



S1E2: Letting go of the need to be right

We are not the source of right, He is

Context:

2 Chronicles 30:18-19

“May the good Lord pardon everyone who sets his heart to seek God, the Lord, the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness.” And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people.

- The Father could see that the desire of their heart was to worship Him and He showed them grace.
- There were many people present who knew exactly how Passover was to be kept properly but we have no record of them condemning those who didn't know.
- Instead, they prayed for them, worshipped alongside them, and in doing so welcomed these brethren into a community in which they could learn.

When do we need to be right?

- When we are arguing over scripture,
- When we are offended because someone is disagreeing with us,
- When we are trying to prove they are wrong.

Important things to consider:

- If we are using our knowledge of the Bible as a weapon, then we are bullying believers
- Faith by compulsion is not faith

Why are we trying to prove we are right?

- Most of the time, it's out of offense.
- Being offended shows our argument is weak and we are insecure. When we let go of that and realize that He is right, we are not offended by someone disagreeing with us.
- The truth will stand when the world is on fire
- Don't seek offense, Seek wisdom.

Proverbs 19:11

A man's insight gives him patience, and his virtue is to overlook an offense.

Are we trying to step in between them and the Father by teaching others ourselves?

- Especially when folks are in the Word or seeking Him, don't step in and take the reins from the father.
- Give them time. Trust the Father
- Truth has nothing to fear from inspection.

Are we seeking to have them follow us?

- We are to humble ourselves.

Matthew 23:12

Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

- Most things we feel the need to be right on are not salvational issues. We have to be ok allowing someone to be where they are and allowing the Father to guide them instead of us.
- We should be so focused on our own walk that we aren't focused on their walk.

Matthew 7:3-5

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Is this about pride or arrogance?

- He is the standard, not us
- The Pharisees didn't know they were Pharisees. We have to be willing to take an honest look in the mirror each morning.

Romans 12:2

Do not let yourselves be conformed to the standards of the world.

- The World wants to be right
- Important to remember that the need to be right is from the flesh.
- When we are walking in the Spirit, we are not offended by others disagreeing with us.

Gal 5:19-21

*Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, **enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy...***

Other Scriptures to consider:

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Ephesians 4:29

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is **good for building up**, as fits the occasion, **that it may give grace to those who hear.***

Proverbs 17:27

Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

Galatians 5:16-17

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 **For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit**, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

James 1:19-20

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.