

PEOPLE ARE HARD: A CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE TO DEALING WITH STRESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS

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We are broken people in a broken world.

You can't expect broken people to act perfect.

Be prepared for people to break.

Expect broken people to act broken.

Let's not be surprised.

We are usually distracted by our anger and bitterness.

The people who do love us well usually get the brunt of the emotions.

We forget to spend time in the goodness of God.

It is your responsibility as a believer to show up even for the broken people.

Jesus' life ended in betrayal.

Jesus is not asking you to open yourself up to harm.

Difference between brokenness of people and what could be trauma or abuse.

Matthew 18

Ask the Lord "where is my part in this?" And ask for forgiveness.

Unity is everything. If conflict arises, go to the person immediately.

Sometimes we have to stay when things are hard and sometimes we have to go when things are hard.

Story of Redemption - justification of us through Jesus.

It all comes back to the love of Jesus.

Do you believe Jesus?

It's about believing what Jesus said.

Discuss: Jesus' relationship with the Pharisees vs Jesus' relationship with Judas.

Pharisees were people that believed that Jesus was not the Messiah. They believed in the law, Old Testament. They fought Jesus the entire way with the false gospel.

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Jesus rebuked them often. Matthew 23

Luke 22 - Judas

Judas, one of the twelve disciples who betrayed Jesus. Jesus knew he was a thief, he knew Judas was going to send him to his death. Jesus washed his feet. He had a seat at Jesus' table.

The way Jesus constantly dealt with the Pharisees vs. the way Jesus washed Judas' feet.

Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss which was a symbol of respect in their time.

The only way we can deal with hard people and relationship is if we get outside of ourselves. Jesus didn't take things so personally.

The Pharisees were messing with the gospel.

Judas' betrayal furthered the gospel. Jesus allowed it to happen because it was for the good of the people.

The Pharisees were getting in the way.

How do we know how to approach hard people?

We get outside of ourselves and not take things so personally - see the bigger picture of what is happening.

Genesis 50

In Christ, we're a new creation.

Identify with Christ.

When we see ourselves in that way, it minimizes the brokenness on earth and maximizes Kingdom purpose.

If we want people to see Jesus, we have to display unity.

The gospel is reconciliation, resolution, redemption.

In order for us to model Christ - opportunity needs to come up for reconciliation, resolution and redemption.

My reaction to brokenness should be a picture of the gospel.

Broken people act broken.

Opportunity to share something so much better.

Keep in mind healthy boundaries. Boundaries are to keep us close to God, not keep us far from people.

Reflect the goodness of God whether they deserve it or not.

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You're not the answer. You won't be the answer to conflict resolution. Only Jesus is!

It's not on you to forgive and love, that's the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

In the gospels you rarely see Jesus upset with "sinners." Rather, what you see is Jesus upset with people who don't think they are sinners. - Richard Rohr

Remember, we're a part of bigger picture. The gospel being spread. People seeing the gospel lived out.

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“Why don’t you trust Me more?”

We need your support.

I want to be even more generous with this ministry God has called us to do.

I want to give less energy to what’s fair.

I want to be more blown away by God’s faithfulness.

I want my faith to grow.

Principle #3: Biblical financial advice will grow your faith more than your bank account. At the end of the day, remember the only growth that lasts: growing your faith. All we do should aim to grow our faith - including how we handle our finances. Pick the financial strategy that grows your faith.

a note from Michelle:

Thank you. I'm so grateful this community is a safe place where I can be honest about where I'm struggling and how God is challenging me. If you couldn't be with us live, I really pray you'll get a chance to watch this week's workshop. [Don't forget if you have any questions about anything shared, you can email me directly at michelle@sheworkshisway.com.] If God prompts your heart to give to SWHW as a one-time or repeat donor now or in the future, you can give safely and securely at <http://sheworkshisway.com/donate>. Honored, humbled and blessed to be in this mission with you.