

New Beginnings
Ministry Wreckers: Shame (Part Two)
Genesis 3:1-10

Introduction

1. If you could replay a video of your life, what is the one scene you would want to cut out of it?
 - For most people, that one scene is something you did, or something someone did to you that branded a message on your heart saying: you are worthless.
2. Ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God in the Garden, we have been battling with guilt and shame. Shame says I am unacceptable. Guilt says I was wrong.

Shame is:

1. A destructive poison.

- It is brought on three ways.
 - What you have done. Gen. 3:1-10
 - What someone did to you. II Sam. 13:20
 - Something/someone associated with you. Jn. 4:7-9
- It is a deep sense of worthlessness that leads to a variety of harmful attitudes and actions
 - Emotional: depression, anger, fear, doubt, unforgiving, feeling like a worthless failure.
 - Physical: anorexia, bulimia, addictions, risky behaviors, exhibitionism, cutting, suicide.
 - Spiritual: hiding from God, rejecting fellowship with other believers.

2. Removed by faith in the finished work of Christ.

- Christ endured the shame of the cross for us. Heb. 12:1-2, II Cor. 5:21
 - Bring your guilt and shame to Him and trust Him as your Lord and Savior.
- When we give our lives to Him by faith:
 - We are made clean. Is. 1:18
 - We are clothed in royal robes of righteousness. Rev. 3:18
 - We are loved as children of the King. Hymn: "A Child of the King"
- The more we know, believe, and trust in the Lord and His promises to us, the better we can confront our shame honestly, turn from it, and embrace our new identities in Christ. Col. 1:9-10

The Challenge

1. **Are you ready to say "Lord I believe you more than I believe me?"**
2. **Focus on the matchless love of the Lord and get connected to Him.**

Genesis 3:1-10 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

II Sam. 13:20 - And her brother Absalom said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? Now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this to heart." So Tamar lived, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom's house.

Jn. 4:7-9 - A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Heb. 12:1-2 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

II Cor. 5:21 - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Is. 1:18 - "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Rev. 3:18 - I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

Col. 1:9-10 - And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.