex: Moses Ex. 3 at burning bush, but years later God says Moses is meek. Num. 12:3
  Peter Jn 13:36-38; Jn 21:12-18, Jn 14 fellowship
  Paul Acts 9, Gal 1:11-18 Look at Scripture → lens of risen messiah
  Jacob wrestles Gen 25:19; 28; 31:13, 24; 32:9-10-12 - not worthy, name change
  altar - my God

- James 1 welcome receive with ♡ meekness the seed germinating in soil of ♡ implanted Word of God which is able to save your souls; cooperate with God - prepare good soil
- James 3 produces wisdom + fruitful life of righteousness + peace

- James 4 Submit to God; resist the devil
  Draw near to God - confess, just/vs. 4-5 desire God (fixes double mind), yield to God
  eternal vs vapor 4:14, 5:11, 5:1-3, 5
  He responds in love + grace 4:10 Lift you up

enough for 16

What led to their downfall?
Diagnose the sick tendencies of the human heart: (dig deep)

(1) Eve: Genesis 3:1-8

Backstory:
consider her environment, the instructions from God 1:26-31, 2:15-17, who she was listening to, etc.

Diagnosis:
- not content (forgot) with perfection!
- listened to the creature rather than Creator
- doubt God's character + Word - forgot - lightly esteemed
- leaned on own understanding

What could Eve have done to prevent making the wrong choice?
- focus on all God had blessed her with
- Remember to rule over all creatures
- Remember God's goodness + love
- Go to God for understanding

What led to their downfall?
Diagnose the sick tendencies of the human heart: (dig deep)

(2) Aaron and 70 elders along with children of Israel : Exodus 24:1-18; 32:1-24, psalm 106:19-22

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Backstory: Exodus 20:22-24 - Spoke His law to the people
- make no graven images

Diagnosis:

- quickly forget cov./instructions + oath (40 days)
- imagination not facts led them - forgot how God (not man) delivered them from Egypt
- forgot God's promises
- leaders - lead in remem + worship

What might have prevented their downfall?

Remembering what God had done for them : Ex. 15 Song of triumph 1-21

Worship Service Ps. 107: 43

Celebration of freedom

Elders speak about what they saw + heard on the Mt.

What led to their downfall?

Diagnose the sick tendencies of the human heart: (Dig deep)

(3) 10 spies and children of Israel: Numbers 13:1-3, 25-33,14:1-11

Diagnosis:

- forgot God's promises
- forgot how God had set them free from Egypt + defeated Pharoah's army
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What could have helped prevent their fall?

Worship Services

- Ex 15: 11-19 Remember + trust for present

What led to their downfall?
Diagnose the sick tendencies of the human heart:

(4) **Children of Israel living in the promise land: Deuteronomy 32:15-18 (This is actually part of a prophetic song that God gave to Moses to teach Israel) Psalm 106:34-39**

Diagnosis:

- forgot
- blessed but forget the Blesser
- lightly esteem - no value in God
- distracted with the earthly

What might have helped prevent their downfall?

(Ps. 106 - recap)
- See Ps. 107:8-21

OH That men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

The Holiness of God

- set apart, separate, outside of - not part of His creation, including time

- different, unique - one of a kind, begotten - only one in quality/essence John 1:14
  - not common or ordinary
  - nothing else can compare Exodus 15:11

- Always was + always will be - no beginning + no end
  Eternal - I AM Hebrews 7:3, Ex. 3:14
  - the Source of life + creator of all things John 5:26 Acts 17:24-31
  - the sustainer of life + universe Colossians 1:16-17

- unchanging - remains the same - can't improve upon perfection + completeness, not growing or increasing
  Psalm 102:25-27, James 1:17, Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8
- Sovereign - no higher power; His will cannot be stopped.
  - as creator, He has the right/authority to do all He pleases.
- Knows All (intimately Ps. 139:1-6) - Sees All - All-wise Prov. 15:3, Heb. 4:13
  - Source of wisdom Romans 11:33-34, Psalm 147:5
  - ↑ Jeremiah 23:24, Job 12:13, Romans 16:27
- ↓ Every where present (physically) - yet distinct + not manifest
  Ps. 139:7-12, Psalm 46:1
- Righteous - He is the Standard - revealed in His law
  - light - no darkness; requires judgement of evil 1 John 1:5 Acts 17:30-31 Malachi 3:5 4:1-3
  - cannot sin or lie/deceive Hebrews 6:18
    Ps. 19:7-11, Psalm 119:137-144
- All powerful - ABLE to do ALL He pleases + says.
  - His Voice Psalm 33:6,9; Psalm 29:4, Isaiah 55:10-11
    Ephesians 3:20, Isaiah 46:10, Jeremiah 32:17,27, Ps. 115:3

And yet

- He is good. - absolute moral perfection, intrinsic, perfect in character
  Mark 10:18, Luke 18:19 - only God
  - His love is an expression of His goodness. 1Jn. 4:9-10
  - His mercy + grace flow from His goodness. Isaiah 55
    Exodus 15:13, Isaiah 45:18-23, Psalm 107, Ps. 31:19

** God has the greatest value/worth - infinitely + eternally.

- His worthiness cannot be exaggerated (nor fully comprehended) Ps. 145:3, Ps. 106:1-2, Isaiah 55:8-9
  Job 42:1-6
- He alone can completely, continuously satisfy our ♡s.
  Isaiah 58:11, Psalm 16:11, Ps. 21:6, Ps. 107:8-9, 43

And yet * Isaiah 57:15 revive - bring back to life, quicken
The Holy God - breathe new life into you
Contrite - crushed, smashed to pieces
(Same as Isaiah 53 - Messiah crushed (bruised))

* Ps. 24, 25, 31 (31:19), 30
  - entrance to His presence → Jesus
  - choice to lift up ♡ + eyes / He responds
  - speak truth in ♡, to others, live His life - fruit