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Becoming Christlike Women

Week 6 | Trouble Spot #4: Depravity

I. False Teaching about Women

Women are basically **good** people who have been taught to do **wrong things**.

This leads to a world of half-truths:

- 1- Women are failing because of poor self-esteem.
- 2- Women are failing because of a lack of opportunity.
- 3- Women are failing because of a lack of education.
- 4- Women are failing because of defective genes.

These are real external challenges, but ***they are not the whole story.***

Foundational Passage: Romans 3:10-18

"None is righteous, no, not one;
no one understands; no one seeks for God.
All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good, not even one."

"Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive."
"The venom of asps is under their lips."
"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

"Their feet are swift to shed blood;
in their paths are ruin and misery,
and the way of peace they have not known."
"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Big Idea: Christlike Women stop blaming **others** for what is broken **inside**,
and they turn to Jesus for **rescue and renewal**.

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II. The Whole Truth about Women

- 1- We are by nature inclined to go our own way and forsake our Creator.
Jeremiah 17:9 – “*the heart is deceitful and desperately sick*”
Psalm 51:5 – David laments being sinful from birth
- 2- Our first parents (Adam and Eve) sinned against God.
Genesis 3:1-6
- 3- Adam’s sinful nature was passed on to all of his children.
Ephesians 2:1-3 “*we...were by nature children of wrath...*”
- 4- All of Adam’s children have chosen to sin by their own will.
Psalm 14:1-3 “*...there is none who does good, not even one.*”

III. Depravity Defined

Depravity means that we are all fallen creatures, at odds by nature and by choice with our Creator and each other. Romans 3:9-20

IV. The Consequences of our Depravity

- 1- We are separated from God.
- 2- We are subject to a life of futility.
- 3- We are enslaved to a corrupt nature.
- 4- We are sentenced to death.
- 5- We are destined for hell.

V. The Importance of Owning Your Depravity

- 1- It makes you aware of your need for a Savior.
(we need salvation, not just reformation)
- 2- It keeps you from blaming others for your sins.
(the problem is in me, not out there)
- 3- It sobers you as a Christian to your ongoing battle with sin.
(we know that the battle with sin will be for life)
- 4- It helps us submit our will to God’s truth.
(we don’t automatically trust our instincts)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which part of the biblical doctrine of depravity is most challenging for you? Why do you think this teaching feels counterintuitive to us today?
2. What has helped you come to terms with your own sinfulness as a woman? Why is it important for us to own our sin and the consequences of that sin?
3. Is there anything keeping you from turning to Jesus to save you from your sin?
4. How can the group pray for you this week?

HOMEWORK

Memorize this Bible verse: Romans 3:12

"All have turned aside; together they have become useless; no one does good, not even one."

Action item: Confess your depravity, own your sinfulness, and turn to Jesus to save you.

Use this pattern:

1. Confess your depravity.

Spend time in prayer and honestly acknowledge the truth of Romans 3:10-18.

Do not defend yourself; simply confess:

"God, apart from your grace, I am not righteous. I do not naturally seek you. My heart is deceitful. My desires are disordered. My thoughts, words, and deeds have been corrupted by sin. I need your mercy."

2. Own your sinfulness.

Name specific sins that reveal your depravity. Write down at least three specific areas where you need to take responsibility before God.

3. Turn to Jesus to save you.

Ask Jesus to forgive you and save you. Trust him to give you a new heart. Pray something like this:

"Jesus, I cannot save myself. I do not need self-improvement first; I need salvation. Thank you for dying for sinners like me. Thank you for rescuing me from the judgment I deserve. Thank you for offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sin and trust in you. Save me, change me, and teach me to walk as a transformed woman."



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