

SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON 2: BROKENNESS

“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” - Luke 6:43-45

THE PROBLEM OF MY BROKENNESS

1. Think about what’s broken in your marriage as a lens that _____ what is broken in your heart. (See Jeremiah 17:5-10; Hebrews 12:5-6; James 1:2-4)

How to get from the PERCEIVED problem to the REAL problem:

Situation

Response

Thoughts

Motives

2. Force yourself to _____ on your sin, not your spouse’s.

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. - Matthew 7:3-5

- a. Ask God for His perspective regarding your sin.
 - b. Agree with God that your sin is the primary issue.
 - c. Aim to see your sin as even more alarming and offensive than your spouse’s
3. Deal with your brokenness (sin) before _____, **then** humble yourself before your spouse. (See John 15:5; James 4:6-10; 1 Peter 5:6)