

Pride - the Root of Anger

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Pride is the root of our problem that hinders us from spiritual maturity, and it can only be overcome by exposing and forsaking idols in our life and surrendering to God's will and way.

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Description

Phil Beach Jr. addresses the issue of pride as the root cause of anger, emphasizing that anger often arises when our desires are thwarted. He draws parallels between the psalmist's struggles in Psalm 18 and the believer's journey, highlighting the importance of recognizing our utter dependence on God for deliverance. Beach explains that pride manifests as a desire to have our own way, leading to conflict when those desires are unmet, and he encourages believers to yield their desires to God. He illustrates this with examples from personal relationships, showing how pride can disrupt harmony and lead to anger. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper communion with Christ to overcome pride and experience true spiritual maturity.

Transcript

There is one particular subject that I would like to minister on tonight. I believe this will be a helpful teaching from the Bible and it will give us understanding and that's always things that we're seeking to have in relation to our Christian walk. But before we delve into this subject, I just want to mention in Psalm 18 that as we begin reading in verse number 1, let's just read through these verses again in Psalm number 18.

As I had intended this morning on bringing this out, but I didn't. It seemed to be a confirmation since Sister Colette mentioned it this evening that I'll just go ahead and just bring this correlation out regarding Psalm 18 and the specific application that we can make in our own lives and be able to relate to the struggle of the psalmist. Although I am sure that in Psalm 18 there was a particular event that the psalmist was referring to that was resulting in this incredible stress and sorrow that he speaks of in verses 4 and 5. However, I want to apply it to us as Christians since we've been delving into the subject of understanding who we are apart from Christ and then of course the glorious provision that we have in Christ.

I think it will be interesting for us to relate it in this way. Verse number 1, Psalm 18, I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust. My buckler and the horn of my salvation and my high tower. You'll notice, interestingly enough here, that automatically you see, you sense the feeling of what's going on here.

The psalmist is reaffirming the fact in Psalm 18 that first of all he wants to love God. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. And then he begins to describe what the Lord is to him.

And we can point out various different things here. The Lord is my rock. Now a rock in the Old Testament suggested stability.

It suggested something that was unmovable. So we can almost get a feel here of the psalmist. He affirms that he wants to love God and then immediately he begins to describe what God has become to him.

So I seem to read from this psalm that the psalmist is finding an escape from something in God himself. How important it is for you and I to recognize that when we are experiencing some kind of an apparent unsurmountable difficulty that we can find in the Lord Jesus Christ an escape, some kind of a solution, he himself becomes our solution. Now let's watch this.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my strength in whom I will trust, my buckler and the horn of my salvation and my high tower. Now we have all of these incredible descriptions of what the Lord is to the psalmist here. He is a rock, he is a fortress, he is a deliverer, he is the psalmist God, he is strength, buckler, the horn of his salvation, a high tower.

Then verse 3, I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from mine enemies. Now verse number 4 and 5 and 6 seem to describe the emotional, the mental, the physical, the spiritual distress that the psalmist was going through as a result of this particular trial that he was going through. We're not going to try and identify what the trial is because we're going to apply it to a situation in our life in a moment.

But let's read now the description, the feelings that are arising within the psalmist's heart as he's in the midst of this incredible trial. Now, the sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of hell or Sheol compassed me about.

The snares of death prevented me or confronted me. Now verses 4 and 5, wouldn't you say, describe quite a difficulty? What we have to do is, we almost have to ask the Lord to help us feel what's going on here. So many times we'll just read the Scriptures.

I mean, can you imagine what was going on here? The sorrows of death compassed me. The floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol.

That suggests that he was looking at death. Whatever his situation was, it had become hopeless. It was utterly hopeless.

He found absolutely no consolation. He found no hope apart from the Lord. Or rather, I ought to say, as a result of a hopeless situation, he found the Lord as his only hope.

And then in verse number 6 is the climax of this little 1 through 4 story. In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried unto my God. He heard my voice out of his temple and my cry came before him even into his ears.

And here we see the beautiful transition of a person who, as a result of being compassed about with incredible, incredible difficulty, called upon the Lord. He made a decision. He focused his cry upon the Lord.

And then the Bible goes on to say the incredible victory that the Lord brought as a result of this cry to the Lord. Now what I would like to do is I would like to just share with you in Romans chapter 7, Romans chapter 7, I would like to suggest, Romans chapter 7, I would like to suggest in verse number 14 that understanding, understanding the magnitude of one verse, verse number 14, Romans chapter 7, has the potential of bringing upon you equal despair that was reflected in Psalm 18. And just as the psalmist in Psalm 18 discovered that in his hopeless situation only in God could he find deliverance, likewise, beloved, you and I can only find deliverance in God.

Now listen, let's read verse 14. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. Beloved, the impact of this one scripture is so incredible, so indescribable, that it's hard to imagine.

When Paul makes this confession specifically about himself, but in reality he's making this confession about all flesh, I am carnal. When God begins to reveal to a Christian the utter depravity of what we are as a carnal person, there can be very well the same kind of response in us as we read in Psalm 18, where literally we are compassed with such hopelessness and such despair that we find no consolation anywhere. But the glorious thing about this truth here is that just as the psalmist found consolation and deliverance and hope in the Lord, that's what becomes the Christian's hope.

Beloved, listen, you cannot find within yourself anything that's good, anything that's praiseworthy, anything that is at all pleasing to God. There's nothing in you. You are a carnal person, you are a carnal human being.

Even after you become a Christian and the Lord forgives you of all of your sins and places the Holy Spirit inside of you, that does not change the principle of sin that yet permeates and infests your very being. Now, here's the victory. Verse number 24, Romans chapter 7. O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Just as the psalmist found that his only place of hope and victory was in the Lord Jesus Christ, likewise, beloved, the only place of victory that you and I will find is in the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He becomes to us that which enables us to escape the wretchedness of what we are as carnal, sinful people. And beloved, I assure you most solemnly that there is indeed no freedom from the law of being carnal, sold under sin apart from a relationship with Jesus Christ.

And any believer at any time knows that when the relationship with Christ is somehow, in some way, lessened by busyness or whatever the case may be, you discover all over again the wretchedness of what you are. Therefore, we see the necessity of the union and communion and intimacy that must be cultivated on a daily basis with the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing can take that place.

Fellowship with other Christians cannot take the place of communion with the Lord. Filling your head with all kinds of knowledge cannot take the place of fellowship with the Lord. There is something about the quickening presence of Jesus Christ discovered through prayer that keeps the carnal law of sin subdued and it keeps the believer in union and in flow with the life of Christ.

And that's what we need as believers. So therefore, prayer and communion with the Lord and closeness with Him becomes the avenue by which we discover the continued victory in Christ from the wretched man that I am. And I just wanted to share that because it was something I was going to bring out this morning but never was able to because we ran out of time.

But I'm wondering, and I'd like to ask a rhetorical question, has God made you to understand Romans 7.14 in such a way as to bring into your heart the realization of utter hopelessness apart from Christ Himself? I trust that He has and if He hasn't, I trust He'll do this. Because that's the only way that we can truly, truly learn to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. That is, only after we discover that there's nothing in ourselves that we can live by or off of.

And I've mentioned it many, many times. Are you struggling with a prayer life? Are you struggling with consistency in prayer? Oh, there's so many, so many different teachings on how to be a successful prayer warrior. And people come up with all kinds of different ideas but I tell you there's one way that will never fail and that is this.

Your prayer life and the consistency of your prayer life will be in relation to how well you have seen Romans 7.14 and your utter inability apart from Christ. The more a believer sees himself as he is apart from Christ the more that believer will live in the presence of Christ living by Christ. And this is what produces a genuine consistent prayer life.

Inconsistency in prayer reflects the believer's deep-seated confidence in self yet. I know that we can give all kinds of excuses why we're inconsistent in prayer and how the Lord really knows my heart. Remember that? Well, the Lord knows my heart.

You know, that would be like being unfaithful to your wife or your husband. Well, you know my heart, hon, you know. You understand that this is just one of my flaws but I really do love you, you know.

That might be true but boy, it's going to sit pretty hard, isn't it? And I wonder how true it is. You know, there's a real area of problem there. So you see, the Lord does know our heart but yet the fact is inconsistency in these areas these important areas these are major fundamental areas in our life inconsistency just is really it's the true mirror it's an acid test it's showing us that we need to continue to be patient and wait for God to reveal to us our utter helplessness.

You see? I don't know of anybody who would attempt to go oh, into the middle of the ocean and decide to possibly jump off the raft and go down real deep for one hour. One hour. How come? Well, because most of us realize that we couldn't make it for an hour underwater.

So what we do is we're sure that before we jump in we have a tank on our back and the oxygen has been filled and we have our breathing apparatus hooked in properly so that when we go down there is a supply of oxygen. You see? And the analogy is the same in the Christian life. We can't make it.

We can't breathe spiritually without living in God and living by God's word. And as a result as we see that more and more then what happens is we never leave the dock without the oxygen. We never delve into the ocean or the ocean could represent whatever we do.

We never go into it without knowing that we're living by the word of God. So, that's just a thought that you might want to consider and like I said as you understand the reality of who you are and the need that you have for God that will in fact affect your faithfulness in prayer by virtue of the overwhelming sense of need

that you see for yourself. Well, enough of that for now.

We're going to look into a subject this morning or this evening that basically parallels with what we ministered on this morning. Now, as we remember this morning we ministered on basically how God is asking us to be willing to accept His call for spiritual maturity. His call to spiritual maturity.

We discovered this morning and God help me I just want to briefly go over this chart here and then we're going to delve into the major hindrance to spiritual maturity. The major hindrance to spiritual maturity. We basically explained this morning that the believer's response to God's call to spiritual adulthood to coming into maturity means that the believer asks God to allow the Word of God to allow the working of God in their life to go deeper than just superficial.

We showed how many times we allow the Lord to fill our minds with His Word and we allow ourselves to become equipped theologically and mentally with Christian nomenclature. And we seemingly really begin to get a handle on things but the major difference between that Christian and the Christian who lays hold of the cross of Jesus Christ is that the former only has Christianity in the head. Now, we did consent to the fact that it's possible that you can be a genuine Christian.

It is possible that you can really have your sins forgiven. However, as long as you allow the Word of God to only affect you in a superficial way though you are a Christian and though Christ dwells in your life yet, basically your heart life your inner life your motives the real heartbeat of what makes you up is still in control by yourself. You are still reigning.

Though Christ has become your Savior and though you are a child of God yet as a child you still do what you want when you want and you basically become very upset and you manipulate and have all different kinds of reactions when you don't get what you want. And that's the basic characteristic of a child an immature Christian. However, it is as in the natural so in the spiritual just like life itself necessitates the accepting of responsibility.

Now we discovered that when a child is born physically it is a baby and then it goes through the years of well the years of being young into young adulthood teenage up to 18, 19 and we see that a physical change begins to occur. That physical change is a sign that it's time to begin to grow up it's time to accept responsibility. But we discovered that there are adults with adult bodies who are still delinquent.

Why? Because the time had arrived to become an adult to grow up but the mind was unwilling the heart was unwilling to accept and readjust in order to be able to function as an adult. There are certain things that have to happen in our life if we want to mature as a natural person. We have to put off childish ways like we read in 1st Corinthians 13.

So as in the natural so in the spiritual.

God can see when we are coming into the need to grow up spiritually and many times the reason why that process is hindered is because we are unwilling as a delinquent a spirit as a as a as a physical or a person would be a delinquent in the natural so spiritually it's because we are unwilling to allow the Lord to take our Christianity and we have here the cross which is the sword of the spirit and to begin to search our hearts and go deeply into our hearts and really begin to well basically it's disrupt our life it's to disrupt our life so that we can begin to get readjusted and bring be brought into harmony with the will of God and that was basically the message this morning and we showed how deep within the heart is where the will is that the

actual desires that we have and how as we

allow the Lord to introduce the cross life to us the sword of God's word goes in and exposes our desires exposes the motives of our heart Hebrews 4.12 the word of God becomes a piercing sword and he begins to change his dealings with us as a child we pour out a lot of love and we tolerate a lot of things and we put up with a lot of things because we can't expect children to act like adults but as God sees it's time for us to act like adults he starts changing his actions towards us and he starts expecting us to accept certain responsibilities in our life and many times as Christians are experiencing this they're going to begin to sense a different kind of dealing in their life they're going to wonder why well it's because God's saying it's time to grow up put down your childish ways make

a change here do this here come on now let's grow up that's what happens and what happens is God begins to expose idols in our life which is the root of self and then he begins to bring about a change and we begin to forsake certain things and find a closer union with Christ in our life and this process is a very painful process we have down here Hebrews chapter 5 you remember that scripture where Jesus though he was a son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered and it says that in the days of his flesh he offered up prayer supplication tears groaning and we showed how when God begins to do this in a believer's life the same thing is going to happen there's going to be groaning and tears and sorrow but not to despair it's necessary it's completely normal the groaning is

God is putting his finger on what you are and saying listen I want to be your life but you have to be willing to let me be your life and that's where the groaning comes because so deep within our heart we're inclined to want to be selfish but we have to understand that because we have a new life Christ we have to be readjusted our wills have to stop wanting what we are in Adam and start wanting what we are in Christ and once that occurs the breaking of the will then we appropriate the life and then we begin to experience a deeper life in Christ Jesus and the result is the Lord becomes King not only of the mind and theology but he becomes King of the heart and that begins to get to the root of what we are and the results then are that God begins to get more and more glory in our life

that's a very good scripture in Hebrews we could turn to it Hebrews chapter 5 Hebrews chapter 5 beginning with verse number 5 talking about the priesthood of Christ so also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest but he that said unto him thou art my son today have I begotten thee and he saith also in another place thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek who in the days of his flesh when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death and was hurt and that he feared though he were a son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered and this is the process of adulthood we have to learn obedience that means I have to become willing to do it God's way and to be free from my way as

the will is broken yielded to God yes Lord have your way then I am released from the expression of what I am in Adam and participate by union with Christ's life in his life and then I'm changed and it's affecting me as a person it's affecting me it's renewing my mind see and this is God's objective in maturity we remember the scripture in Romans they that are led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God as compared to the children of God or those who are childish those who allow the old carnal disposition to rule and reign see so this is what the Lord wants to produce in our life bringing us to tonight's little teaching on pride the root of our problem that hinders us from spiritual maturity is pride I didn't even put the word pride up here the word is pride now I'm going to there's

many different kinds of definitions for pride many different types of definitions and I'm sure that most of them are probably very good very commendable very enlightening but in order to stay within the context of what we're teaching on I just want to define pride as the inclination or tendency to want what we want pride is the audacious lust for me to want what I want it is a determination a determined heart a determined will to have what I want you will discover that from the very inception of becoming a Christian all during your pilgrimage the root of conflict comes when you are confronted by God with a desire that you want which is not in accord with God's desire now the absence of pride would be the immediate giving up of that desire to God so there's no conflict that would mean

there's an absence of pride at that moment in your life would to God the Lord could bring us to such a low place such a weak place where at any moment at any given time when the Holy Spirit sheds light in our life could be an attitude could be a desire and the Lord shows us now see this this is not something that I want but you want it and immediately oh Lord have your way Lord I yield this desire to you for Lord truly it's your desire alone that I want now see that would presuppose the absence of pride in the presence of what Godly humility and meekness now these are qualities that must be developed in us if we are to become adults as Christians now as children God loves us God loves to bless us He smiles at us but as sons and daughters of God we pick up our cross and we say my life is

not my own it's to be the life of Jesus being lived through me therefore whatever Jesus' life wants in me I'm going to let now that takes a readjustment of our will see we can't produce the life of Christ but we must be willing for Him to live it through us see because if the life of Christ in me is going to motivate me to give my life to people but I want to give my life to my own self-interest then Jesus cannot express His life through me to that degree until what until I become willing to abandon my preconceived aspirations and say Lord I want my aspirations to be yours that understandable good okay so pride would be that tenacious desire to want something when it is in opposition to God during the process of picking up our cross and following the Lord and the deep heart searching work

of the word of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit pride is a very very important factor as to listen as to our success in following the Lord all the way in the areas of our life that He wants us to walk versus not following Him so it's very important to understand the pride factor in spiritual maturity and understand it well and learn how through the power of God's spirit and the power of prayer and union with Christ learn how to find and then keep a relationship with Christ which keeps the pride down so that when God just gently tugs you you say yes Lord or you don't want this okay Lord you have it now there you go there's what the Lord wants to do okay now we gave a few examples here of areas of pride but before we go into this here I want to show you you probably will be true with

you but I talk to a lot of people and one of the greatest struggles that people are always talking to me about is I've got a problem with anger anger we hear a lot about anger the counselors are talking about anger all different reasons why people are angry and we're not going to get into that but tonight I wanted to just touch on possibly the major reason why anger is a problem in our life I believe that the scriptures substantiate that if pride is the desire to get what we want then when that desire is crossed in other words if there's something that prevents us from getting what we want the result is anger so basically in most situations anger is just pride's temper tantrum okay anger becomes pride's temper tantrum in other words pride by disposition wants what it wants and doesn't

want anything to get in the way but when something crosses pride from getting what it wants it throws a fit and that's what anger is so there's deep seeded anger in a lot of people and most of the time people don't

understand why until they begin to understand what anger is and then they start saying what is it that I'm not getting that I want what is it that I want that I'm not getting that's resulting in this inner stewing of anger now people cope with anger in many different ways depends on our temperament some people just let it rip and they scream and they pound but then there's another way of coping with anger which is just as devious and just as devilish that's the silent treatment I'm angry so I'm not going to talk and I even act like I'm humble see it's just a different way of

copied with it it's the same sin the same problem the problem is you're being crossed you want something you're not getting it and the result is anger so if you would consider just this simple illustration tonight I don't want to be redundant but pride is that inclination to want what we want anger is the natural result that occurs when we can't get what we want now it is possible to live for many months even many years being denied something that you want and therefore constantly be stewing inwardly in a state of anger and rage it is possible for that to occur you see and only the word of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit can successfully reveal to a Christian the root cause behind the stewing anger that's in him what is it that you want that you've been denied all your life could

that be why you're angry okay now I've just come down to three categories here and three case examples here hypothetical examples that I just thought of as I was thinking about this entire subject and then after we get done with this here we could even possibly then get some feedback because I'd like to get some feedback from everyone else too and you can I'm sure enlighten the rest of us as to certain possible areas that you can see would be a source of want it's denied and then there's a result of anger the first case point example here is a husband wife relationship okay now let's just zero it down to a specific hypothetical situation you can come up with thousands of husband wife relationships where pride could be involved there's a denying of something that results in an inward anger

but let's just do this situation let's say there was a couple who enjoyed a happy marriage for ten years together alone it was just them and there was a close relationship with each other and there was a lot of fellowshiping a lot of sharing and then all of a sudden they find out the good news that that missus is pregnant okay I mean they're expecting a baby they're expecting a baby well that's wonderful isn't it that's something to rejoice about okay let's say let's just call this couple happy mr and mrs happy okay mr happy is thrilled because mrs happy is finally getting a baby it's been ten long years they've been asking god for a baby and bam baby comes so mr and mrs happy are thrilled and mr happy has a good job and mrs happy is a good homemaker and they're involved in the church a

little bit they're involved in various different things with the christian church and mrs happy has a hospitality gift but mr happy was always involved in that hospitality gift because they were really tight it's just been those two so mr and mrs happy expect and nine months go by and lo and behold mrs happy brings forth a beautiful son just make it a little boy and oh there's such joy in the family everybody's rejoicing the people in the church find out about it and everything's really nice but then a few weeks into months go by something begins to happen with mr happy no one's really sure what's happening believe it or not mr happy himself isn't sure now watch this mr happy starts coming home from work and starts getting up for work and starts working through the day and a pattern

starts developing he's got he's got a tendency to be angry he's got anger inside of his heart now mr happy has never really manifested these qualities at all he's always been a happy go lucky guy he's always had a cool disposition but he starts getting angry and after a while after a couple of months mr happy comes home and he's a little bit antisocial before jr came along hi how you doing hon good how you doing

sweetie let's sit down tell me about your day let me tell you all about what happened in my life at work today and this happened and mrs happy was just sitting there listening oh yeah sure ok but something has happened over the past couple months mr happy has been coming home from work and mrs happy something changed with mrs happy her attention was suddenly divided before jr

came along mr happy came home and mrs happy was there and she was able to listen to mr happy and hear about all of his struggles and all of his consternations and all of his various different things that were happening but since jr came along there has been a slow departure from that let's just call it that special attention that mr happy was so used to mr happy was used to special attention jr came along and over the period of time listen he didn't realize but he was demanding special attention from mrs happy and jr came along and because jr came along mrs happy at times had to take care of jr and therefore that special attention that mr happy so enjoyed was suddenly challenged he wanted that special attention but because of providence he was being denied this special attention and what

was happening in mr happy was anger was welling up because that area of special attention that was all his for ten years was suddenly being interrupted it was suddenly being torn down and he was not the most important person at any given moment to his wife jr came along so therefore now this would be now this is biblical counseling this would be a process this is how you would counsel somebody this would probably not happen in the first time you'd get together and talk over a period of couple weeks but what we would do is we would come to the conclusion that the the problem with mr happy and the anger is this he got to expect from his wife a certain amount of attention jr came along and his wife could not give him that attention instead of accepting that from the lord and saying lord i

have to die more to myself i have to be that's really self centered when hey here i am everything needs to revolve around me so mr mr happy has to do a few things he has to recognize that his anger is because he is being denied something that he's had for ten years special attention so he has to accept it and he has to be willing to yield that so called right that he felt he had yielded to god say lord you take this from me i'm not going to demand this anymore as soon as mr happy becomes willing to recognize the source of the problem and yield it to god something marvelous happens mr happy got up the next day and he had a song in his heart he went to work all day he was rejoicing and he came home and the first thing he did was he walked into the door and said hi hun how's junior you see

what happened there was a readjustment of his priorities instead of coming home thinking that oh watch out everybody stop here comes king no it was hi how you doing let's go together and see how junior is doing hi junior see in other words i broke that demand that i was having i broke it i became willing and god loosed me from it and now i have joy in my heart because i do not come home expecting that anymore rather i come home thinking of others wow that's scriptural so together mr and mrs happy play with junior together we talk together we share and then it turns into a happy family where the inner anger has been dealt with and there's peace and there's joy now in that relationship now remember what we're doing this is pride pride wants something and see it can get so intricate as to

this situation right here see pride wants something now this can happen in church life too not just with a junior that's just an illustration i mean it can happen in any kind of situation where where there is there is a demand to be stretched we all are experiencing it we all understand what it means to begin to think of other people rather than ourselves and when we're being denied that special attention that we think we deserve from somebody this could be an example where Christina could relate where possibly her and another person were really tight they were the only kids on the block and this was for a whole summer and

then lo and behold next summer these two kids are playing in the backyard and all of a sudden somebody else moves in and possibly the friendship is not so tight now

because there is someone else involved so that means Christina might not have her friend all to herself anymore she might have to learn to share her friend with another party before it was just these two it was just all tension was there but now you got another one coming in now this friend here might begin to reach out to this one but you know Christina may have enjoyed having this friend all to herself and unless Christina is willing to accept that this friend does not belong to her and this friend up here has just as much right to become friends with this person here as she is with her unless she's willing to accept that the same thing is going to happen to Christina she's going to get angry because she's being denied something that she wants she wants all that attention so she's being

denied that attention and then thirdly you can bring this into any area of your life then I brought it down into the work area let's just say that you had a situation in work where you were close to your boss and the company was small and you were just really doing things that made your boss happy then the company started growing and he had to bring somebody else in and it just so happens that this person who was brought in has some gifts and some skills that you didn't have that your boss really needed and all of a sudden your boss comes out and you're Tom and the new guy is Harry and says hey Harry come on in I want to talk to you and he walks into the boss's office and the doors close and you swallow and you say that's where I used to go we used to have that relationship now you see

the same pattern happening again what's happening you're being denied that special attention that your boss has been giving you all your time there and now somebody else is competing with that special attention and unless you can find in the lord a willingness to give that up and say well the lord gave it then the lord take it blessed be the name of the lord you know unless you can come to that place I guarantee what's going to happen is you're going to start getting angry you're going to have feelings toward that man you're going to have feelings toward your boss and you're going to take it out on your family at home all that because of a situation that could be occurring at work now you see how it's so important for us to let the word of god search our hearts and let him show us the

depths of our heart now as I had said if brother norman would possibly turn the tape recorder off at this time

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