

Dealing With Impact of Controlling Leaders (Wes) – Session 9

Dealing with Excessive Control

- **Pressure to Conform**
 - There is much pressure to conform people to be a globally accepted narrative
 - Disagreement leads to people being vilified and labelled
 - This is widespread now across the world
 - We must address what we are responsible for...our reactions and responses
- **Godly Leaders are responsible to Rule**
 - People react to the word Rule
 - It is necessary for order and protection and for healthy relationships
 - There are spirit dimensions around cults and controlling groups
 - Unless it is dealt with wounded people become oversensitive and reactionary to every form of authority even if it is godly and appropriate
 - Jer...God's complaint of Leaders healing people superficially
 - If spirit issues not dealt with they remain vulnerable
- **Jesus Teaching on Authority**
 - Mother of James and Zebedee seeking honour for her sons, top positions in the Kingdom
 - Mat 20:24 *And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.*
Mat 20:25 *But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the **Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.***
 - Mat 20:26 *Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.*
 - Mat 20:27 *And whoever **desires to be first among you, let him be your slave***
 - Mat 20:28 *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*
 - Jesus confronts the paradigms of leadership...Herod, Caesar, craving and abusing power
 - Herod even killed his brothers to retain power
 - The leaders of the Synagogue were also repressive
 - No good leadership models to draw understanding from
 - **Jesus addresses the wrong leadership paradigm of the day, and also prophetically of the future**
 - Controlling leaders express the nature of Jezebel, controlling and using people
 - People control because of insecurity and attempt to avoid pain
 - It is a global leadership issue
- **Servant leadership**
 - Kingdom Leadership paradigm is servant based...for the welfare and growth of people they are responsible for

- Servant leadership serves Jesus the builder of the church and serves people
- The church needs leadership to fulfill Jesus' purpose
- True Kingdom leadership is sacrificial....life narrows down, Choices diminish
- God calls us as His Servant to serve His people
- It enables the growth and maturity of people

- **Kingdom Leadership TPT**

- Mat 20:25 Jesus, knowing their thoughts, called them to his side and said, "Kings and those with great authority in this world rule oppressively over their subjects, like tyrants.
- Mat 20:26 But this is not your calling. You will lead by a completely different model. The greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others,
- Mat 20:27 because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant.
- Mat 20:28 For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served by everyone, but to serve everyone, and to give his life in exchange for the salvation of many." TPT

- **Ungodly control is totally different to godly Control**

- Heb 13:7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follows, considering the outcome of their conduct.
- We must distinguish godly and ungodly leadership
- There is a spirit at work in this age among those who disobey God
- People come into agreement with plans birthed in darkness

- **Tyrants**

- They rule and control through fear.....Agree or you are out
- Tyrant
- 1a: an absolute ruler unrestrained by law or constitution
b: a usurper of sovereignty.
2a: a ruler who exercises absolute power oppressively or brutally
b: one resembling an oppressive ruler in the harsh use of authority or power

- **Self Government**

- **The more internal Government we have the less external government we need**

- People leaving cults are filled with fear, have been terrorised by tyranny
- Religious control is the worst kind of tyranny.....Manipulation and intimidation
- Control can be overt or quite hidden
- People's value is based on what they contribute
- Can't contribute.... means have no value
- In a healthy structure there is a recognition of a person's whole life, and responsibilities
- People can't leave tyrants' domain without being rejected, vilified or cursed

- **Insecure leaders own the people**

- Secure leaders acknowledge that Jesus owns the people
- *Act 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*
- *Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.*
- *Act 20:30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.*
- Jesus owns our lives. No one else does
- When an insecure leader owns people he will control them
- Control: Not bonds of ownership but bonds of love that attach people and hold them together
- Demonic spirits enter when boundaries are violated
- People come under Mind Control spirits....find it difficult to identify their own thoughts
- They lose ability to make decisions in the Lord....become confused by voice of controller

- **Mind Control**

- Mind Control...people hear the voice of the controller above the voice of self or God or people
- People can feel they are ownedcant think own thoughts
- The voice of another person in their head became so strong people cant thing for self
- Demon takes ownership of their loyalty, v calling and purpose
- Fear of Leaving the Structure becomes major issue for them

- **Steps to freedom**

1. Recognise it
2. Stand up for self
3. Take responsibility for it
4. Repent of control and false ownership
5. Forgive the person who was an abusive controller for control and false ownership
Release all false accusations and judgments
6. Renounce idolatry with the person
7. Renounce ungodly soul ties to the person
8. Renounce and break illegal agreements with the person, verbal, written gagging
Clauses. Renounce all spirits of ungodly control, false ownership and mind control
9. Command every relevant spirit to leave life now...all spirits around mind that
Controlled thoughts and around heart and caused great fear
10. I stand up fully into my freedom