

I AM A DISCIPLE MAKER

THE BORDERS OF LOVE AND REVIVAL

PART ONE

Job 2:6-10

I Kings 18:32, 38

- The trench of Elijah's altar represents our integrity for it holds on to and preserves the fire of God's Presence in our lives
- This fire that fell represents God's intimate love for us that empowers our ability to walk with integrity.
- The fire of Elijah or the Presence of God's spirit is the number one motivation of why we choose to practice relationship integrity.
- Without faith in God's intimate love for me, I will give into the lusts of my flesh and justify my lack of consistency in being honest with myself.
- When we focus on practicing relational integrity it increases the fire of God's Spirit to do greater things amongst us because we grow in trust one to another
- Integrity is the borders and trench for love and revival.
- So this trench of Elijah is the integrity that preserves relationship love between us
- It preserves holiness separation living
- God will do greater exploits amongst us and reveal deeper sides of Himself to us when we build the trench of integrity. The fire of our prayer life, love, intimacy and integrity are the trench for God's fire to fall on our altar.

We see this in the story of the book of Job in Job 2:3

- Vs. 3 – Satan
- God points out to the devil in Job 2:3 – Hey devil did you notice Job's integrity while you hit him with pain and severe losses?
- The whole issue in this terrible warfare was over 2 things:
 - 1.) Job's faith in God's love for him
 - 2.) Job's integrity – Read Job 2:10
- Job is saying, because God is sovereign and because His love never fails – shall we receive evil from God like we do good? Is not God sovereign in His love for us, woman?
- Satan used a human to try to curse God and give up integrity because this is what satan did in heaven.
- Job's integrity in spiritual warfare put a hedge around his family and possessions in Job 1:10.
- Job's integrity restored him a double fold return in Job 42:12 – more than when he started, because integrity holds the fire of Elijah for revival.
- Job's motivation for integrity was his faith in God's intimate love for him. Not his love, because only God's sovereign mercies cause Job to hold onto his integrities. God told satan just how far he can go with attacking Job. Because integrity is the border for love and revival.
- So you don't have integrity because of your ability. You practice integrity because of God's mercies and sovereign love

LORDSHIP PRODUCES INTEGRITY

I CORINTHIANS 12:3

GOD'S WILL POWER

- Phil. 2:13 – It is God that works in me to will and to do.

...lover – It is God that works in me

...house in spite of it.

GOD'S PRESENCE

- Ex. 33:15-16
- For security/self-esteem
- For integrity/Fruit of Spirit
- To do exploits
- To defeat evil

...themselves to find acceptance.

- Our tone of voice.
- Coverage.
- Read Ps. 41:11-12

GOD'S HEART

- Guarding the heart through intimacy
- Ps 139:23, Prov. 4:23, Luke 6:45

(Example – Disney World)

- Joseph with Potifar
- Guarding relationships with integrity – story of Bathsheba and Solomon

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

- Job 2:8-10

...stored his integrity

...me to fear God at all times.

- You accept the doors God has opened
- Example
 - 1.) 285 house.
 - 2.) Being at Parkway.
 - 3.) Mr. Rodriguez offered me a better deal than EWC.
 - 4.) Accept blessings people give me.

- GOD'S WILL POWER
- GOD'S PRESENCE
- GOD'S HEART
- GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY



**GOD'S
INTEGRITY
IN YOU!**

The Importance of Integrity

- 1.) The quality of person you are is determined by how well you live up to the values that are most important to you
- 2.) Integrity is the foundation of character
- 3.) To be totally honest with other, you first have to be totally honest with yourself.
- 4.) If you are always honest and true to yourself you cannot be false to anyone else.
- 5.) The mark of people who have high integrity is, they always do the highest quality of work in everything they do.
- 6.) People with high integrity realize that everything they do is a statement about who they are as a person.
- 7.) The Universal Law of Attraction says that you inevitably attract into your life the people and circumstance that are in harmony with your dominant thoughts and values. This means that everything in your life have attracted, because of the person you are. If there is anything in your life, your relationships, or your work that you are not happy with, you need to begin changing the person you are, so that you stop attracting those people and situations into your life.
- 8.) It's easy to make promises but often very hard to keep them. But every time you keep a promise that you've made, it is an act of integrity, which in turn strengthens your character. You will begin to attract the best people and situations into your life.

A. Leonard Roberts became CEO of Arby's, the fast food restaurant chain when it was losing money. He made Arby's profitable, but then resigned from the board of directors to which he had been appointed when Arby's owner threatened to withhold bonuses for Robert's staff, and not to give promised help to Arby's franchisees in order to further increase profits. In retaliation for his stand, Arby's owner fired Roberts.

Roberts went right from the frying pan and into the fire. He was hired as CEO of another restaurant chan. This time, it was Shoney's. To his dismay, he found that Shoney's was the subject of the largest racial discrimination suit in history. And the suit was well deserved! Shoney's owner not only would not hire African-Americans, but also he fired any restaurant manage who did. Roberts promised that the suit would be settled fairly. Shoney's owner agreed to pay up and settle, but only if Roberts would resign afterwards. Said Roberts, "My stand on integrity was getting a little hard on my wife and kids. However, I knew it had to be done. There was no other way." Ultimately, Roberts became CEO of Radio Shack, and a year after that, CEO of Tandy's, which owns Radio Shack. Not long ago, *Brandweek* magazine named him Retailer of the Year.

Today, Roberts says, "You cannot fake it. You must stand up for what is right regardless. You cannot maintain your integrity 90 percent and be a leader. It's got to be 100 percent.

Integrity means adherence to a set of values which incorporates honesty and freedom from deception. It means doing the right thing regardless of circumstances or benefits to the leader or the organization. It means doing the right thing even if no one is looking.

B. Zaharias was a champion amateur golfer in the 1932 Olympics, and later a professional golfer. On the one occasion she penalized herself two strokes when she accidentally played the wrong ball. "Why did you do it?" asked a friend. "No one saw you. No one would have known the difference." "I would have known, " replied Babe Zacharias, a champion of integrity.

C. Maintaining absolute integrity is the bottom line if we want to preserve revival and trusting love. The borders of love for revival are:

- 1.) Keep your word. If you say something, make certain it is the exact truth.

- 2.) Choose the harder right over the easier wrong. There are times when you are faced with choices of right or wrong. No matter what your boss thinks...choose the right.
 - 3.) Guard your principles. This means that you must be trustworthy and principled. This is a part of maintaining your integrity as well.
 - 4.) Do the right thing. When you are in a situation that you stand to lose a lot by stating the complete truth that is exactly the time to do the right thing. When you treat others with respect, they will treat you with respect as well.
- Integrity makes you predictable and trustworthy
 - People will feel safe to be intimate and close with you
 - Integrity is the borders and trench to love and revival. Close fire and rain falls when we dig trenches of integrity.
 - God brings water to you in the desert or fire to your enemy when you hold onto integrity.
 - So, when we cry out for fire and the rain of God, He will show up.

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