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Taking The “I” Out Of Me

Foundation Scripture: **I Peter 3:18** – Resurrection life

I. Selfishness; Worldliness – What Is It?

A. **Philippians 3:10** – Paul sought the **resurrection life**.

1. A life of power

B. **Philippians 2:3-11** – No selfishness, it weakens.

1. Self-centered people are full of death.

a. Full of death = full of self.

b. **I Peter 3:18** – Are you full of life or death?

2. **I Corinthians 13:5** – Love is not **self-seeking**.

3. **Mark 8:34** – Forget yourself.

4. **Psalms 106:15**

Lean or fat in soul?

C. **Resurrection** (defined) – A raising up; to cause to stand.

1. Resurrection = POWER – Arise, up, to be lifted out of.

2. Dead/death (defined) – Destroying, strength, depriving of power. The absence of pain.

Dying is painful. Death – no pain

D. Resurrection life is a life of POWER.

1. Self weakens us.
2. **II Timothy 1:7** – Spirit of **power**, love, and a sound mind
 - a. **Power** toward enemy
 - b. **Love** toward people
 - c. **Self-control** toward self
3. **Acts 1:8** – You shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.
 - a. **Luke 10:19** (KJV) – *Behold, I give unto you **power** . . .*
 - b. **Acts 10:38** – Spirit of **power** to do good
4. Areas we should have power:
 - a. Temptation
 - b. Determination to press through, healthy, strong, etc.
5. Power (defined) *Dunamus* – Special miracle-working power, ability, might, and strength.
6. *Exousia* (defined) – Right to act; unreserved, unlimited, absolute, no restrictions.

E. Scriptures on **power**:

1. **Mark 5:30** – **Power** went forth from Him.

2. **Luke 24:49** – Wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power.
3. **I Corinthians 15:43** – He was crucified in weakness and resurrected in power.
4. **Hebrews 4:12** – . . . *the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power . . .*

NOTE: The more we turn in on ourselves, the weaker we become.

Self weakens

5. **Self-centered** – Everything centers around you – thoughts, conversation, plans, and self-righteousness, even self-condemnation: “What is wrong with me?”

II. Taking The “I” Out Of Me

A. **Galatians 2:20** – It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

1. **I Corinthians 1:24** – . . . *Christ [is] the Power of God and Wisdom of God.*
2. **Revelation 3:22** – Which door is Jesus knocking at in your life?
 - a. Appetite?
 - b. Money?
 - c. Time?
 - d. Attitude?
 - e. Sacrifice?

B. Full of Christ = Full of power

Full of Self = Full of weakness

- C. Body – World (See **Galatians 6:14.**)
Soul – Self (mind, will, and emotions)
Spirit – God (ever filled)

III. Crucified To The World

- A. **Galatians 6:14**
- B. **II Timothy 2:4** – Don't get **entangled**.
 - 1. Entangled (defined) – Snarl, complicate, or confuse.
(JM definition) – To get involved in to such a degree that you get lost.
- C. **I John 2:15** – Love not the world or the things in it.
 - 1. **I Corinthians 7:31** – Don't **overuse** the enjoyments of this world; live as though you are not absorbed by them, as if you had no dealings with them – the outward form of this world is passing away.
 - 2. **I Timothy 6:17** – God richly and ceaselessly gives us all things to enjoy.

IV. This Is Killing Me!!!

Foundation Scriptures: **I Peter 3:18** and **II Timothy 2:11**

- A. The flesh must die for us to be full of life.
- B. The purpose God is accomplishing
 - 1. **II Corinthians 4:8-12** – Death to the flesh, so life can be evident for the sake of others.

2. **Ephesians 3:9-11** – God’s purpose is to display His wisdom to principalities and powers **through** the church.
- C. Kill the flesh.
1. **Colossians 3:1-5** – Die to the world.
 2. **Galatians 6:14** – Paul crucified to the world
 3. **II Timothy 2:4** – No soldier gets entangled.
 4. **Philippians 1:10** – Learn what is of real value.
- D. His target is self-will.
1. **Romans 8:4-6**
Control: If the Holy Spirit controls, we will be full of life.
 2. What areas does He control you in?
 - a. Time – leisure
 You can see clearly how much a person loves God by what they choose to do with their leisure time.
 - b. Money – 10 percent or 100 percent?
 - c. Thoughts
 - d. Mouth
 - e. Attitudes
 - f. Social life – who your friends are, etc.
 3. We want His will, but the **uncrucified** self-will fights it.

V. The Weapons God Uses to Kill Us!

- A. God uses people who tell us to do things we don’t want to do.

- B. To get us in control, He uses things out of our control.
1. People we can't control
 2. Circumstances we can't control
 3. **Grow** to the place where people and things that are “out of our control” don't get us “out of control.”
- C. He uses authority over us!
1. **Romans 13:1-5**
 2. **II Peter 2:10 (9-12)**
 3. **Ephesians 5:21-22** – Wives, submit to your own husbands. (Husbands should be submitted to God.)
 4. **II Thessalonians 2:7-8**
 5. **I Peter 2:16-21**
- D. **Psalm 94:12-13** – Circumstances out of our control.
1. Traffic jam
 2. **Isaiah 41:10** – Hardening us to difficulties
 3. **I Peter 4:12** – Don't be amazed that you are going through “fiery ordeals.”
 4. **II Corinthians 4:8-18** – Can use to elaborate fully – this finally renders you “unmanageable by the devil.”
 5. **James 1:1-4** – Trials bring out fruit.
 6. **Philippians 4:11-13** – Abased and abounding
 7. **Song of Solomon 4:16** – Cold north wind (See footnote.)
- E. People we cannot control

Personalities that irritate us

F. Divine disappointment

1. Uses it until disappointment does not devastate us
Hopeless, depressed, negative, etc.

G. Divine failure

1. **Romans 12:3** – We think more highly of ourselves than we should.
2. **Luke 22:31-34, 54-61** – Peter
3. **John 21:1-6** – I go a fishing.
4. **Luke: Chapter 5** – Learn to fish when and where He says.

H. Divine delays

1. Does God move in our time, due time, the appointed time, or the right time?
2. He is never late – and usually not early.
3. **Psalm 31:14-15** – My times are in His hands.

His goal

4. **John: Chapter 11** – Lazarus

This Is Killing Me!!!

Foundation Scriptures: I Peter 3:18 and II Timothy 2:11

I. **The Flesh MUST Die For Us To Be Full Of Life.**

II. **The Soul Must Be Saved.**

A. Philippians 2:12 – Work out your own salvation.

III. **The Will Must Be Saved.**

A. **Control** is the issue.

1. Romans 8:4-6 – If the Holy Spirit controls, we will be full of life.

B. What areas does He control in you and to what degree?

1. Time – leisure

2. Money

3. Thoughts

4. Mouth

5. Attitudes

6. Social life

7. Area of ministry desired, etc.

C. You can want **His** will; but if your **self-will** is not crucified, it will fight and even prevent victory.

1. **Galatians 5:16-17** – The flesh is opposed continually to the Spirit.

This can be a very hard area – self-will is very strong.

IV. The Weapons God Uses To Kill Us.

- A. **Colossians 3:1-6** – Is “kill us” too strong?

NOTE: To get us “in control” or “under the Holy Spirit’s control,” He uses things that are “out of our control.”

1. People we can’t control
2. People who have control “authority” over us
3. Circumstances we can’t control

We should **grow** to the place where people and things that we can’t control no longer get us “out of control.”

- B. The weapons

1. Weapon number one – Authority
 - a. **Ephesians 5:22** – Wives, submit and adapt.
 - b. Husbands, treat your own wives as Christ would the church.
 - c. **Romans 13:1-5** and **II Peter 2:9-12**

All authority is to be respected.

- d. **Hebrews 12:5-7** – Chastisement
- e. “I surrender all.”

2. Weapon number two – Circumstances out of your control

a. **Psalm 94:12-13** – Calm in adversity

As **simple** as a traffic jam or spilled milk
to as **complicated** as a major situation
that gets very complicated

b. God uses:

- 1) People we can't control.
- 2) People who have control over us.
- 3) Circumstances.

IT ISN'T OUR WILL.

c. **Isaiah 41:10** – Hardening us to difficulties

d. **I Peter 4:12** – Don't be amazed at "fiery ordeals."

e. **II Corinthians 4:8-18** – Use to elaborate fully on the purpose of God in these hard times.

Ephesians 3:9-11 – God's purpose for the church – this finally renders us "unmanageable by the devil."

f. **Philippians 1:28** – Be steady.

g. **James 1:1-4** – Trials bring out fruit plus things that will prevent fruit bearing.

h. **Philippians 4:11-13** – "Abased and abounding"

i. **Song of Solomon 4:16** – Cold north wind

IT ISN'T OUR WILL.

3. How to get good results:
 - a. **Romans: Chapter 8** – God works it out through prayer – **keep praying**; God will keep working.
 - b. **Genesis 50:20** – Joseph: What the enemy meant for harm, God intended for my good.
4. Weapon number three – People we can't control
Personalities we don't enjoy

I Surrender All

I. Colossians 3:1-6 – KILL The Flesh

A. Weapons used

1. People we can't control
2. People who have control (authority) over us

He even uses unlikely people to correct us.

NOTE: Hebrews 12:5 – Submit, endure, and don't get down.

3. Circumstances we can't control

Traffic, spilled milk, to major problems

B. Does He bring the problems? **NO!!**

1. Allow? Permit? **YES!**
2. **WE** allow some problems due to our choices.
3. Romans 8:26-28 – He will bring good out of each one **IF** we keep praying.

C. What happens inside while hard times are happening outside? **Prepared for glory**

1. II Corinthians 4:8-18 – Various selections
 - a. Determination
 - b. Deciding to trust or give up
 - c. Pressing in

II. Trial Of Divine Disappointment

- A. **Learn** to get re-appointed.
 - 1. **Romans 12:16** – Adapt
- B. **Learn** to not stay discouraged, devastated, depressed, etc.
 - 1. **Psalm 94:12-13** – Calm in adversity
 - 2. **Isaiah 41:10** – Hardened to trials
 - 3. **Isaiah 41:15** – Be a devastator – instead of being devastated.

III. Trial Of Divine Delays

- A. **Psalm 31:15** – **My times are in your hands.** Deliver me from my foes.
- B. **Psalm 13:1** – *How long will You forget me, O Lord? Forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?*
- C. **John 11:6-45** – Selected verses
 - 1. Lazarus was sick – Jesus **waited** to go help.
 - 2. **I Peter 4:12-13** – Fiery trials test us and purify us.

You never KNOW what you would do until tested.
 - 3. **Deuteronomy: Chapter 8** – Led in hard times to see if they would keep the commandments.
 - 4. **Balance** on resurrecting dead circumstances
 - a. You can put a child who is on drugs and won't work out of your home and still not give up on the child.

- b. You can get out of an abusive marriage and not give up on the person's restoration!

IV. Trial Of Divine Failure

- A. How can God, Who has said He wants us to succeed in everything, **ALLOW** us to fail? **And WHY?**
 - 1. **Luke: Chapter 22** – Peter thought more highly of himself than he should have.

NOTE: His utter failure prepared him for future glory.

- B. Must have **independence** crucified.
 - 1. **Jeremiah 2:13** – Two evils
 - a. Forsaken me
 - b. Dug empty wells

DOING OWN THING

- C. **John: Chapter 21** – “I go a fishing.”
 - 1. You can go without acknowledging God, or you can go out of His timing – but it won't work.
- D. **Surrender** (defined) – To relinquish possession or control to another as a result of demand or compulsion; to give up in favor of another; to give up or give back something that has been granted (your will); to abandon, resign yourself to something; to give oneself up, as to an enemy [the Cross].

You will eventually find that your greatest enemy has become your best friend.

Be Still My Soul

Foundation Scriptures:

I Peter 3:18 – He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit.

Colossians 3:5 – Kill the evil desire in your flesh.

II Corinthians 4:10-12

I. Recap Things (Weapons) God Uses To Kill The Flesh:

- A. People we cannot control
- B. People who have control over us
- C. Circumstances we cannot control
 - 1. Divine delays
 - 2. Divine disappointments
 - 3. Divine failures

II. Divine Failures

- A. How can God, who clearly desires us to be successful, allow failure?
 - 1. Peter – Good example
 - a. **Luke: Chapter 22 (Pride)** – Thought more highly of himself than he should
 - b. Failure at the Crucifixion of Jesus prepared Peter for future glory.

Romans 8:17 – If we want to share His glory, we must share His suffering.

B. **Peter** decided INDEPENDENTLY to go fishing and all joined him. They utterly and completely failed.

1. **John: 21:3** – INDEPENDENCE
2. Soul can be stirred and full of its own thing.
3. **Jeremiah 2:13** – Dig their own wells
4. Jesus gave the Word, and they had a haul.
5. **John 15:5** – Apart from Me, **you** can do nothing.

The correct attitude.

6. **Psalm 127:1** – Unless the Lord builds, our labor is in vain.

C. Ishmael is Isaac's worst enemy.

1. **Galatians: Chapter 4**
2. **Psalm 46:10** – Be still and know.

BE STILL MY SOUL

III. Are You Dying Or Dead?

A. In order to die, **you** must deny.

1. **Matthew 16:24-25** – Deny

Matthew 10:37-39

2. **Mark 8:34**

B. For His glory to be seen, you must be weaned.

1. **Psalm 131:1-2** – Calm and wean your soul.

2. Wean and deny (JM definition) – To not allow or permit the flesh to **indulge** in. To remove or take away from.

Example: Dave told me four times not to “move too fast.” The fourth time, I got very upset.

C. **Philippians 2:12-14** – Cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

1. Give God permission to do what He has a right to do.

D. **Jeremiah 18:2-6** – POTTER AND CLAY

1. **The long journey from salvation to transformation**

DEAD PEOPLE HAVE NO RIGHTS.

IV. **The Movements Of The Soul.**

A. Read pages 20-22 from *The Practice Of The Presence Of God* by Brother Lawrence; Publisher: Whitaker House, copyright 1982.

B. **Psalm 42** – Downcast

1. Deny yourself the right to think depressing thoughts.

C. Upset

1. **John 14:27** – Stop allowing yourself to be upset.

2. **Psalm 37:1-8** – Fret not.

3. **I Peter 3:4** – The beauty of the hidden person of the heart, which is not **anxious** or **wrought up**

V. **Resurrection Follows Crucifixion.**

A. **Romans 6:5** – If we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be one with Him sharing His resurrection.

B. **Philippians 3:10** – My determined purpose is to know Him and the power of His resurrection, that I might share His sufferings as to be **continually** transformed into His likeness.

Verse 11 – That I might attain to “the resurrection” that lifts me out from among the dead even while I am in the body.

Crucify The Flesh

I Want, I Think, I Feel

I. I Want

A. I Thessalonians 5:23; Philippians 3:13; and Romans 7:14-8:1

I Peter 4:1-2 – Suffer = doing some things you don't want to do.

1. Hebrews 9:8
2. I Corinthians 13:11 – *When I was a child . . .*
3. Galatians 4:1-2 – Child/Son
4. Mark 8:34 – Forget self. This is our cross to bear.

B. I feel

1. Romans 8:8, 13-14 – Catering to the flesh
2. I Corinthians 3:3 – Following ordinary impulses

C. Mind, will, and emotions – “I want, I think, I feel”

1. Galatians 6:8 – Sow to the flesh; reap from the flesh
2. Galatians 5:16-17 – Walk in the Spirit and you won't fulfill the desires of the flesh.

D. Carnal (defined/Vine's/Greek) *Sarx, Sarkikas* – Flesh, having the nature of the flesh, sensual, controlled by animal appetites. Governed by the human nature instead of the Spirit of God.

1. The *Sarkikas* man allows the flesh a place it has no right to.

- E. Why don't we crucify the flesh?
1. **I Peter 4:1-2** – Choose to suffer rather than fail to please God.
 2. **Galatians 6:8** – Sow to the flesh; reap from the flesh.
 3. **I Thessalonians 5:23**
- F. **John 5:30** – Who says what? “I want.”
1. **John 3:30**
 2. **James 4:13-16** – You might say, “If the Lord wills, we will do this or that.”
 3. **Psalms 37:4** – Desires of your heart
 4. **Luke 22:42** – Lord, not my will but Thine be done.
 5. **John 15:7** – Abide
 6. **Hebrews 10:7** – Lord, here I am, come to do Your will.
 7. **I John 5:14** – Pray according to His will.
 8. **John 17:4** – *I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work You have given Me to do.*
- G. Many things I wanted:
1. **James 4:2** – Have not because you ask not
 2. **Matthew 6:33** – Seek the kingdom.
 3. **John 21:15a** (KJV) – . . . *lovest thou me more than these?*
 4. **John 21:3** (KJV) – I go a fishing.
 5. **John 21:18** – When you are old, you must let God lead you.

6. **Jeremiah 2:13** – Two evils/digging wells
 7. **Acts 13:22** – David was a man after God’s own heart who did His will and carried out His program fully.
- H. Bread and water
1. **Deuteronomy 8:2-3** – Man shall not live on bread alone.
- I. Living Bread
1. **Jeremiah 2:13** – Water – Digging wells
 2. **John 7:37-39** – Living Water
 3. **Isaiah 49:10** – Mirage

II. I Think

- A. **I Corinthians 13:11** – When I was a child, I talked, thought, and reasoned as a child.
- B. **I Corinthians 14:20** – Do not be children, immature in your thinking.
Immature thinking:
 1. Negative thinking
 2. Self-centered
 3. Judgmental
 4. Self-pity
 5. Defeated
- C. **Proverbs 23:7** – As a man thinketh, so is he.
 1. Guilty thoughts caused me to lose self-control.

JM NOTE: The pressure cooker blows!

2. **Romans 8:5-6** – Question: What is your mind set on?

To be carnally minded is death.

D. **I Corinthians 2:14** – Natural man does not understand the spiritual. The “head” (reasoning) does not understand the “Spirit.”

E. **II Corinthians 10:4-5** – We must cast down **reasonings** and **theories**.

1. Reasoned out of the will of God

a. Red dress to Ruth Ann

b. Abraham – Sarah

Hagar – Ishmael

c. Main points:

1) Reasoning causes confusion!

2) Reasoning blocks discernment!

3) A lot of deception today/need discernment.

2. Reasoning causes us to judge after the flesh (especially people).

a. **John 8:15-16** – Don’t judge by what you see.

b. **Isaiah 11:3** – He judged not by the sight of His eyes nor by the hearing of His ears.

c. Example: The elderly lady who prophesied to me about my feet and the shoes I was wearing.

I had an opinion already, so I rejected her prophecy.

JM NOTE: Judgment – Rose-colored glasses

3. Reasoning isn't **trust**; it keeps us from trusting God.
 - a. Jesus
 - b. **I Peter 2:23** – . . . *He trusted [Himself and everything] to Him Who judges fairly.*
 - c. **Proverbs 3:5-7** – Lean not to your own understanding.

NUGGET: Our inability to “wait” causes us to operate in our own understanding **because** we don't want to get quiet and wait for God's understanding.

Some of us don't “wait” well.

- F. **Proverbs 16:3** – Trust and He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will.
 1. **Trials are good for us**; but reasoning says, “It can't be good for me – it doesn't feel good.”
- G. **Habakkuk 3:19** – Trouble is our high place.
- H. **II Corinthians 4:8-12** – Problems crucify our flesh, so the life in us can come forth.
- I. **II Corinthians 1:8-9** – Trouble keeps us from trusting in ourselves.

III. I Feel

- A. Scriptures:
 1. **Philippians 3:9-15**
 2. **Hebrews 9:8**
 - a. The will
 - b. **Psalms 37:4** – Desires of heart

- c. **John 3:27-30** – Can't receive anything
- d. **John 5:30** – Had no will of His own
- e. **Luke 22:42** – Not My will be done, but Yours

3. **Galatians 2:20**

4. **I Corinthians 15:31**

5. God said, "I'm going to test your emotions."

- a. **Psalm 7:9**
- b. Feeling! No feelings! One thousand and one various "can't trust" reasons.

B. Are you led by your feelings?

- 1. **Romans 8:8** – Cater to flesh
- 2. **I Corinthians 3:3** – Ordinary impulses
- 3. **Galatians 6:8** – Sow to flesh; reap from flesh
- 4. **I Corinthians 13:11** – Children do what they feel like doing.

C. Some basic issues:

- 1. Laziness
 - a. **Proverbs 24:30-32** – I passed by the field of the sluggard.
 - b. Lazy (defined/Webster's) – Slothful, sluggard, disinclined to exert oneself.

Resulting in little or no pain. Doesn't want to suffer or be uncomfortable.
 - c. Passive – Wants something good to happen and is going to sit there and see if it does.

- d. **Proverbs 13:4** (KJV) – *The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*
 - e. **Proverbs 20:4** – He won't plow if it's cold! He doesn't want to be uncomfortable.
2. Hurt feelings – touchy
 - a. **I Corinthians: Chapter 13** – Love isn't . . .
 - b. Example: Eating Dave's food
 3. Using feeling bad as an excuse to act ugly.
 4. Self-pity – “Feeling” sorry for yourself; “poor me” thinking
 5. “Feeling” insecure, inadequate

JM NOTE: Share how God “weaned” me off of compliments and made me secure in Him.

- D. Emotional decisions bring failure.
 1. God said, “What you start in the flesh, you will finish or maintain in the flesh.”
 2. Commitment – Chicken and pig: The pig didn't want to be emotional – it could cost him everything.
 3. **Luke 14:28-31** – Calculate the cost before undertaking to build.
 4. **Psalms 15:4** – Swear to your own hurt and change not.
 5. Your flesh will quit on you!
- E. Doing what “you feel like doing” versus doing what God says.
 1. **John 21:3** (KJV) – I go a fishing.

2. Moses – God cannot give a man power who has no self-control.

a. **Numbers 20:3-12**

b. **Psalm 106:33**

