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THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: “Seduction: Exposing The Enemy of My Promise” Pt. 5 1/2

Subtitle: Escaping the Trap: Breaking the Vow!

Scripture: Proverbs 17:9 NIV

Speaker: Pastor Ted Winsley

Date: May 8, 2024

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Introduction

We have learned that seduction drives people to willfully choose bondage and pain while forfeiting freedom and fulfillment. Tonight we will continue to explore wake-up call #5, as we expose the stronghold of offense!

Wake-up call #5. You know you are being seduced when the **cycle** of offense **drives** you to places that God does not **go!**

Offense - skandalizo (skan-dal-id'-zo) ("scandalize"); to **entrap.**

Read Matthew 24:10 AMPC

The Progression of Offense That Becomes A Vow

#1 The Incident/**Opportunity**: Someone/something intentional or unintentional, **hurts** or upsets you.

#2. Emotional **Reaction**: You react emotionally to the offense, which could involve feelings of anger, sadness, betrayal, or resentment.

3. **Rumination** - You **stew** on the offense, repeatedly **thinking** about what happened and how it made **you** feel.

4. ****Decision:**** After dwelling on the offense, you make a decision within yourself, often subconsciously, to **protect** yourself from being hurt in a similar way in the **future**.

5. ****Inner Vow:**** You form an inner vow, a personal **promise** to yourself based on your decision, which shapes your **future** thoughts, feelings, and actions.

The Problem and Power of Inner Vows:

Matthew 5:33-37 NLT “You have also heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the Lord.’ But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, ‘By heaven!’ because heaven is God’s throne. And do not say, ‘By the earth!’ because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, ‘By Jerusalem!’ for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or black. Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

1. Inner vows prohibit learning and growth and cause **extremes**.
2. Inner vows become our highest **loyalty**. Causing us to **resist** God or others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PINK & DENIM - Wear any shade of pink and denim us as we celebrate Mother's Day on Sun. May 12th.

CRAVE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - Join us at Sandy Cove, MD as we take time to fellowship, worship, and renew our mental, physical, and spiritual health on Aug. 21-23. View registration for more information and payment details. Register online at www.thefamilychurchnj.com/events or on our mobile app.

BODY & SOUL BOOT CAMP: Workouts for ages 16+ Sat. Jan. 6 - Mar. 30, 11-12 PM @ TFC. Bring a mat & bottle of water.

HOLY COMMUNION

1st Sunday of the Month

DEVOTION/PRAYER

Corporate Prayer Every Saturday 8 am – 8:30 am
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Last Saturday of the month 8 am – 9 am In person

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