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Remedy Series: The Remedy for the Accusations of the Enemy – 2/15/26

In his book, Revolutionary Love, Festo Kivengere talks about times when we slip downhill spiritually, and distance grows between us and God. He says:

“A pricking conscience means that the Holy Spirit is trying to deal with you about something...He went on to say that the only thing to do was to agree with the Holy Spirit and take that troubled conscience back to the cross where Jesus died. His blood that was shed there is still instantly available for the forgiveness of sins and for the sprinkling of consciences. In my mind I went back to the day when I had seen Jesus hanging on the cross for me, and remembered that his eyes were full of love as they looked into mine. I cried out in my heart, “Yes, Lord! There is rebellion in my thoughts.’ I told Him exactly what it was. No sooner did I cry out to Him than I knew I was clasped in his arms again.” (Kivengere, Revolutionary Love, 31)

Colossians 2:6 (ESV) ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him...

Just as we entered relationship with Christ through trust in His work on the cross, we continue to walk in trust in His work on the cross. Kivengere says:

“All I need to do is keep the door open to Him and admit frankly what is wrong, He does the rest.” (Kivengere, Revolutionary Love, 32)

Later, Kivengere talks about accusations of the enemy.

“There is a story about Martin Luther. Even after he had come into a liberating experience with God, he was tempted, and was always merciless with himself over the things he had done or failed to fulfill spiritually.

Once, when he was miserable, a brother said to him, ‘Martin, God has blessed you, but you have not yet discovered the God of Agains.’ You need to know the God who keeps on saving you.’

Martin listened carefully and then jumped to his feet. As he later explained, 'I could now say to the Devil, 'What you have accused me of is quite true, and you have left out a few things, but you must now take red pencil and draw a cross through the list, for it is finished. I have discovered the God of Agains!'' (Kivengere, *Revolutionary Love*, 33)

Kivengere highlights is whether:

- **Our conscience is bothered by something**
- **The Devil is accusing us**

The response is the same.

- **We go to the Lord in prayer.**
- **We tell him frankly what is bothering us, what we have done. (Confession)**
- **We receive the confidence that we have been forgiven through Christ's work on the cross.**

Let us do that now.

Prayer Practice

- 1. As you prepare to read the Bible pause and pray, asking the Lord to show you what He wants you to notice.**
- 2. John urges us to walk in the light:**

1 John 1:5–10 (ESV) ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- 3. What do you notice?**
- 4. In this passage there is an invitation to walk in the light. To accept the invitation, we are directed to be honest that we have sin. To deny it is to**

deceive ourselves. We are also directed to confess our sins to God. If you have anything on your conscience confess your sin to God and ask Him for His cleansing and for confidence you are forgiven.

5. Take some time to read Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:25-26.

Matthew 5:25–26 (NKJV) ²⁵ Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

6. Is there anything you notice?

7. In the Hebrew language Satan means accuser. Satan, or the devil, is always accusing the saints.

8. One way to deal with His accusations is to agree with him quickly. If there is some bit of truth to his accusations, agree with Him that you have sinned – but do not agree you are condemned. Because of Jesus we can admit our sin without fear of condemnation, abandonment or punishment.

9. Read Romans 8:33-34

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³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

10. Is there something that the enemy has been accusing you about that has a bit of truth in it? If so, agree with the true part – but don't stop there.

Affirm that you are forgiven, chosen, and loved.

11. Draw near the Lord in prayer and receive mercy and grace to help with whatever you need.

12. Close in thanksgiving.

***Revolutionary Love* by Festo Kivengere:**

If you are reading this book along with this series, this week we encourage you to read Chapter 5.

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