#1 HEALING CHOICE: REALITY - WE'RE NOT GOD

Genesis 3:1-7, 1/14/24

GETTING OUR FEET WET- What did the slave whisper in the General's ear? Why?

DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE - Gen 3:1-7

THE GENESIS STORY

- A. Genesis 1-2 God's creation
- 1. God is good, powerful
- 2. Creation is beautiful, balanced and needs r_____ (even before sin)
- 3. Humans- are in God's image- <u>valuable</u>, and made of dirt = v______ (and now that we have sinned, we are also <u>vile</u>)
- B. Genesis 3 Satan's temptation- Isa 14, Ezek 28
- 1. Attacks God
- 2. Exalts us
- 3. Result- deep down all of us think we are God (or should be)
 - How do we truly feel about the Bible?
 - How do we truly feel about trials, temptations?

HEALING CHOICES FIRST STEP

#1 – Realizing <u>I am not God</u>, I admit that <u>I am powerless</u> to control my tendency to wrong and my life is unmanageable.

I. I AM POWERLESS

- Romans 7¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.
- John 15⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

- Matthew 5³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Micah 6⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

II. I AM NOT GOD – See Jen Wilkens, None Like Him

- A. S_____ B. E_____ C. All K_____ D. All P_____
- E. P_____

TAKING IT HOME

- 1. How are you trying to be like God, versus trusting God?
- 2. Who are you trying to be "God" to?
- 3. Who/what are you trying to get to be "God" to you?
- 4. Repeat- "God is God. I am not. And that is good."
- 5. Short form thru the day "I'm not God. I'm not God. I'm not God."

WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU? – write it down, pray it back, DO IT, and share it with others! Heavenly Father, I realize I'm not God. I admit I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable. Show me how I'm trying to take Your throne, versus trusting You. I need You. Help me walk humbly before You. All so that, I become more like Jesus and bring more to Jesus. I especially hear You saying, ...