

RADICAL Relationships

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THREE BASIC NEEDS Intended to be met in our **RESTORED Relationship** with God through Jesus!

The World **LIES AND PROMISES** to Meet these Needs, **Fails and Wounds Us** in the Process

Security from the world = _____

Acceptance from the world = _____

Significance from the world= _____

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:15-17

If not ministered to by **Jesus**, these wounds will fester and lie at the Core (Root) of much of our sinful and unloving behavior/attitudes (Bad Fruit) **EVERY FRUIT HAS A ROOT!**

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Col 2:7

Warnings from the Scripture

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Cor 10:11-13

<u>Root</u>	<u>Emotion</u>	<u>Reaction</u>	<u>Example</u>
Wound	<u>Anger</u>	_____	Absalom
Wound	<u>Fear</u>	_____	Saul
Wound	<u>Loneliness</u>	_____ (Lacking self-control)	Samaritan Women
Wound	<u>Inadequacy</u>	_____	Esau

Profile of a _____ driven by **ANGER** (From Absalom's Life) 2 Samuel 13-14

- They Push Against Authority
- Seek Vengeance ("*I'll Show Him/Her*" attitude)
- Builds Friendships that Feed Antagonism
- Loves Power (and accuses others of being controlling)
- Only Receives Advice that Agrees with their Agenda
- Shows No Compassion Toward the Object(s) of their Wrath

FEAR and the Path of _____

- They Categorize People as "For" or "Against" Them
- Concocts Plans that Counteracts the People Against Them (Internally Formulating Rebuttals – Storing Up for "Weapons")
- Can Manipulate & Pressure People to Cooperate
- Recounts Events in a Way That Promotes and Protects Themselves & Puts Down Their Opponents (*and their Perceived Opponents*)
- Projects Blames and Easily Becomes Defensive
- Uses Position and Power to Promote Their Personal Agenda
- Only Makes Apologies When Forced to by the Occasion, and then in such a way to further their cause
- Can become first-class manipulators
- Outbursts of Temper and Feels as though They're Justified

Profile of an _____ Driven by **LONELINESS**

- They are Restless. Life Never Satisfies. Moves from One Fixation to Another
- Relationships are more about filling their own emptiness than truly loving another
- Superficiality and avoidance in Relationships Reduces Possible Further Rejection (Leading to Deeper Loneliness)
- Easily Given to Pursue Medicators (Alcohol, Drugs, Sex, Food, Possessions, Thrills, Laughs and others) to satisfy the longings of the soul (only to become hollower and thirstier as the years go by)
- Their Pursuits Control Them
- They Often Move from One Relationship to Another
- They Can Show a Lack of Commitment in Relationships
- They are Often Undisciplined (Constant Restlessness does not allow for the development of character needed for discipline)

Profile of _____ driven by **INADEQUACY**

- Performance for Approval can Become a Way of Life
- Driven to Find Affirmation, Often from a Particular Person or Group of People
- Finds it Difficult, Even Unbearable, to Handle Displeasure or Criticism
- Becomes Preoccupied with what Others Think of Them
- They Devise and Pursue Plans to Prove Adequacy (OR Gives Up!)
- Uses People to Achieve Their End (Performance Takes Precedence Over People)
- Consistently Evaluates Themselves (Often by Comparison)
- Has Trouble Saying "No" to Avoid Disapproval

Handling Rejection Wounds God's Way = **REPENTANCE**

- Become Emotionally Honest with God (and others as He leads) about Our Insecurities
- Change our Centeredness from Self to Jesus (YBH?)
- Turn to God (and away from the world/others) to Meet Our Deepest Needs (SAS) and Heal Our Wounds
- Confess and Repent When We Fall Into Old Habits
- Listen Attentively to the Voice of Jesus to Move from
- Reactive Living (Fear-based) to Responsive Living (Love-Based)
- See Others Compassionately Through This "Lens"