

HANDLING MY EMOTIONS (part 5)

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1. Introductory Thoughts

- There are some emotions that we disguise as virtues:

Fear of _____

Discomfort _____

Apprehension _____

- These emotions lead us to show a _____ when we should be _____.
- _____ others does not always feel _____.
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2. The context of Jesus' command to overcome our fears in this area.

"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!" Matthew 8:6-7

- Jesus is saying, "Please don't be somebody's _____."

"If your hand or your foot cause you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of Gehenna." Matthew 15:8-9

- Jesus is saying: "To live the life you were created for sometimes takes extreme measures."

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish." Matthew 18:12-14

- Jesus is saying: "There is nobody who has ever stumbled too far to be _____ & _____ & _____ by God."

3. The Command to overcome our indifference

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the assembly; and if they refuse to listen even to the assembly, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.” Mt 18:15-17

- We say: “It’s _____ business.”
- Jesus says: “I just _____ business!”
- When we lovingly confront somebody who is part of our community, we are assuming we share the same _____.
- When we realize we do not share the same _____, we should back off and treat them like those who are _____.