

Series: Pitfall

Message: Self-Condensation

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The enemy of our life (Satan) seeks to destroy us through condemnation.

**A foundation of understanding:
Conviction vs. Condemnation**

Romans 4:7, 8, 5:1, 7:17, 20 ; Isaiah 54:17; John 3:18, 19, 5:24; Galatians 3:13

- **Conviction**-From the Holy Spirit to show us what is wrong and lead us to God.
- **Condemnation**-From Satan to accuse, destroy, imprison us.

Breaking agreements with the enemy

John 8:44; Genesis 3:1; Ephesians 4:26-27; Romans 8:1-2

- **Confess** the agreement.
- **Repent.**
- **Listen as God speaks truth into my life.**

Who does God say I am?

My intentional momentum:

I now bring the authority of Jesus Christ, against Satan, against every lie, against every false accusation to come against me. Lord Jesus I come to you now to be restored in you, to be renewed in you, to receive your love and your life, and all the grace and mercy I so desperately need today.

NEXT STEPS

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God change our lives from the inside out!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Digging Deeper

How does Paul describe the Christian's Life in the following verses:

Romans 7:4-6

Romans 7:14-25

Romans 8:1-2

Re-read Romans 8:1-2. Meditate on your freedom from condemnation. How does this affect your attitude toward your circumstance?

How can you reflect this attitude in your prayers and actions this week?

The tool to avoid the pitfall of self-condemnation is to see clearly who we are and whose we are.

Read Romans 5:1-5. What foundation do we have for building a close relationship with God?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. You took your first step toward spiritual maturity when you put your faith in Christ. What is God's desire for you?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. Into whose image are we being changed?

Who brings about the change?

How rapidly will this change occur?

How complete will the change finally be?

Review the list of truths God says about you in the take it home section. What statement impacts you and why?

Take it home: God's truth about you (I am, I can, I have)

I am chosen and dearly loved (Colossians 3:12)
I am a holy temple (Ephesians 2:21; 1 Corinthians 6:19)
I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
I am adopted as his child (Ephesians 1:5)
I am alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5)
I am a light in the world (Matthew 5:14)
I am blameless (1 Corinthians 1:8)
I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me (1 John 5:18)
I am chosen before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4, 11)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am delivered (Colossians 1:13)
I am forgiven (Ephesians 1:8; Colossians 1:14)
I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am God's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
I am healed from sin (1 Peter 2:24)
I am holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4)
I am included (Ephesians 1:13)
I am more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
I am no longer condemned (Romans 8:1, 2)
I am overcoming (1 John 4:4)
I am safe (1 John 5:18)
I am set free (Romans 8:2; John 8:32)
I am victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 5:4)
I belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:20)
I can approach God with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12)
I can be strong (Ephesians 6:10)
I can bring glory to God (Ephesians 3:21)
I can forgive others (Ephesians 4:32)
I can be humble, gentle, patient and lovingly tolerant of others (Eph 4:2)
I can give thanks for everything (Ephesians 5:20)
I can grasp how wide, long, high and deep Christ's love is (Eph 3:18)
I can have a new attitude and a new lifestyle (Ephesians 4:21-32)
I can understand what God's will is (Ephesians 5:17)
I have access to the Father (Ephesians 2:18)
I have been chosen and God desires me to bear fruit (John 15:1,5)
I have God's power (Ephesians 6:10)
I have hope (Ephesians 1:12)
I have peace (Ephesians 2:14)
I have purpose (Ephesians 1:9 & 3:11)
I have redemption (Ephesians 1:8)
My heart and mind is protected with God's peace (Philippians 4:7)