

UnOffenfabable 2: The Human Condition

Q: OR- Who is your Favorite Superhero? *Who is the Best Human you Know?

*FACT: Even the Best Human you know is Imperfect, due to being Human they still have an essence of Brokenness. Even the Kindest of people can be dysfunctional, can Sin (miss the mark)

Series Review: The Anger Myth. The Anecdote to Anger is Forgiveness (Challenging)

- Outlines & Sermons Available Online

ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF ANGER- IS HUMANITY ITSELF (YOU And ME) The People we encounter every day. Our entire culture itself. The Human Condition of Human Brokenness!

We need to understand who we as Humans are – SINNERS! We have been since creation!

Genesis 3:9-14, Romans 3:23 What if we could break FREE from that cycle?

What if it was possible to not be offended when people do or say things we do not agree with? (Challenging I know!)- So you might even be offended by that question.... :)

What if we could acknowledge (NOT AFFIRM, NOT CELEBRATE) that SIN (defined as dysfunctional behavior) is who humans are- Deep in their hearts.

John 2:23-25

-God knows you better than you know yourself and still wants to be with you!

-I do not even want to be with me at times! (Not for long anyway) We get tired of our own inner voice. The immaturity & self-centeredness in our own heads.

-And God knows you better than you know yourself. Your real motives, and yet He is not shocked.

-He knows we are broken.

-He does not run away from us, but runs to us. Incredible! TO OFFER CHANGE; FREEDOM from Sin in HIM.

SO: HOW CAN WE BE MORE LIKE HIM IN OUR HUMANESS, IN HOW WE REACT TO THE BROKENNESS IN OTHERS? What can we Learn from Jesus?

Jesus UNDERSTANDS the Human Heart. In Scripture, it states that no one had to tell him what Humans are like because He already knew their thoughts. (**John 2:25**)

Acknowledging the Brokenness of Humanity can help us to not be so surprised and offended when humans act in SINFUL (Dysfunctional ways).

This is not meant to affirm or Celebrate behavior that is contrary to our Created Purpose (To Love God with all our Heart, Our Soul, Our Mind, and our Strength & Love Our Neighbor as We Love Ourselves – **Mark 12:30-31 a LIFELONG PROCESS of BECOMING LIKE JESUS - DISCIPLESHIP**) but to acknowledge that people are Broken (**Romans 3:23**)

-What if you could even be a little less offended and even Make friends with someone you might not normally be friends with because you can understand and relate that Brokenness could happen?

Paul even expresses His own struggle with SIN (I do what I do not Want to do!)

Romans 7:15-25

What if Jesus is also giving us a lighter way to live when it comes to dealing with others?

What if we can choose not to be always offended by the behavior of others?

Forgiveness and not holding onto offense is excruciating at times. It requires us to deny ourselves and choose not to hold onto anger against others. VERY CHALLENGING

It also **does not mean** that a person's broken behavior will not have consequences they will need to walk thru.

Confession & Repentance cultivate a life of being unoffendable

Only God can Judge people's hearts. Their intentions (**1 Corinthians 4:1-5**)

We can only observe and make assessments (Judge) based on Behavior. And for the most part our behavior is rooted in Brokenness... But before we talk about Behavior....

HOW ABOUT HUMILITY?

-How easy is it for you to admit that you are wrong (and not just because you got caught/found out)?

-When did "being right" cost you a relationship?

Humility is imperative to being unoffendable. Knowing that we are all one step away from a bad decision of broken sinful behavior!

- **James 4:10:** "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."

- **Matthew 23:12:** "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."
- **1 Peter 5:6:** "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you."
- **Philippians 2:3:** "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

-Humble ourselves and acknowledge our own brokenness/sinfulness (the state of our own Human Hearts)

-Pride can easily creep again. Admitting Brokenness keeps us Humble,

-Recognizing our own brokenness is one of the key steps we can take towards having a buffer of unofendability..

- What steps towards Humility can you take? What Dysfunctional Behavior do you need to Own? What depends on YOU? (**Romans 12:18**)

HOW ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OUR DYSFUNCTIONAL ACTIONS (Broken Behavior?)

Being Broken does not mean that we do not pursue accountability for our actions (define). That we do not become complacent & comfortable with our Brokenness That we do not Pursue....

Sanctification (LIFELONG Discipleship- LIFELONG PROGRESSION of our LIFE TOWARDSA AND TURNING OVER AND OVER TO JESUS): Philippians 2:12-18.

Not Cheap Grace that we take For Granted! For Further Study.....

2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Philippians 1:6, Ephesians 4:20-24, Romans 6:1-11

- Can we Embrace Humility with Accountability?

- Can our Human Brokenness be held in Tension with Accountability?

-Our Measure of Brokenness has a Measure of Consequence; Our Dysfunctional Behaviors have effects on ourselves & others.

We can get an indicator of what is in the heart- "Out of the wellspring of the heart (seat of emotions) the Mouth Speaks.... **Luke 6:45**

We can only Assess/Judge the fruit, not the Heart- Jesus is the only one that Truly knows that.

We can only observe someone's fruitfulness (**Gal 5:13-26**) – of **Christ-followers!**

Accountability- but must be welcomed and owned by the receiver!

-A person must be willing to be accountable for their actions (**Romans 12:14-21**)

Leader's Accountability is even higher – **1 Timothy 3, Titus 3, Acts 1:24**

Accountability without acknowledgement/action is empty! Accountability in Small Groups is ESSENTIAL!!!

YOU SHOULD BE SEEKING OUT ACCOUNTABILITY! - Someone in your life who you/they are willing to ask you hard questions? (Unpack). Look for it! Seek it Out> Jason/Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eyes, Pride of Life. (Explain)

Prayer/Response:

- Salvation: Romans 6:23- Wages of Sin is Death, but the Gift of God is Eternal Life thru Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER POINTS

- Be Courageous in Confessing your own Brokenness to God (Maybe others)
- Maybe you have an unhealthy desire to judge others? (Plank in your own Eye) or Maybe you have a Tendency to Look for Offense, Always on Edge, Ready to be Triggered?
- Ask God to show you opportunities for living out Humility, Forgiveness, & Accountability this week.
- PURSUE ACCOUNTABILITY (Ask God to Show you SOMEONE- SEEK IT OUT)