Time To Put Shame Behind You

I've covered some of the factors that impact us negatively elsewhere, but shame is another. It's one of the most deadly – in fact, it's 'deathly'. It 'killing off' many believers so they become withdrawn and ineffective, even becoming recluses.

It's vital that we realise that all the weapons of the enemy are designed to eliminate us from Kingdom functionality, using our mind and our soul against us. He doesn't need to spiritually attack us with demons to eliminate us from being a threat or hindrance to his kingdom. He just gets us to think negatively and we 'take the bait', thinking that what's dropped into our mind was a good idea. After a time, as we constantly react negatively our reactions become habits, ones which are very hard to break. The profusion of psychologists and psycho-analysts show us that negatively reacting to situations will become huge problems that mostly bind us tightly.

Shame should <u>not</u> be an issue if we have Kingdom thinking, rather than religious thinking. We must steadfastly adhere to the Kingdom reality³ that our sin is totally forgiven through the work of the Cross, <u>and</u> that our Father isn't wanting to punish us when we operate unrighteously. He is abundantly gracious and profusely loving, both of which are his true character, which he always operates out of. The reality of that is why Paul asked the question, "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" He would not have been logically able to ask that question if all our unrighteousness is being held against us for future punishment. No. It's already forgiven – totally.

Alternatively, we may feel disappointed that we've let Father down when we do or say things that we shouldn't have, but he isn't disappointed in us, as his unconditional love won't let that happen in him.

Notice that adjective of 'unconditional' which describes Father's love towards us. '<u>Unconditional' means</u> there are no conditions where he will or he won't love us. As that's the case – the reality – we should never ever feel ashamed.

Here's his encouragement to stop feeling any type or level of shame:

""It is time to clear the air and be honest about your mistakes and shortcomings. Put the times of shame behind you for the last time so that you can forge ahead as a true child of God. There are things that still hold you back from being the best version of yourself you can be. The time is now to step into a place of renewed spiritual life and blessings," says the Lord."⁴

Nothing offends Father. We must get that down in our heart and mind so the enemy and people can't use shame against us to neutralize our sonship and our work in the Kingdom.

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^{1 – &}quot;Be Encouraged to Push Through and Press On" (7-6-2024)

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[&]quot;No Regrets and No Disappointments" (7-6-2020)

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^{2 – &#}x27;believer': My expression for those who believe in what was accomplished by the man Jesus. It includes Christians, plus those who have a relationship with the Trinity outside of the structured church.

^{3 – &}quot;Talk Truth; Talk Reality" (2-6-2024) <u>canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Talk-Truth-Talk-Reality.pdf</u> KCC MESSAGE: "Seek Reality" (7-5-2024) <u>canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/KCC-MESSAGE-Seek-Reality-7-5-2024.pdf</u>

^{4 –} Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (April 29, 2024) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2024.htm]