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Devotional
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EXPOSURE

Dear Friends,

EXPOSED:

- Left or being without shelter or protection
- Laid open to view, unconcealed
- To subject or allow to be subjected to an action, influence, or condition

To whom are you allowing yourself to be exposed? Maybe your response is, "What makes you think I'm exposing myself to anyone? I'M NOT!!!"

Well actually, we all expose ourselves to someone, and we do it all the time. Just hear me out before you delete this note and move on with your life.

We continually expose ourselves to either Satan's influence or God's influence. Whenever we lie, steal, or deny God's existence, for example, we are exposing ourselves to Satan's control. Reversely, whenever we show love to others, let go of an ungodly coping habit, or sing God's praises, we are exposing ourselves to God's control. Either way we are exposing ourselves.

We have bought into Satan's lie that if we keep our sin hidden from others, we don't have to fear being exposed. But I suggest to you that what we fear is actually happening. Our sin has already exposed us to Satan's control. And he capitalizes on this control by adding more and more temptations. And our sin grows and grows.

So:

- Sinning = exposure to Satan's control
- Godliness = exposure to God's control

Which of the two has your best interest in mind? ... And if you were honest with yourself, which of the two are you most exposed to?

James 4:7-10 (The Message)

So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.

Exposing ourselves to God is really the only sane thing to do. It comes with freedom from sin's bondage, and the opportunity to heal and become whole. What could this look like for you? Which area of your life do you think God is asking you to expose to him? What keeps you from doing just that? Is it worth it?

If you are ready to work through the sin you have kept hidden, I suggest you confess it to God and then find a godly man or woman to confess it to as well. Then God will grab hold of you and free you from Satan's power. And God will show you how to remain free as you learn to depend on him completely.

Blessings from Bev (who is joining you in this much-needed but often painful process of being exposed to God.)



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