

Message from Pastor Allen: How To Overcome Hurts, Habits and Hang Ups Part 4

Summary:

When you hear the word “failure,” do you associate it more with the fear of punishment or the process of learning? Why?

Peter’s greatest miracle and lesson came after his biggest screw up and mess up (John 18:15-27). Peter learned in John 21:1-17 that the nature, character and truth about God after his screw up is unconditional love, acceptance, forgiveness and heart to heart connections and not blame, shame, fear, judgement, condemnation and punishment.

What are some hurts, habits and hang ups that’s creating problems in our relationships, parenting and leadership?

1. Mad Max
2. Remember November
3. I Stay Mad Chad
4. Control Jo
5. Blame Lane

Blame Lane

1. The problem:

- a) Believes the lie that fear, shame and punishment = power
- b) Destroys people with critical, judgmental, condemning, shameful, harsh, intimidating, punishing statements
 - So stupid...good for you...I told you to...I don’t want to hear it...
- c) Likes to be on the **fault finding police force** and find faults but can’t take it
- d) **Blame** is projecting out responsibility rather than acknowledging that responsibility starts with him.
- e) Blame comes from the belief that when we **fail**, we deserve to be punished. Therefore, we try to avoid punishment by assigning the blame to someone else.
- f) Blame, like some of us learned in **childhood** to be afraid of making mistakes.
- g) It’s a lie that some people have attained a standard of perfection; when we believe this, we open the door to **shame**.
- h) Shame leads to hiding and **isolation**, which in turn leads to self-focus and resistance to wise counsel and learning.
- i) As humans, we should not be surprise by people’s **failures**.
- j) Blame Lane is actually a good guy but doesn’t know that his hurt, habit and hang up is a problem because it was normal in his family. Can you guys relate to that? **I can...**

2. Think about it:

- a) What biblical truth does John 21:1-17 say about the heart of God after Peter screwed up and messed up three times (John 18:15-27)? Does Jesus impart blame, shame, fear, judgement, condemnation and punishment or unconditional love, acceptance and forgiveness?
- b) When you hear the word “failure,” do you associate it more with the fear of punishment or the process of learning? Why?
- c) Would you say that the home you grew up in taught you that it was safe and ok to fail, or that failure deserved punishment? What experiences reinforced this?
- d) Is there anything in your life that you are afraid of letting other people see? Why?

3. The hero or guide:

4. The plan: `Olu`olu

- a) Like Jesus, we are not here to **punish** people for their failings; we are here to help them put their failings to work for their benefit.
- b) **Find a better way to deal with people's pain of personal faults, flaws and failures.** Choose **`Olu`olu** to end your love affair with punishment to build heart to heart connections
- c) **Focus on being responsible for managing and controlling yourself.**

5. The call to action: AIM FOR A NEW GOAL

- a) **I will always be pleasant and gracious**, especially to those who are different
- b) **I will never punish or abandon people who fail, mess up and screw up** but commit to restoring them
- c) **I will always create a world where the goal of our conversations is NOT blame, argument and distance but connection**
- d) Always agree to disagree in the spirit of ALOHA

1. Song 3:

2. Transition from online.church to Zoom

Discussion Questions:

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4. What call to actions do I NEED to OBEY this week to reach my God given dream and overcome my hurts, habits and hang ups?

Prophetic community:

1. Take 60 seconds to ask God, what does He love about the people in your group
2. Take the remainder of the time to share what God loves about the people in your group
3. Have someone close in prayer