Busting Shame

Luke 8:43-48

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Biblical Premise

Many of the strongholds listed last week are really only symptoms of a greater stronghold of **shame.**

Defining Terms

"Shame"": Has more to do with **who you are.** "Guilt": Has more to do with what you **did**

• Shame is the **residue** of your life.

What Did Adam And Eve Do?

• They worked at covering their shame in their own strength.

Shames Source

- Some act that you participated in.
- Some act **done to you**.
- Something you had **no control over**.

Understanding Shame

 "Shame is the deep sense that you are inherently flawed, unacceptable, unworthy of love, because of something you have done, or something done to you, or something associated with you." - Dr Ed Welch -Shame Interrupted.

The Cure For Shame

• A proper understanding and application of the **good news announcement.**

- Normally when Jesus asks questions its not for information but self-reflection.
- Faith is an internal conviction expressed by an external action.

2 Actions To Bust The Stronghold Of Shame

- 1. Moment by moment rest in your gospel identity.
 - You are not **defective**, **damaged**, **or broken**, or flawed or dirty, or ugly or impure, disgusting or unlovable, or weak or pitiful, insignificant, and definitely not unwanted. Who am I? I am who Christ says I am. I am forgiven, free, redeemed, chosen, changed, blessed, beloved, I am more than a conqueror and I am a **child of God**.
- 2. My identity is what Jesus has declared over my life

"If you want to know how much someone understands Christianity, find out how much they make of the Fatherhood of God." - JI Packer

• The anecdote for guilt is **repentance and confession**.

1 John 1:9

• The anecdote for shame is understanding **adoption**.

Ephesians 1:5

Memorize

I am a disciple of Jesus. I am not my sin. I am who Jesus says that I am. I am forgiven, adopted, changed, transformed, redeemed, loved, valued, cherished and a child of God.

I am His son/daughter.