



SESSION FIVE – Tremendous Trifles: A Hindrance to God's Building of a Marriage

- **What are Tremendous Trifles?**

Answer: Little things that my spouse does or does not do that trigger my anger and disappointment.

- **Why do these trifles destroy marriage?**

Answer: Because the man or woman fails to see what these trifles are telling us about the condition of our own soul.

- **What does oneness look like?**

Answer: Naked and unashamed... **Genesis 2:25 (ESV)** – ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- **But does this kind of openness describe us today?**

Answer: Read **Genesis 3:7 (ESV)** – ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

“When they disobeyed God the effect of sin is not only to separate them from God but to do what? Separate them from each other.” (Mr. Hatch)

- **So what is the iceberg problem in the soul of every man and woman that is exposed in marriage by the trifles?**

Answer: **Isaiah 47:8 (ESV)** – ⁸ Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me...”

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV) – ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

“When the Bible talks about sin and the root of it, the great principle of sin is going and doing what I want.” (Mr. Hatch)

- So, how does the gospel deal with our sinful soul that says, “There is no other besides me... and...I want to go my own way.”

Answer:

- ◆ God’s law – tells us to STOP! **Matthew 7:3 (ASV)** – ³ And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
- ◆ God’s Son brings us home - **Ephesians 2:13 (ASV)** – ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ.

In Ephesians two, the first ten verses describe how the Son reconciles us with God. In verses eleven and following the Apostle Paul describes how Jesus reconciles us with one another.

- ◆ God’s Spirit - **Romans 8:1-4 (ASV)** – ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Victory is a constant process of trusting Him every time selfish sin raises its head.

Mr. Hatch says, “Lovingly He has given His law, and lovingly He has given you His Son to pay the penalty, lovingly He’s given you the powerful Holy Spirit to enable you to do it. The only thing left is for you to respond to it. Is Jesus your Lord? Is that what you want? Will you trust Him on the basis of this, “I believe you God”; I’m going to trust Him to do this in me”? That’s your response. You do this every time it kicks up... It is not one great experience. It is a constant process. Every time I need it I call on Him and it’s available. You’ll never be one until you deal with the barrier. God has provided. Will you take it?”