

## Burned: Week 2

7/5/20

### Bible Reference:

Philemon 1:1-25 (the whole book)

When we give into the temptation to go resentful, or bitter, or vengeful, it will...

- cause the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- act like a \_\_\_\_\_ that keeps us from growing deeper in \_\_\_\_\_ and from \_\_\_\_\_ what God has done up to this point.
- \_\_\_\_\_ our ability to be productive in \_\_\_\_\_ moving forward.

Paul asks Philemon to say “no” to resentment and bitterness and revenge, and to instead say “yes” to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

To go resentful, bitter, or vengeful is to say...

- Who you are according to our \_\_\_\_\_ overrules who you are according to \_\_\_\_\_.
- I see you in light of what you did to \_\_\_\_\_, rather than seeing you in light of what Jesus did for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your ability to \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than Jesus’ ability to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your ability to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to bear on my life exceeds Jesus’ ability to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to bear on our relationship.

Seeing someone in light of redemption...

- I work to be aware of how I’m \_\_\_\_\_ about my person.

- When they come to mind, I’ll speak \_\_\_\_\_ to myself about who they are in \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_ to treat them in light of that truth.

### Reflection Questions:

Paul asks Philemon to say “no” to resentment and bitterness and revenge, and to instead say “yes” to grace and mercy and forgiveness and reconciliation.

- Can you remember the costs of saying yes to resentment and bitterness and revenge that we discussed last week?

On Sunday, we said, “To go resentful, bitter, or vengeful is to say...

- Who you are according to our culture overrules who you are according to Christ.
- I see you in light of what you did to me, rather than seeing you in light of what Jesus did for you.
- Your ability to sin is greater than Jesus’ ability to redeem.
- Your ability to bring wounds to bear on my life exceeds Jesus’ ability to bring healing to bear on our relationship.
- In what way might Philemon have been tempted to do this with Onesimus?
- When you allow yourself to go resentful, or bitter, or vengeful do you realize that you are saying the same things?
- If we are saying the same things, why do we allow ourselves to go there?
- How would it have impacted Philemon’s community if he had gone resentful, and bitter and vengeful with Onesimus?
- How have you seen those responses impact the church or the churches witness in the past?

Paul calls us to see the person who burned us in light of redemption.

- How did he try and get Philemon to do that with Onesimus?

On Sunday, we talked about 3 strategies for seeing people in light of redemption.

- I work to be aware of how I’m thinking about my person.
- When they come to mind, I’ll speak truth to myself about who they are in Jesus.
- I’ll then choose to treat them in light of that truth.
- Which strategy to you need to work on most?