

## **Crossover Ministries Scriptures from 5/13/07 Sermon**

### **“Facing the Giant Named SIN: Dealing with Sin in a Sinless Society” (Part 2) – “Facing Shame”**

#### **We Must Face Shame!**

##### **1. Original Sin led to Shame**

###### **Genesis 3:6-8 (New Living Translation)**

6The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. 7At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves.

8Toward evening they heard the Lord God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees.

#### **What is Shame?**

- **A state of dishonor; to bring dishonor upon**
- **A painful emotion resulting from awareness of inadequacy or guilt**
- **Shame is a social condition and a form of social control consisting of an emotional state and a set of behaviors, caused by the consciousness or awareness of having acted inappropriately. Intense shame may lead to depression or suicide.**

**Nugget:** Shame is self-related, not object related (like guilt). Indeed, one of the effects of shame is to exclude the outside world, people and God in fear of being found out that you are not what you seemed to be.

##### **2. Shame caters to deeper Sin!**

###### **Matthew 27:1-5 (Amplified)**

1When it was morning, all the chief priests and elders of the people held a consultation against Jesus to put Him to death;

2And they bound Him and led Him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

3When Judas, His betrayer, saw that [Jesus] was condemned, [Judas was afflicted in mind and troubled for his former folly; and] with remorse [with little more than a selfish dread of the consequences] he brought back thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,

4Saying, I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. They replied, What is that to us? See to that yourself.

5And casting the pieces of silver [forward] into the [Holy Place of the sanctuary of the] temple, he departed; and he went off and hanged himself.

**Nugget:** Shame caters to deeper sin because it widens the gap in the broken relationship and leaves little room for reconciliation. Let us look at the life of David

### **1 Samuel 27:1 (Message)**

1 Sooner or later, Saul's going to get me. The best thing I can do is escape to Philistine country. Saul will count me a lost cause and quit hunting me down in every nook and cranny of Israel. I'll be out of his reach for good.

### **1 Samuel 27:5 (NASB)**

5 "Give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may live there; for why should your servant live in the royal city with you.

### **1 Samuel 27:8-9 (NIV)**

8 Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites... Whenever David attacked an area, he did not leave a man or woman alive, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes. Then he returned to Achish

**Transition:** This why we must face our shame no matter how painful it is or how embarrassing it becomes, because it leads to reconciliation to whom we sinned against—God.

### **3. Facing shame leads to reconciliation**

#### **1 Samuel 30:6 (New International Version)**

6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

#### **1 Samuel 30:7-8 (New Living Translation)**

7 Then he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring me the ephod!" So Abiathar brought it.

8 Then David asked the Lord, "Should I chase them? Will I catch them?"

And the Lord told him, "Yes, go after them. **You will surely recover everything that was taken from you!**"

**Nugget:** When we face shame we are quick to remember who we need and who we need to talk to and therefore we are given back what has been taken—our relationship!

**Transition:** Shame is not sin; therefore it does not break the relationship it does however keep the relationship from coming back together. Shame can only be overcome when we repent for what we have done and are ready to do things the correct way.

### **4. Receive the invitation and let go of your shame**

#### **Matthew 11:28 (The Message)**

8 "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest"

**Nugget:** Be quick to pray and never give up believing that God can restore you from your shame. For in His presence there can be no shame!

Will you receive Him and defeat the giant named SIN!