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Separation Anxiety

**Romans 8:32, 38-39 (NKJV)** *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Isaiah 59:1-2**—*But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.*

- Most of us have an Isaiah 59 relationship with God (*He loves me. He loves me not*), but **Jesus died so** we could have Romans 8 relationship (*He loves me. He loves me*).

**Romans 5:8-10 (NKJV)** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup> For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we **shall be saved by** His life.

**Ephesians 2:4-9 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even **when we were dead in trespasses**, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come **He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.** <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the **gift** of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Romans 3:21-22 (AMP)** But now the righteousness of God has been revealed independently *and* altogether apart from the Law (performance, works, your ability to do and be good, to not sin)... Namely, the righteousness of God **which comes by believing** *with* personal trust *and* confident reliance on Jesus Christ (and what He did on the cross for us).

- If you've accepted Christ, God's free-gift of grace, **sin can't stand between you and God.**

Our sin is not being charged to our account. It's being charged to Jesus' account, and **He already paid the bill—We are now innocent in the eyes of God.**

- **The only thing that stands between you and God is how you see Him seeing you.**
  - **Do you see yourself as a Son of the King or as worthless sinner lame in his feet?**

**John 8:2-11 (NKJV)** *Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup> they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup> Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" <sup>6</sup> This they said, testing Him, that they might have*

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*something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger,*

*as though He did not hear. <sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."<sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. <sup>10</sup> When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

- **How we see God determines how we see Him seeing us.**
  - **When we leave Jesus out of our story, we can only see ourselves as guilty in God's eyes.**

When Jesus shows up, notice how the story changes.

- He comes to our rescue; He defends us; He stands up for us; **He stands in for us.**
  - Where God's law demands perfection, God's grace grants a pardon.

**Romans 3:20-25 (NCV)** *because no one can be made right with God by following the law. The law only shows us our sin. <sup>21</sup> But God has a way to make people right with him without the law, and he has now shown us that way which the law and the prophets told us about. <sup>22</sup> God makes people right with himself through their faith in Jesus Christ. This is true for all who believe in Christ, because all people are the same: <sup>23</sup> Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard, <sup>24</sup> and all need to be made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They need to be made free from sin through Jesus Christ. <sup>25</sup> God sent him to die in our place to take away our sins. We receive forgiveness through faith in the blood of Jesus' death.*

Jesus is about repairing what is broken; He's about you experiencing the change you desire.

- He's about working on your behalf, helping you, healing you and making you whole again.
- He came that you might have life—NOT DEATH!

**God's desire is not for your good behavior.**

**Until we understand grace, it's power is rendered useless in our lives.**

- **The power of God's grace is that it grants us access to Him, His power, His wisdom!**

How we see God determines how we see Him working in our lives.

- If we don't believe He wants to give to us, we can never receive what He wants to give.