

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR HUBLETS OR ALONE.

If you missed last week's exercise of Faith, Intimacy & Obedience. Take time together to consider what we end up with in our relationship with God, if you take any one of those vital components away.

How would you describe 'sin'?

What anxieties do we have around the whole idea of sin?

How do the enemies lies lead us away from relationship with God?

It's challenging to recognise and admit our fear, shame and rebellion against God. When can you tell that these are in place instead of Faith, intimacy and obedience?

What are the things in your life which subtly slip in to pull you away from walking with God in trust and intimacy?

How can we recognise the lies that we are believing about God?

Living Free part 5

1 John 3v4-7 & Genesis 3v1-11

Quick Recap

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

GOD ↔ US

Unconditional love Reconciled Children of God

FAITH - INTIMACY - OBEDIENCE

[‘Fire triangle’ (Heat, oxygen, fuel) essential to have all 3 present.]

So what went wrong?

GOD ↔ US

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1 John 3:4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning.

No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray.

The contrast through this verses (& the surrounding verses) is between those living as beloved children and those who are continuing to walk away from God.
Sin is walking away from God.

'lawless' : iniquity, transgressions, consistently living walking away from God. **Rebellion**

'lives in him'... 'either seen him or known him'
- no relationship, no 'walking with', no intimacy.

'led astray': deceived, (v8 children of the devil). The language links to the spiritual realms. Those who live separate from God are influenced by the devil's spiritual forces.

- Deception
- Accusation
- Rebellion

All aimed at leading astray from God.

HOW does the enemy lead us away from God?

Genesis 3

Satan sneaks in when God isn't present

Satan's motives?

Sabotage, steal, kill, destroy, everything to destroy what matters most to God. By creating a gap between God and those he loves.

- Intimacy - those he loves
- Wisdom - obedience in relationship
- Fear - expect him to harm
- Hollow religion - a fake imitation of God's kingdom

HOW? - **LIES.**

'Did God really say?'

'You will not die'.

The Outcome:

FEAR - I can't trust God

REBELLION - I'll be in charge and do it my way

SHAME - Adam and Eve hide from God.



That is not the end of the story! ...

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