




THE CALL OF JESUS

Discipleship & mission in the context of the city

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Acute Shame: A painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behavior

Shame - (can be) the gift of experiencing the full weight of conviction

Acceptance - is the gift of experiencing the full weight of freedom

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WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO KNOW



- I. Suppress Shame
- II. Experience Shame

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- I. Suppress Shame
 - a) Victimize [Genesis 3]
:: Relationally

The ability for connection is why we exist...

...For connection to happen we have to allow ourselves to be seen

-Brene Brown, Social Work Research Prof. @ UH

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- I. Suppress Shame
 - b) Preoccupy
 - :: Personally

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- I. Suppress Shame
 - b) Relativize
 - :: Vocationally

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II. Embrace Shame

WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE

John 8

² Early in the morning [Jesus] came again to the temple ... The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ...Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷

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And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”



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Hebrews 1:3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the **exact** imprint of his nature

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Isaiah 53:6 The Lord has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all

II. Experience Shame
Temptation: Penalize Self



WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO

Personal Relational Vocational

1. Family ~ You are God's child (Romans 8:14, John 1:12)
2. Intimacy ~ Jesus calls you friend (John 15:15)
3. Worthy ~ You have been made holy and are accepted by God (Romans 5:1)
4. Valuable ~ You have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20)
5. Intimacy ~ You are united with the Lord and one with Him in Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17)
6. Worthy ~ You are a saint, a holy one (Ephesians 1:1)
7. Family ~ You have been adopted as God's child (Ephesians 1:5)
8. Intimacy ~ You have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18)
9. Worthy ~ You are forgiven and redeemed (Colossians 1:14)
10. Security ~ You are whole (Colossians 2:10)