Teaching Notes for "Wild Goose Chase – Cage of Assumptions Pt 1"

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Today's Focal LifeText: "The **Wind*** (**Holy Spirit / Wild Goose**) blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit*." **John 3:8** * - The Greek for *Spirit* is the same as that for *Wind*

assumption–defn "*an act of taking for _____, believing & accepting as true w/o _____, a thing that is accepted as _____ or as certain to happen-occur with _____ or _____*"

A seemingly growing number of folks today experience _____ and/or _____ because they often entertain _____ **assumptions** as though they were **truth / fact**! The sad consequence of living this way is these same folks often become argumentative, irritable, disagreeable and even divisive toward others because they've made **assumptions** "_____ _____" about people, ideas, appearances, attitudes, things said & seen, "presumed" motives and/or actions without details/facts!

"*Every time we make **assumptions** about what other people **feel**, **do** or **think** (i.e. their **motives**), we _____ **them** and **us** in a _____ _____.*"~ Franco Santoro, excerpted from "**Leadership Pitfalls: Assumptions**"

"*Have you ever realized that **making assumptions** about others **reveals _____ about what's in your _____ than it does about the other person**? They _____ **us**, it _____ **what's _____ of us** ... Why? Because the **pride** of the flesh wants to make ... self feel and look "better" by thinking bad about others. This is very _____ because it can and will lead to _____.*"
~ excerpted from "*The Sin of Making Assumptions,*" 4-19-2018, www.the scribesportion.com

Proverbs 18:13 NLT / **John 7:24** CSB

_____ was the **only** man who could read _____. He knew exactly what others were _____. You & I don't have that luxury; we're not God! The only way we can _____ know what other people are thinking is if they tell us. **1 Corinthians 2:11** Amplified

"*There is a _____ in **ASSUMPTIONS**: they can _____ **relationships**! Before we know it, what we **ASSUME** becomes **OUR** _____! Our misguided _____ (then) lead to misguided _____, which cause misguided _____. The result: (a high likelihood of) **ruined relationships**!*"
~ Wendy Pope, "*The Power of Assumptions,*" 12.6.2013, www.wendypope.org

One of the most _____ **assumptions** that we can make in life journey is to **assume** that we know _____ than we _____ do! **1 Corinthians 8:2** NLT / **Proverbs 25:8a** The Message / **Proverbs 18:2** / **Ecclesiastes 10:13a** NLT

"_____ _____" – defn. "*The _____ that we don't know everything there is to know, so scientific theories are subject to _____ based upon new _____! That intellectual humility, coupled with curiosity, drives scientific _____.*" ~ Pastor Mark Batterson shares in *Wild Goose Chase*, 2008, pp. 75

In our faith journey, _____ is often **greatly** _____ **when our assumptions are** _____. **True** _____ (our **spiritual critical realism**) **welcomes Spirit-led challenges** because the _____ **to know God should be** _____ **than the need to be** _____!

According to the research conducted by Ralph Smith back in the early 2000s, children ask around _____ probing questions every day! *Adults, on the other hand, ask only _____ probing questions each day. That means somewhere between childhood and adulthood, we _____ 119 questions per day. What does this tell us?*

Assumptions can be **tainted** _____ that **can easily** _____ / _____ **our spiritual** _____!
Galatians 6:7 CEV

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