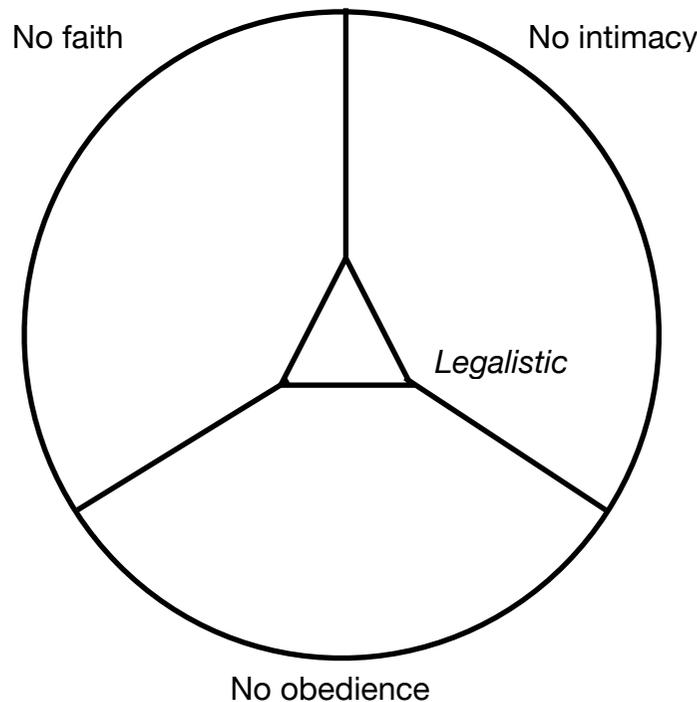


FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR HUBLETS OR ALONE.

If we are missing any of these 3 - it leads to a significant gap in our walk with God. e.g. if we have obedience and faith, but no intimacy, we become legalistic or religious. Using this diagram consider in each section what the outcome is of having 1 piece missing.

[*faith specifically applies here to confidence that when we pray, God will act and bring change]



Which of these 3 is lacking in your walk with God right now?

What helps you to get truth into your innermost parts?

Living Free part 4

Romans 5v5-9 & 1 John 3v1-3 & 19-24

*If our hearts condemn us,
we know that God is greater than our hearts,*

1 John 3:20

Quick Recap

- Free from & Free to.
- The reality of the spiritual, heavenly realms
- Set free from Shame.

16 I command you today: Love God, your God. Walk in his ways. Keep his commandments, regulations, and rules so that you will live, really live, live exuberantly, blessed by God, your God, in the land you are about to enter and possess.
Deuteronomy 30:16

*This is how we know that we belong to the truth
and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence*

1 John 3v19

God is greater than our hearts.

GOD ↔ US

- The Core truth.
- The proof of that truth in the reality of our lives.
- The outcome of living in that truth.
- The dangers of not believing this truth.

1. GOD.

The truth: HE LOVES US UNCONDITIONALLY

See what great love the Father has lavished on us.

The proof: The Cross

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless,

Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

The Outcome: **FAITH.**

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask. 1 John 3:21

The danger of not believing: **fear of punishment**

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The truth: **JUSTIFIED AND RECONCILED**

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5v9-11

The proof: **Peace & Rest**

The Outcome: **INTIMACY with God = Joy**

The danger of not believing: **'Me' centred**

3. US. - The truth about you and me.

The truth: **Children of God**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

The proof: **God's love poured into our hearts by Spirit**

God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5v5

And this is how we know that he lives in us:

We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 3v24

The Outcome: **We become like him. - OBEDIENT**

V3 But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him,

The danger of not believing: **Live as orphans.**

A closer look at 1 John 3v21-22 - Is this love really unconditional?

21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

What is the 'confidence' he's talking about here?

A. Our understanding of 'freedom'.

B. What does the 'because' apply to?

The issue is on our end of the relationship.

When we turn away, or are ashamed of ourselves - we stop approaching God and asking with confidence.

Conclusion

FAITH - INTIMACY - OBEDIENCE