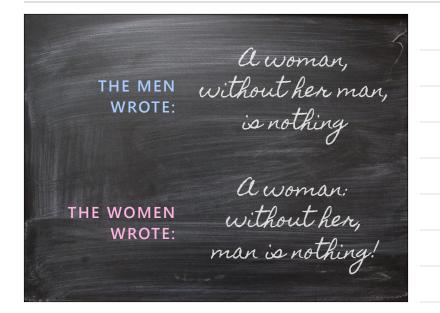


a woman without her man is nothing



#### Be the People God Wants You to Be

Keep on working to complete your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> because God is working in you to help you want to do and be able to do what pleases him. Do everything without complaining or arguing. Then you will be innocent and without any wrong. You will be God's children without fault. But you are living with crooked and mean people all around you, among whom you shine like stars in the dark world.

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:12-15

## → SHINE BRIGHTLY ←

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Those who are wise **will shine** as bright as the day. DANIEL 12:3

#### TRUTHS

- 1. Offenses and wounds are unavoidable.
- 2. We do our best to hide our hurts from public view.
- 3. We only have one enemy and that enemy not each other.



What you cover, God uncovers.

What you uncover (confess), God covers!

## **EXAMINE YOUR HEART**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **Point out anything in me** that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. PSALM 139:23-24 (NLT)

# ADMIT YOUR HURTS

2

When I kept things to myself I felt weak deep inside me and I moaned all day long. PSALM 32:3-7 (NCV)

I kept very quiet but I became even more upset. I became very angry inside and as I thought about it my anger burned. PSALM 39:2-3 (NCV)

### JAMES 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other <mark>so that</mark> you may be healed. NIV

Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. A M P

## FORGIVENESS

To get **forgiveness**, repent and ask God.

To get **healing**, tell (confess) to others.



#### 3 RELEASE THOSE WHO HAVE HURT YOU

Never pay back evil for evil. Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. [God's wrath] For He has said He will repay those who deserve it. ROMANS 12:19 (LB)

#### -LORD'S PRAYER-

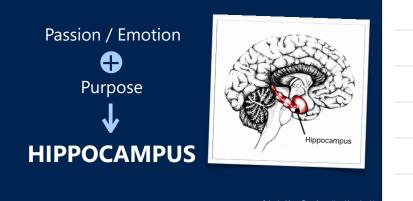
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, <u>AS WE</u> forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. MATTHEW 6:9-13

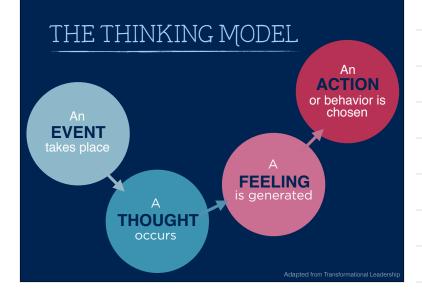
#### IF, THEN....

If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

But **if** you refuse to forgive others, your Father **will not** forgive your sins.

#### MEMORIES THAT BIND

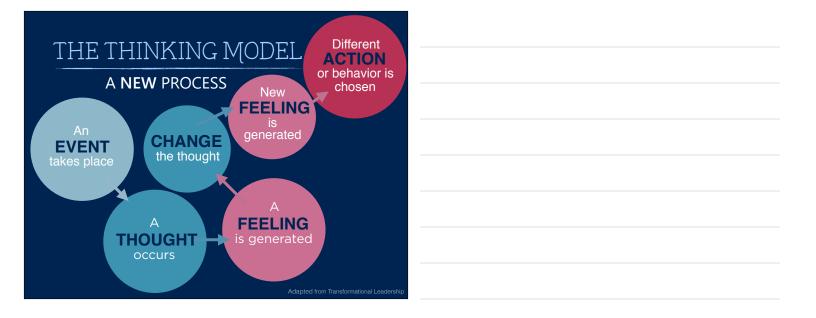




# REPLACE LIES WITH TRUTH

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Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. ROMANS 12:1-2 (NLT)



ROMANS 12:1-2 "Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

THOUGHTS FEELINGS ACTIONS The way you think determines the way you feel which determines the way you act.

#### **RECEIVE SUPPORT**

5

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. ECCLESIASTES 4:12 (NLT)

Encourage each other and strengthen one another. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 (GW)

#### REFOCUS ON THE FUTURE

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#### ROMANS 12:1-2

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Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Put your heart right, reach out to God...then face the world again, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will fade from your memory, like floods that are past and remembered no more. JOB 11:13-16 (GN)

Look straight ahead with honest confidence; don't hang your head in shame. PROVERBS 4:25 (GN)



WE CAN CHANGE HER WORLD!



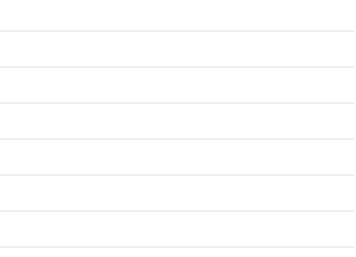




















# STEPS TO SHINING

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- 2. Admit Your Hurts
- 4  $\rangle$  Replace Lies With Truth
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- 6 > Refocus on the Future

# THIS IS YOUR DAY TO SHINE



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