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VIDEO – CUP 1

Joke – Winston Churchill

EVERYBODY LOOKS AT MARRIAGE DIFFERENT

ILL: Use the different glasses to illustrate how married couples look at each other

ONE OF THE BIGGEST LIES THAT A YOUNG MAN DEALS WITH BEFORE MARRIAGE IS THAT AFTER MARRIGE YOU'LL NO LONGER HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SEX

KEY THOUGHT TODAY

GREAT AND GODLY SEX STARTS WITH GODLY THINKING

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR SPIRITUAL ENEMY, THE DECEIVER, SATAN, HAS BEEN TRYING TO PERVERT SEX FOR MANY, MANY, MANY GENERATIONS.

THE PROBLEM IS, WHEN WE BELIEVE HIS LIES, WE HAVE WRONG THINKING, AND WRONG THINKING LEADS TO SINFUL ACTIONS.

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT THE DEVIL?

John 8:44 (NIV)

...When he lies, (the devil) he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

BUT WHAT DOES JESUS SAY

John 8:32 (NIV)

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

A. THE SERPENT'S FIRST DECEPTION INVOLVED SEXUALITY!

Genesis 2:25 (MSG)

The two of them, the Man and his Wife, were naked, but they felt no shame.

1. THERE WAS TOTAL TRUST, INNOCENTS, THERE WAS NO AWKWARDNESS, NO EMBARRASSMENT

ILL: REMEMBER WHEN ONE OF OUR BOYS WOULD WALK AROUND NAKED WEARING YOUR SHOES

B. OUR SEXUALITY IS SATAN'S EASIEST DOOR TO SHAME!

1. THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU FELT THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SEXUAL IMPURITY.

C. ONCE THAT DOOR IS OPENED SATAN PLANTS A SEED

1. FROM SOME IT'S SHAME

ILL: MAYBE THEY WE'RE ABUSED SEXUALLY

2. FOR SOME IT'S A RUSH OF EXCITEMENT THAT LEADS TO A HABIT OF PORNOGRAPHY
3. BUT NOW YOU DEAL WITH THE SEED THAT WAS PLANTED.
4. IN YOUR MARRIAGE – BECAUSE OF YOUR ADDICTION YOUR WIFE DOESN'T SATISFY YOU
5. BECAUSE OF THE ABUSE IN YOUR LIFE THERE'S SEXUALLY PROBLEMS IN YOUR MARRIAGE

WHAT "SEED" OF SEXUAL SHAME HAS SATAN PLANTED IN YOUR LIFE?

ILL: STORY OF ADAM AND EVE EATING THE FRUIT – SEEING NAKEDNESS

Genesis 3:7 (NIV)

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

D. NOW, THEY WERE NAKED AND VULNERABLE. THEY FELT DIRTY. THEY FELT EMBARRASSED.

1. THEY FELT LIKE, "WE NEED TO COVER UP.
2. AND THAT'S WHAT WE DO WHEN WE FEEL SHAME. WE LIVE WITH THESE COVERINGS.

E. THEY ACTUALLY COVERED THEMSELVES WITH FIG LEAVES.

1. You may think, "Well, that sounds pretty smart," but when you know what was on the fig leaves, you will say, "That was stupid." These fig leaves, they actually had these tiny, little thorns on them.
2. They were covering themselves with something they thought would be helpful, but in reality, it was incredibly painful and dangerous. They put the fig leaves with thorns where they felt exposed, and yet, they were continuing to damage themselves by covering up.

Genesis 3:9-10 (NIV)

But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

E. NOTICE THIS. HE DIDN'T HIDE BECAUSE HE WAS EMBARRASSED BY HIS SIN. INSTEAD, HE WAS EMBARRASSED BY THE FACT THAT HE WAS NAKED.

1. He wasn't ashamed that he disobeyed God. He was ashamed that he was naked, so he hid. He covered up. He hid behind something that was very destructive.

WHAT DANGEROUS AND PAINFUL COVERING ARE YOU HIDING BEHIND?

F. HERE'S WHAT YOU MIGHT THINK. YOU MIGHT THINK TO YOURSELF, "OKAY, BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ME, OR BECAUSE OF WHAT I DID, I AM A BAD PERSON."

1. That is the difference between guilt and shame. Guilt says, "I feel bad because of what I did."
2. Shame says, "I am bad because of what I did," and you feel like, "I am a bad person. I am dirty. I am unlovable. No one will ever really accept me."

IT'S TIME TO DROP THE FIG LEAF

VIDEO – CUP 2

Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)

"Come now, let's settle this," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow."