

Them for the year. Unlocking family potential for divine destiny.

Family potential, locked, destiny, it is Divine.

What are some of the greatest hinderences to unlocking family portantial . Family at home, church family(TFC,pacesseters,yoms) work and school family .?

What is stopping us from fully and expressly living out our potential as God would have us live it in these areas?

. Those married, what's hindering you from coming up here and testifying of victory after victory ?

Do you feel you have been unlocked? What does that look like? How does a family that is unlocked look like? Whatever family?

This month's theme isngoiig to take a closer look at all of this.

SIN FACTOR

The problem of evil is the evil of the problem.

SIN. -cause

Sin introduced evil. The existence of evil solely depends on the sin factor.

A myriad of definitions concerning sin but I will go with the most common biblical definition and we will use that for the rest of this month.

SiN is missing the mark of perfection. Anything imperfect, by a standard is Sin.

A standard is presupposes. Whose standard?

So, Like a plane that has missed it's flying and landing mark even by a degree will most probably reach it's sure destruction...so also, Will sin cause evil.

The question I pause is who or what caused sin.? Who is to blame for all the evil in the world?

Some say Adam and eve,

Some Eastern religions teach that the universe is God and God is the universe and evil was a necessary outcome of a necessary creation.

Atheists believe that there was no exterior power outside of matter so matter out of spontaneity came to being and the complexities are a given necessity such as what we perceive as evil

Some have accused him of being malevolent, indiffent, volatile or helpless. He does not stop evil because he is God.

Qn: If you were God, how better would you create the world?

In her book "why" , Sharon Dirckx looks at the problem of evil and highlights on three of the many "alternative world" theories.

1. **A non free world** - no choice or decision made except by the creator. Micro-management is looked at as unethical.. Why would we want to subject an all benevolent God to an unethical standard?

2. **A world with the appearance of freedom.** They think they have a life and freedom to choose but Everything has a desired result by the creator. Schemers, politicians, sport rigging is looked at as a depriving of expression of freedoms. Would God be a loving God?

3. **Creating a free world in which people always choose good.** Would you guarantee, if you were all powerful that all decisions made out of free will shall be good ones? Can God retract and assign free will at the same time? Absurdly not. It is not a limitation to his omnipotence but rather a display of the nonsensical he cannot do.

CSLewis said, "if you choose to say 'God can give a creature free will and at the same time withhold free will from it,'you have not succeeding in saying anything about God. Meaningless combinations of words do not suddenly acquire meaning because we prefix to them the two other words "God can"

The origin of sin

Are you a sinner because you sin or

Do you sin because you are a sinner ?

We become the body of Christ because He paid a gruesome price to redeem us. To restore us. To retribute us.

The nature of God in spite of inevitability is that in his sovereignty and love, he chose to be boundless.

His amazing and awesomeness compelled him to love a being outside himself. A being with an independent mind, a free will and cognitive thought. This is the only person that can love him back with a choice. To remove this choice is to defy his own nature of love.

Man, created in and out of love possessed the potential to love or hate, to rebel or obey to leave or stay.

To commit or forefit.

To be faithful or an infidel,(infidelity).

To work hard or be lazy.

Without these choices, man is nothing but a blob of flesh nicely put together like any other creature.

Choice/ free will; a blessing or a curse?

Let's read the scriptures and study.

Preamble of Genesis 2

Gen3.

Vs1. Target acquired - seeds of doubt

Vs2. Target locked - seeds of pride due to wrong instruction. Distorting instruction. Helping God. Like saying "don't commit adultery." don't even greet women or touch them." helping God. We hate instead of love, we love instead of hate. We hate our enemies and love our passions.

Vs3. Target neutralized. The serpent goes in for the kill.

If you eat - speaking of pleasure , eating life.

eyes will be open - speaking of prosperity

Your potential will be unlocked, you will be successful. You will know what to do. You will be envied by all. You will tap into a different realm. Where the Divine and natural collide at your feet. The world is your canvas. Paint whatever image and that you will have....

Be like God - speaking of power

The tree of Good and evil

It represented moral discernment and ethics independent of God.

It represented the other choice. They ate from the tree of life... They fed off of God. God was their source of moral ethics. He was their creator and father.

The day they chose the alternative.... Is the day they destroyed themselves. Cut themselves off from life... And mankind stopped living with abundantly life and started living on **life support**.

Gen3.

The problem of sin is that it's a state of being.

Once you catch it, you are dead. And or dying. It has plagued us from time immemorial and it comes through nothing else but deception.

The deceptions distort the instructions. Distorted instructions lead to a distorted life.

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13-15

-The end-

Day 2.

SiN - *effect*.

Genesis 3.

Consequence

Recap.

Are we sinners because we sin or do we sin because we are sinners?

We saw about The fruit.

Good for food - prosperity

Pleasing to the eye- pleasure

Desirable for gaining wisdom. - power.

Evil is the result of sin. Evil is the effect of sin.

Our greatest needs are summed up in 3 things.

acceptance

Security

Significance.

Adam and eve found these in the one True God.

Acceptance because he was their creator.

Security because he was their provider... Eat of all the fruit.

Significance because he gave them work to do. To dominate, subdue and fill the earth.

But at the fall

Neil T Anderson in his book, Freedom in Christ

Talks about the false equations of life... False equations from sin.

Performance + accomplishment = significance

Status + recognition = security

Appearance + admiration = acceptance

Our unchecked desires corrupt our deepest needs

1. The desire for power brought a false sense of significance based on **performance** and **accomplishment** (*Good for wisdom. Having God like power. having no God to depend on. SELFempowered*)
2. The desire for prosperity brought a false sense of security based on **status** and **recognition** (*eyes will be open. Man would see himself as complete lacking nothing. Accomplished. Man would desire to be seen as complete, lacking nothing. SELF sustained*)
3. The desire for pleasure brought a false need for acceptance based on appearance and admiration (*they wanted to look like and be like God. To have what he has. To feel what he feels. To accept themselves as better than what God has made them be. SELF Suficent.)*

SELF CENTEREDNESS

Life is riddled with story after story of pain. The news doesn't help us. The homes don't help us etc.

For far too long, you may have been asking yourself the same questions. Wallowing in your own sin in your own suffering and self pity and wondering why God, a good loving God you keep hearing about is absent or so far removed from you.

Perhaps we are the ones that want to design our world for him.

Perhaps we feel like he could have done a better Job with the family he allowed us to grow up in, with the flaws and the disappointments through life.

Perhaps your marriage, your friendships, your home, your family doesn't reflect the existence of God...

May be you are looking for acceptance, significance and security in your relationships.

Our desires have led us down a path where;

our women now find acceptance by the masks they wear, the clothes they don't.

Our men (young or old) find significance in the positions they hold, the risks they take, the women they hode

Our fathers find security in what they accumulate, in the jobs they desire to keep more than the wives they need to love.

Our homes have become a nest for hypocrisy that extends to the church and then we blame the church pips for the emptiness and filthiness we feel inside.

We blame everyone and everything around us for the mark we missed. The sin we own. The love we lost.

We are to blame. Us. Ourselves. Our attitudes. Our dreams, our hopes our centeredness is based on lies we have come to believe as true. Lies about our identity, our sutinance and our purpose

As church we have become consumerists . Always wanting what's mine. Never mind the cost, never mind the means, never mind the people hurt along the way.

Survival for the fittest.

In a church where we must look at each other as equals made in the image of God, we hear statements like

"don't settle for less", dating (coz some people are less than me)

life is for enjoying, coz YOLO, (so,we have no restraint. We don't care about the weaker brother) we live life with only our desire to meet our accomplishments and nothing to do with His purposes.

Salvation has become more of a secret affair than a personal one.

We can afford to have statements like "God and I are not talking".

We must reckon with this truth. The problem of sin is our own selfish desires. Our own inadequacy because we chose to rebel. We choose everyday to rebel.

James said it well. "but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

Do you love your enemies, do you do good to those that persecute you. Do you patiently restore the fallen. Do you have no other gods beside God. What consumed your time, your resources and your heart? is it the job, the wife, the habit, the school, etc

Those of us that feel liberated to club, drink smoke enjoy life, what's the point? Are you truly loving for him? Are you truly surrendered to his leading?

Is it our desire to obey the master no matter the cost. ? Do we truly worship with our lives?

Evil cannot be done with if sin is not dealt with

Col. 1:21

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

Our sin brought a chasm of enmity between us and our source. Us and our life.

We were enemies of God in our minds. Our thoughts, our attitudes, our choices, our words may display this enmity. Eg. Let your words be filled with grace and seasoned with salt. How do we use our words? Do we cut people down, are we careless? Do we not care? Do we say things sometimes to intentionally hurt them? If it's unintentional, do we care that they are hurt?

Our actions. What do we value most? Money, wealth, health(would we go to places that have potential illnesses because God has asked us) , prosperity.(*would we loose all things but be with Jesus?*)

22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy (*His death and resurrection has opened doors for us to be set apart. Separated from the rest. Unique in position and in behavior..positional holiness and behavioral holiness*) in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Colossians 1:21-23 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/col.1.21-23.NIV>

******Instrumentalist.******

Effect 2.

Church exists because Sin exists.

Think about it. If there was no sin, if Adam didn't eat the fruit. If Eve refused to succumb to her desires... We wouldn't be having this conversation.

Before the fall, they were naked and unashamed. They were satisfied in God and all he had given them. They felt significant, secure and accepted.

After the fall, they were naked and shamed. They fell in need, because they sought for what they wanted at the expense of what they needed.

That is why there is;

Redemption, restoration, restitution.

He becomes our

Significance - he is our purpose we live and move and have our being in him.

Security - He is our sustenance . He is the provider

Acceptance- he is our identity. He is our father

******Let's bow our heads and pray ******

Like the great pastor, poet and writer Walter C. Smith based on 1 Timothy 1: 17,

We must always find our sustenance, our satisfaction, our identity, our purpose in the one true Alfa life. God eternal...

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

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Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

5 . Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. !
Amen.