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ACTS 17:11


1 Timothy 1:12-17
Lesson #4
The gift of Shame
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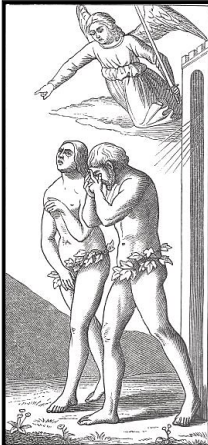
James 4:1
“What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?”



Social conflicts are usually rooted in unresolved, inner, personal, issues.



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The first negative human emotions expressed in the Bible are

fear & shame


Genesis 3:10
“I was **afraid** because I was naked; so I **hid** myself.”

This is the Biblical prototype of the human dilemma.

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“**Shame** is the most powerful, master emotion. It’s the fear that we’re not good enough.

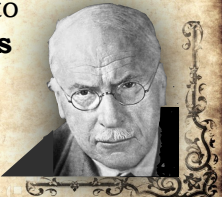
Brene Brown
(Author, Social Worker)



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“Through pride we are ever deceiving ourselves. But deep down below the surface of the average conscience a still, small voice says to us, ‘**Something is out of tune**’.”

Carl Jung



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The Human Dilemma

Personal & Social conflict

SHAME


Fallen nature
Conscience
Image of God



We can't change what we don't know.

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“There is but one truly serious philosophical problem and that is suicide.”




Albert Camus

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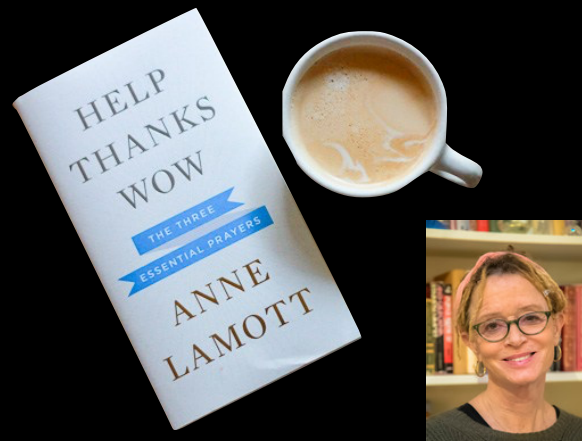
“In my view, suicide is not really a wish for life to end. It is the only way a powerless person can find to make everybody else look away from his shame.”

The wish is not to die, but to hide.”



Orson Scott Card
(author, playwright)


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HELP
THANKS
WOW

THE THREE
ESSENTIAL PRAYERS

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If we don't find passion for **“THANKS and WOW”**



it may be because we don't feel the hunger for **“HELP”**.

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Shame hinders us from knowing and accepting ourselves.

Others are:		I am:
legalistic		principled
angry		intense
fearful		cautious
careless		flexible
selfish		conservative
wasteful		generous
materialistic		tasteful

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Isaiah 53:6

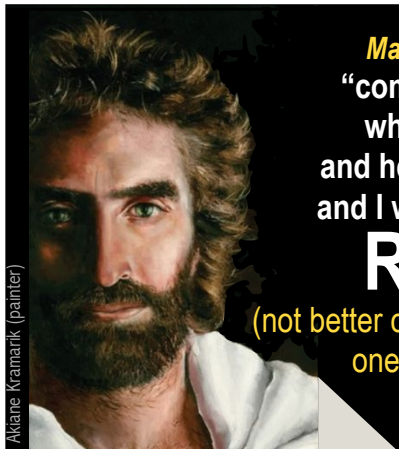
“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the **Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on him.**”

Hebrews 12:2

“**2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, **who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,**”

Our shame is a blessing if it leads to Faith in Christ and is left at his Cross.

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Matthew 11:28
 “come to me, all
 who are weary
 and heavy-haden,
 and I will give you
REST.”
 (not better circumstances,
 one more chance,
 or strength.)

Akiane Kramarik (painter)

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Three vital insights shaped Paul's soul:


Glory	Guilt	Grace
- the vision of Paradise (2 Cor.12)	- the shame of his flesh (Rom. 7)	- the mercy of God in Christ (Rom. 8)

**Shame plays a key role
in Paul's life and ours.**

Philippians 4:5
 “The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.”

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1 Timothy 1 (paraphrase)
 1:1-2 The Christian **Gospel** is hope that is centered in Christ, motivated by grace, acquired by faith, and that results in peace.
 1:3-5 It is clarified by the **Apostle's teaching** of promises accessed by faith not ethnic heritage.
 1:6-11 This starts with a proper understanding of the **Law, which exposes humanity's shame.**



Romans 5:20
 “The Law came in **so that the transgression would increase;** but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,”

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1 Timothy 1
 “12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service; 13 **even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor.** And yet I was shown mercy, because I **acted ignorantly in unbelief;** 14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save **sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.** 16 And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

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Romans 7-8
 “18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. 19 For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. . . . 24 **Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?** 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! . . . 1 **There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.**”

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“God is not looking for perfect people to pastor His church, but for sinners. No, for dirty, rotten, sinners who know the grace of God in Christ”

Haddon Robinson
(Seminary professor)



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1 Timothy 1
“8 But we know that the Law is good, **if one uses it lawfully,**”



To miss the shame exposed by the Law, **is to miss the power of the Word of the Cross.**

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1 John 1
“5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 **if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.** 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**”

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Luke 18 (Parable of Pharisee and Publican)
“9 And He also told this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-gatherer. 11 The Pharisee stood and was praying thus to himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax-gatherer. 12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax-gatherer, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘**God, be merciful to me, the sinner!**’ 14 **I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted.**”

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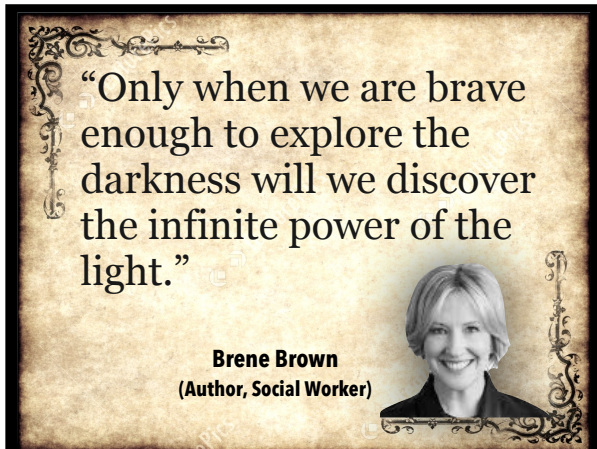
Luke 7 (Parable of Two Debtors)
“34 “The Son of Man has come eating and drinking; and you say, ‘**Behold, a gluttonous man, and a drunkard, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!**’ . . .
“40 And Jesus answered, . . . 41 A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. **Which of them therefore will love him more?**” 43 Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have judged correctly.”

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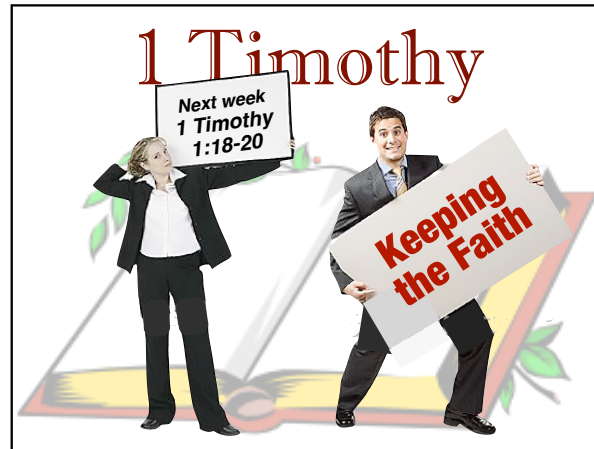
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“44 And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. 47 For this reason I say to you, ‘her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but **he who is forgiven little, loves little.**”

Our passion for Christ is proportional to our sense of needing him.

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