

Family Issues



Series on The Church:

- Body of Christ, Bride of Christ, Family of God

Interested in How Society Views the Family:

- what healthy families look like
- views shaped by popular opinion, not what works

Church or Family of God afflicted by These Perspectives

- seen for what we oppose – not what we stand for
- seen as judgmental – not healing and restoring
- seen as a club – not essential to life, vital

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God's Intention:

- Known for our Love!
- Dedication to Reflect God in Authentic Living
- Our Convictions Would Take Action In Lives
- Bear the Family Name Well
- Known for Restoration, Healing, Purity, Resolve

Today – Family Issue – How You See Your Role

- address some distortions regarding roles



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“Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, ‘because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, ‘because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is there are many parts, but one body.”

1 Cor. 12:14-20

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1. Look at Them!

- comparison and envy can destroy potential

a) Wanting What We Don't Have

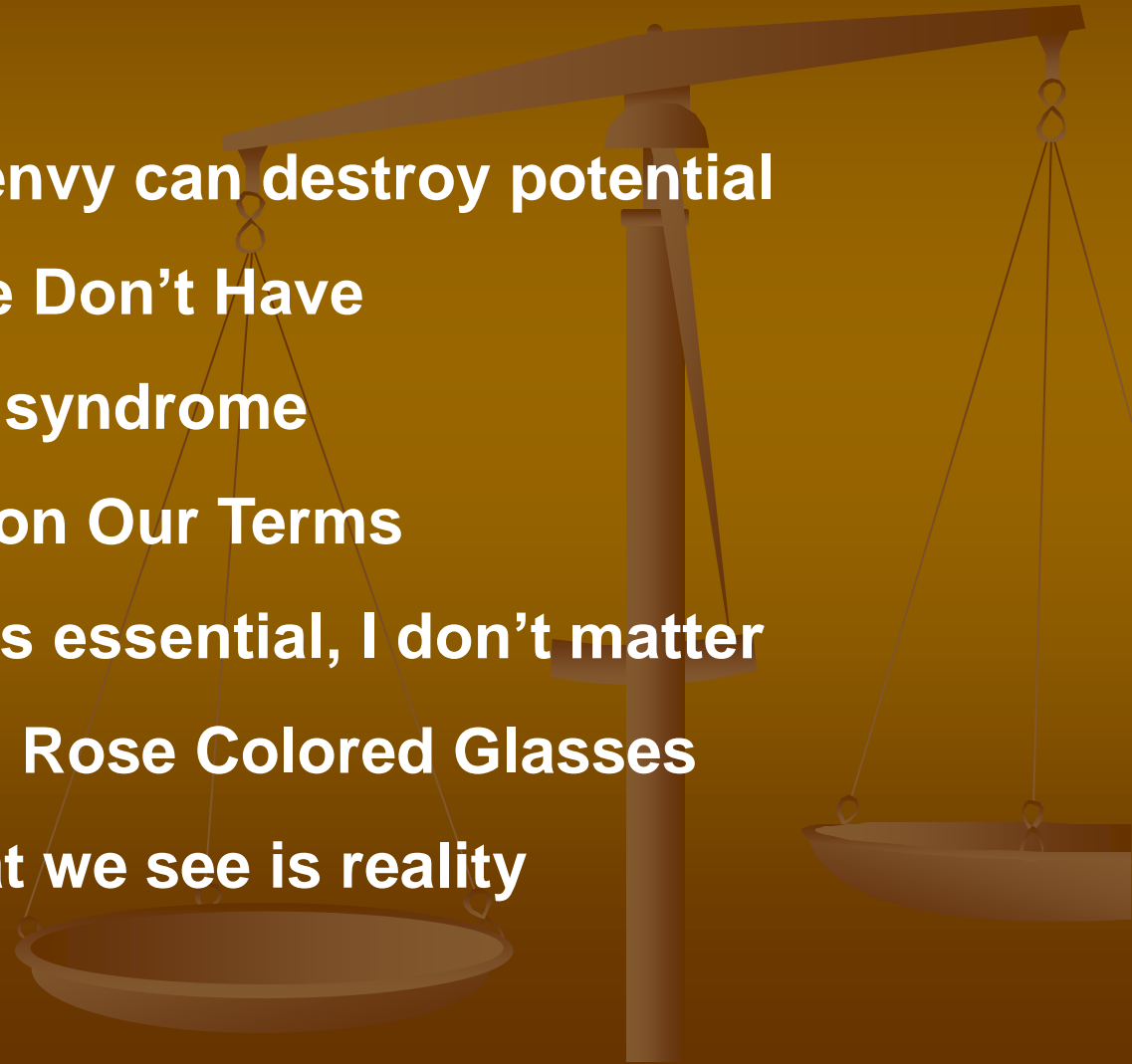
- greener grass syndrome

b) Assigning Value on Our Terms

- What they do is essential, I don't matter

c) Looking Through Rose Colored Glasses

- assuming what we see is reality



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2. Look at Me

- how I view my role matters

a) I don't Belong!

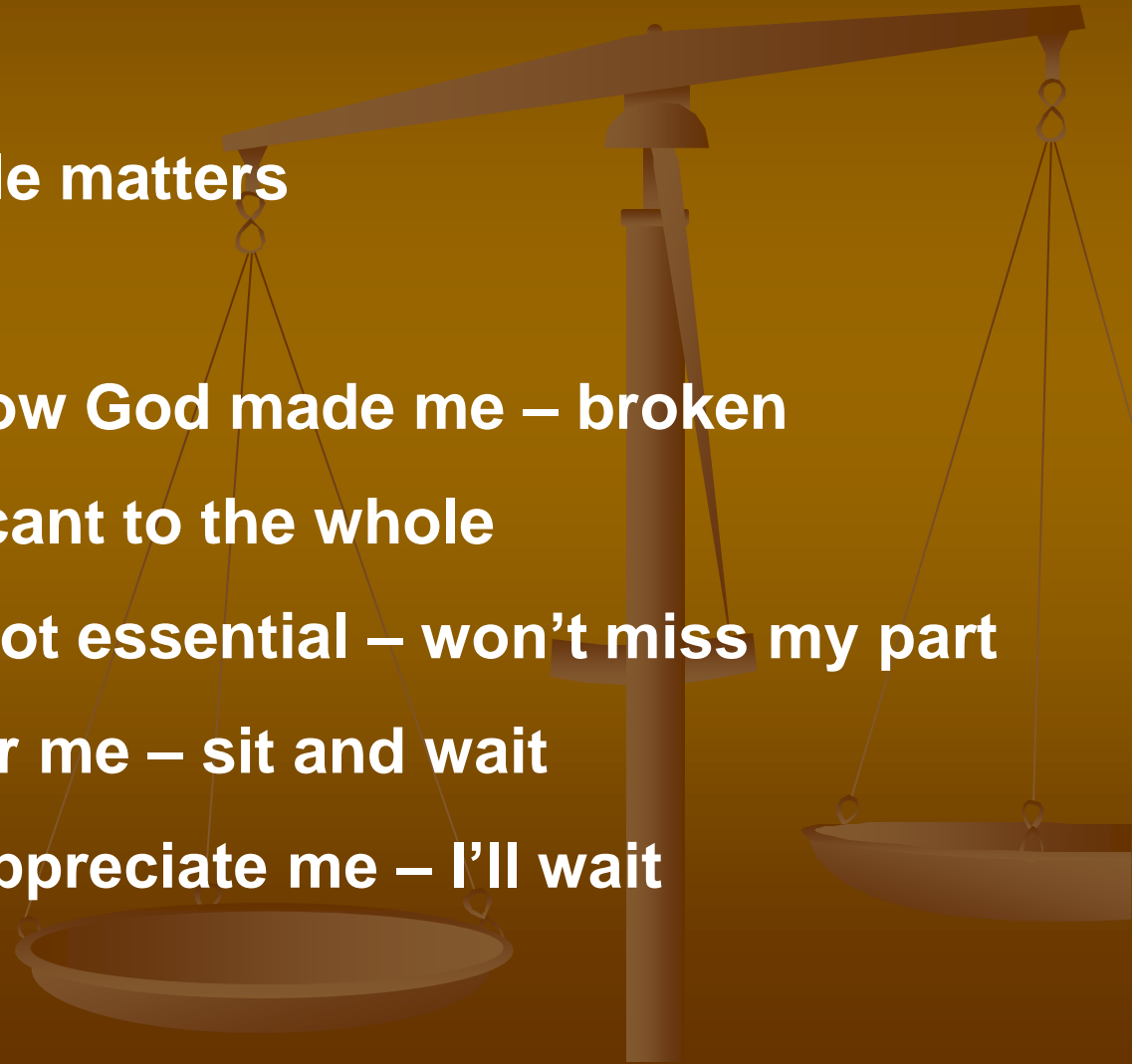
- no room for how God made me – broken

b) I am Not significant to the whole

- my gift / role not essential – won't miss my part

c) No evident fit for me – sit and wait

- others don't appreciate me – I'll wait



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3. Look at God

- encountering the truth should bring change

a) God Made You This Way vs.18

- have to accept this is what God chose for you

b) God Intended You To Function in The Body

- seeing, hearing, smelling, reaching, moving.....

c) This Is A Trust Issue

- can I trust God and use my diversity for his glory?

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So What

1. Look at Them

- comparison and envy destroys unity and power

2. Look at Me

- how we see ourselves often deceptive and destructive

3. Look at God

- His Plan – made you unique and special, gave gifts
- His Purpose – unity in diversity – every part important
- His Power – can you trust Him and play your part?

