

## **TRUTH #3 “THE ENEMY NEEDS EXPOSED”**

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**Romans 13:12** “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

As the Tempter and Accuser, the enemy will try to keep you on a merry-go-round of bondage through tactics of temptation and shame.

### **MERRY-GO-ROUND**

HURT ENOUGH — RELIEF — BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION —  
TEMPTATION/SLIP UP— SHAME/HIDE

**HOUSE of CARDS:** When we lead with a lie, our foundation is SHAKY,

so the rest of the structure is shaky. There isn't INTEGRITY in the foundation.

- JUMP OFF the merry-go-round!
- IF there is a set back...if there is a slip up or a relapse.... Get your butt back into the LIGHT.

**SIMON PETER:** Same guy, same story, different RESPONSE.

**FIRST STORY: Luke 5:1-11**

**His Response:** “Go away from me...” The shame of our sin causes a knee jerk reaction to want to HIDE, ISOLATE, PUSH AWAY God and others.

**SHAME:** God does NOT use shame to CORRECT.

- He COVERS our shame (Garden of Eden)
- He REBUKES shame (Zechariah 3)
- He ABORBS shame (Prodigal Son's Father)

The enemy PARTNERS with shame.

- He magnifies our shame to HIDE us from God
- He declares shame over us to REPLACE our identity
- He wields shame as a weapon to DESTROY us.

**Luke 22:54-62** This is Peter's relapse moment...his screw up...his slip up.

- When his grit, ambition, passion and will power FAILED him. What do you think he felt? SHAME.

**SECOND STORY: John 21:1-9**

- **WHAT IS PETER'S RESPONSE THIS TIME?**

Peter jumps in to get to Jesus. He realizes if there is any hope for redemption, he has get to the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

- Jesus reenacts the miracle, the scene when Peter is first called.

“I called you before you ever did anything for me...your call has nothing to do with your own EFFORTS and everything to do with ME.”

- You are building a new STRONGHOLDS!

“The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life!” Psalm 27:1

**Jesus makes Peter do something painful... EXPOSURE THERAPY**

- **JOHN 21:15-19**

- Jesus has Peter REVISIT the painful, traumatic moment, so Peter can face it and full restoration can take place.
- Jesus takes Peter back around that fire, in the midst of a crowd and has him answer a question, THREE TIMES.

**WHY? Shame just lost its POWER.**

The enemy couldn't dig it up. Other's couldn't use it against him. Peter could look at, face it, and LEAVE IT at that fire!

**This is a House of HEALING not HIDING.**

**“You will stay as sick as your secrets. Step into the light.”**