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We stop and we forget, “Hey, I’m a sinner and I’m self centered. I’m married to a sinner. And the sinner is self centered.” And we’ve got to overcome the sin factor. How do we overcome the sin factor? What do we do? Well that’s what this series is all about. This series is all about marriage. But, it all goes back to: what does God have to say?

PART ONE

You know the thing that just breaks my heart is when I talk to these young couples and I say how’s it going? I mean, some of them say, “It’s wonderful. It’s great.” And I get so excited. But others, when they say to me, “It’s not going well. We have terrible, terrible problems.” I know, I think about one story and it just broke my heart. She said that she came home from work and on the kitchen table there was a note next to a vase with some flowers. And the note said, “It’s just not going to work. I’m not coming back.” How

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crushing, how absolutely crushing, when this is the ambition, usually of every young man and every young woman, to be happily married. What's the problem? Well the problem and I talk about it in my book, "A Marriage Without Regrets," the problem is, we forget the sin factor. We forget that when two people get married, they are going to come together. They are going to become one. There's going to be a permanent union there and that permanent union should move towards a oneness. But moving towards oneness is not easy. And it's not easy because of what happens in Genesis, chapter 3. We've looked at Genesis 1, at the creation of man and woman. We've seen that they were created equal. We see that they were both given dominion over all the earth. That God looked at them, male and female and both were in His image. We see in Genesis, chapter 2, the details of how they were created and how the woman was brought to the man. And we looked at those essential factors that give us a solid foundation for a solid marriage. And then what happens in Genesis, chapter 3? In Genesis, chapter 3, sin enters into the world. And what happens to Adam and Eve is they move from being righteous, they move from being totally in the image of God to now, being sinners, to now wanting to walk independently from God, to now having a knowledge of good and evil, to now hiding from God. And so when sin enters into the world it affects their relationship. And if you and I can understand, Precious One, what it does to their relationship, then we can know how to handle it. You know, as I was growing up, my daddy used to say, "Honey, when you know what your problem is, you got half the battle won." So what is our problem? Let's find out what our problem is so we can get half the battle won, so that we can know where to go from here. So, let me take you to Genesis, chapter 3. And in Genesis, chapter 3, when Eve listens to the serpent, takes the fruit of the tree, eats it and gives it to her husband, it says in verse 7, "Then the eyes of both of them were opened." Now they saw things in a different light. Now they didn't see them with a purity. Now they didn't see them with a wholeness. Now they didn't see it

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just from the aspect of good. Because now they had a knowledge not only of good, but they had a knowledge of evil. And you know knowledge of certain things can be very, very destructive. That's what's happened on the internet. A lot of people have gotten on to the internet. They have seen things. They have seen pornography. They have a new knowledge of a new world out there that they didn't know existed or that they had only heard about and now that knowledge creates a real problem in their minds because they keep thinking on it and they keep being drawn to it. Well that's what happened here. Now they not only know good, now they know evil. And it says, "And they knew that they were naked." Now remember, before they were naked and they were not ashamed. There was that total openness. There was that total transparency. There was that looking at each other and it was all right. There was no hiding of anything. But now they both know that they are naked. "And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings." In other words what was open and what was pure before, their sexuality, now they're covering it up. Now, she's got the fig leaf. Now, he's got the fig leaf. And they're covering their loins because all of a sudden, there's an evilness. There's a darkness, has come into the garden. A cloud has come and obliterated that beautiful light and that transparency. And it says, "And they made themselves loin coverings and they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord among the trees of the garden." So what's happening? No longer are they in this open communication with God. Now they're hiding from God. And I will tell you this. That one of the things that will cause a problem in your marriage is when you start hiding from God, when you don't draw near to God. Remember that triangle and remember I told you that marriage is like a triangle and God's at the pinnacle? Okay. And the base is the man and the base is the woman. And the closer that we get to God as we go up, then the closer we are to one another. Well now they're hiding from God. They're

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hiding from God and God calls to the man and He says to the man, “Where are you?” Now does God know where that man is? Yes, God knows where that man is. But the problem is, man doesn’t know where he is. And so God ask him, “Where are you?” so the man will be honest with God and say, “I’m here and I’m hiding.” So watch what it says. “The Lord God called to the man and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ And he said, ‘I heard the sound of Thee in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked.’” And God had seen him naked. God made him. But now, you see, there’s a separation from God. There’s a separation from God because of this knowledge of evil. And God is pure. The Bible tells us in Psalm 22, verse 1, “That God is of pure eyes and to behold iniquity.” So now he’s separated from God. Now he’s naked. Now he’s hiding himself. And He said, God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Who told you that?” And then He says, “Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” In other words, “Adam, have you disobeyed me?” When you’ve got conflicts in your marriage, the first thing that you need to do is you need to get alone. And you need to talk to God. And you need to say, “God, am I withdrawing from You? Am I not appropriating Your wisdom and Your strength and Your all sufficient grace, Your unmerited favor to help me in this situation? Am I trying to handle it myself? Am I a separating myself from You? And God, who am I listening to? What am I listening to?” Because you see, if anything, the enemy wants to destroy your marriage. He wants to destroy your marriage because it’s the second most important relationship in your life. If you’re married, it’s the second most important relationship in your life. Have you got it? The most important relationship is your relationship with God. Because that’s the glue that holds your marriage together. The second most important relationship is not with your parents. The husband is to leave his parents and cleave to his wife. There’s a new identification. There’s a new union. There’s a new family starting. And so the most important relationship is that of the husband and the wife. And so you have

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to work on it. You have to understand what is that relationship all about and why am I having this conflict. And many times we're having the conflict because either we're walking in sin, we're walking in independence from God, or we're so self centered and we want it our way. "I have told you over and over and over again that when you squeeze the toothpaste you don't grab it in the middle. You start at the bottom and you roll it up, you roll it up." Now listen, I remember a friend of mine and this is exactly what happened. I mean they had an Annapolis wedding. I mean it was gorgeous. The swords, everything. She was gorgeous. I mean, I just looked at her and I thought you are such a doll. And here I am. He was so handsome. It was so wonderful. But do you know what they quarreled over? She was cute as all get out, but dizzy. And she just grabbed that toothpaste and she squeezed it right in the middle. She squeezed it. She got out her hunk of toothpaste. She laid it down. She didn't put the lid back on it. And she's married to an Annapolis man. And the Annapolis man rolled it up from the bottom, wiped off the gunk off of the top and screwed the lid on and it just looked so nice and neat. It was a major problem. But was it a problem worth a relationship? You see, we stop and we forget, "Hey, I'm a sinner and I'm self centered. I'm married to a sinner. And the sinner is self centered." And we've got to overcome the sin factor. How do we overcome the sin factor? What do we do? Well that's what this series is all about. This series is all about marriage. It's all about everything that has to deal with marriage, the communication and the sex and the finances, and the children and the home and the work, and the roles and all of that. But, it all goes back to what does God have to say. What does God have to say in these areas and how does He take us, who are two sinners that are married and trying to become one in every sense of the word? How does He take us and put us together so that we have a marriage that is permanent, we have a marriage that stays together, not one that all of a sudden says, hey this is too difficult and I'm walking away?

PART TWO

There is a sin factor, Precious One, but there are answers and those answers come from the Word of God. So, after He talks to the serpent and I've already gone over that with you, in a past lesson. But let's go to verse 16. Because here, what I want you to see is I want you to see the role of a woman. I want you to see the position that God has put a woman in. Now it says, "And to the woman, He said, 'I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth. In pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you.'" This is the consequence of sin. There's going to be pain in childbirth. And there is going to be pain in marriage. And that's because of sin. But there's a way out. Now what I want you to see, in fact, you may want to write it down. I wrote down, "Woman", man is too, but "woman is infected with sin in the two primary areas of her life." You see, the woman is the bearer of the child. The woman is the one that brings forth the child. The woman is the one that raises the child. "The woman is the one that is the keeper of the home..." as Titus says and as Timothy says. So the focus of a woman is her children. The focus of the woman is the home. And what He is saying is, "Okay, this is what's going to happen now. In childbirth, you're going to have pain and you're going to have pain even in raising your children." Why? Because when you give birth to that child, you're going to give birth to a sinner. What happened that day when Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree? On that day, sin entered into the world. In Romans, chapter 5, verse 12 and it's a very important verse. It says, "By one man, sin entered into the world..." that one man was Adam. "...and death by sin." Why? Because, "The wages of sin is death." God had said to him, "The day that you eat the fruit of that tree, you will surely die." And they died, in that they were separated from God. They died spiritually. And they were going to die physically, not in that 24 hour day, but they would die in that 1000 year day, where the Bible says, "A day with the Lord is as a thousand years." So no man has ever lived to be over a thousand

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years. Methuselah was the oldest one and he was nine hundred and some years old. But no man has ever lived that long. Now, what do we see here in this passage? Well we see, first of all, that she was infected in sin in the area of her childbearing. The second thing, we see that she was infected in sin with, is the second area of her expertise, that's with her husband. So watch what it says. He says, "In pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband." Now that word for desire is a very interesting word. It's only used three times in the whole Bible. It's used here and in Genesis, chapter 4 and in the book the Song of Solomon and you look at the roots. Where did this word come from? All right the root word means this. It means a longing after. It means to run over. It means to overtake. And so this word means a desire to overtake, a desire to have. It has the intensity of desire here. Now the question is: what does it mean when He says to the woman, "You shall have pain in childbirth, yet your desire shall be for your husband and he will rule over you...."? Let me just give you several of the interpretations of what this passage means. And I'm going to give them to you in the light of the scriptures in which they're found. It's found in Genesis, chapter 4, when Cain refuses to do what God says. And God comes to Cain and He says, "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up, your expression be joyous? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at your door and its desire...." And it's that same word, "t-e-s-h-u-q-u-a-h". "...its desire is for you." In other words, it's like a lion. And it's sitting right outside your door. And the minute that you walk outside that door, that sin is going to spring on you. Its desire is to overpower you. Its desire is to overtake you. Now the second place that this passage is used is in Song of Solomon. And it's used in Song of Solomon in chapter 7. And in that passage, it's talking about being in love. It's talking, in chapter 7, about a longing for a lover. It's in chapter 7 and it is in verse 10. All right let me read it to you. "I am my beloveds and his desire is for me." Now obviously, it is a love desire. It is obviously a sensual desire. "I am my beloveds and his

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desire is for me.” If you look though at the fact that it was used by Moses in a different context in Genesis, it seems that what it’s saying is this: “You’re going to have children. They’re going to bring you pain. And yet you’re going to have a desire for your husband.” Now it could be a physical desire. And yet when it goes on to say this, “...and he shall rule over you.” a lot of people believe in all probability it means this: “You’re married. You’re two sinners. You’re living together. He’s supposed to be the head, but you’re not exactly happy with him and the way that he’s doing things and you desire to overtake him. You desire to rule over him. You desire to make the decisions. Because after all, who’s the smartest one? And after all what way should it be done? Shouldn’t it be done your way?” And so what happens is you have a conflict. And you have a conflict, Precious One, because God made man the head. We saw that. We saw that from Genesis, chapter 2, compared with 1 Corinthians, chapter 11, where the man is the head of the woman. And it was no problem because sin wasn’t in the world. There was no conflict whatsoever. There was no knowledge of good and evil. There was a purity. There was a righteousness. But once sin entered into the world, and see that’s what happens when you get married. I mean, until you go down the aisle, you look at those compatibilities. You’re not living together day in, day out. You’re not seeing each other, you know, with your mouth open while you sleep and the drool coming out or you’re not squeezing the toothpaste the wrong way and it’s all right, because you’re in love. But then you get married and you’re in the same house. And you have two people with different backgrounds, different opinions, different experiences, different ways to roll the toothpaste. And you’ve got a conflict. And that conflict probably comes because she says, “You’re not going to rule over me.” And God says, “Listen, if you want to have a marriage without regrets, I want you to know there has to be one head and your husband is to rule over you. Now, I’ve got a way for him to rule, but he is to rule over you and you as the wife are to submit.”