

FOUR VOICES WE ALL HEAR

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I. INTRODUCTION

Genesis 3:7-9 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

Genesis 3:10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

- Our struggles often come from wrong thinking about ourselves and wrong thinking about God.

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1. *Guilt*

A. 3 Responses to Guilt

1) **Guilt can lead to blame.**

Genesis 3:11-12 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

2) **Guilt can lead to rationalization.**

Genesis 3:13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

- To rationalize is to tell ourself rational lies.

3) **Guilt can lead to repentance.**

Romans 5:18-21 (NLT) Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they

were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. Fear

A. Fear is the result of sin.

B. Fear is not from God.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

1 John 4:18-19 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because He first loved us.

C. Fear is not compatible with faith.

1) Fear is believing for the worst.

2) Faith is believing for the best.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

3. Shame

Genesis 2:25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

A. Where does shame come from?

1) Shame in comparison

2) Shame in choices

3) Shame in our experiences

4) Shame in expectations

5) Shame in disobedience

Romans 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Colossians 3:1-4 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

4. Brokenness

- When we play god, we end up running from God.

A. The enemy loves to set us up to self-destruct.

B. The enemy loves to separate us from God.

- We often hide from the very thing we need the most.

C. The Bible is the story of how man lost relationship with God and how God went to great lengths to get it back.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Luke 15:17-24 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.