

SELF RULE

Where Are You?

Genesis 3:1-13

The Serpent

**** ***Serpent Had Access To Adam & Eve*** ****
'was more cunning than any beast of the field'

Starts with a Question *"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" Gen 3:1b*

Finds out what she understands *"You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it lest you die" Gen 3:3b Touch it?*

Partial Truth Presented - *"You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

Partial Truth - She will not physically die immediately is true, but man's self-rule is all inclusive, including man's spiritual, moral, social, relational, and ultimately physical death.

Lie - Suggestion that God is withholding a good thing from them. Having a unyielding commitment to God's Word and knowing God's nature is crucial to overcoming lies of the enemy.

*“ So when the woman saw that the **tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her and he ate.**” Gen 3:6*

*“ Then the **eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked;** and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings, and they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God** among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, *Where are you?* Gen 3:7-9*

Self Rule Entered the World

Separating Themselves From God's Presence

Self rule = Doing what we want or desire over God's righteous way of living thus 'missing the mark' and committing a transgression against divine law.

Eyes Opened - Recognized they were naked

Gen. 3:7a " Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked;

Covered Themselves - Sewed fig leaves

Gen. 3:7b " and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."

Hide From the Presence of God - *Gen. 3:7b "And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

God Pursues Them - God calls to Adam

Gen. 3:9 “Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ ”

Adam is Afraid - because he was naked

Gen. 3:10 “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

God Questions - who told you

Gen. 3:11 “And he said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?’ ”

Adam and Woman Explain

Gen. 3:12,13 “Then the man said, ‘The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.’ And the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’ ”

The schemes of satan are laid out clearly from the beginning. He is cunning and uses partial truths to trap us and trip us up. He is evil with one goal to keep us from walking in truth and in right relationship with God.

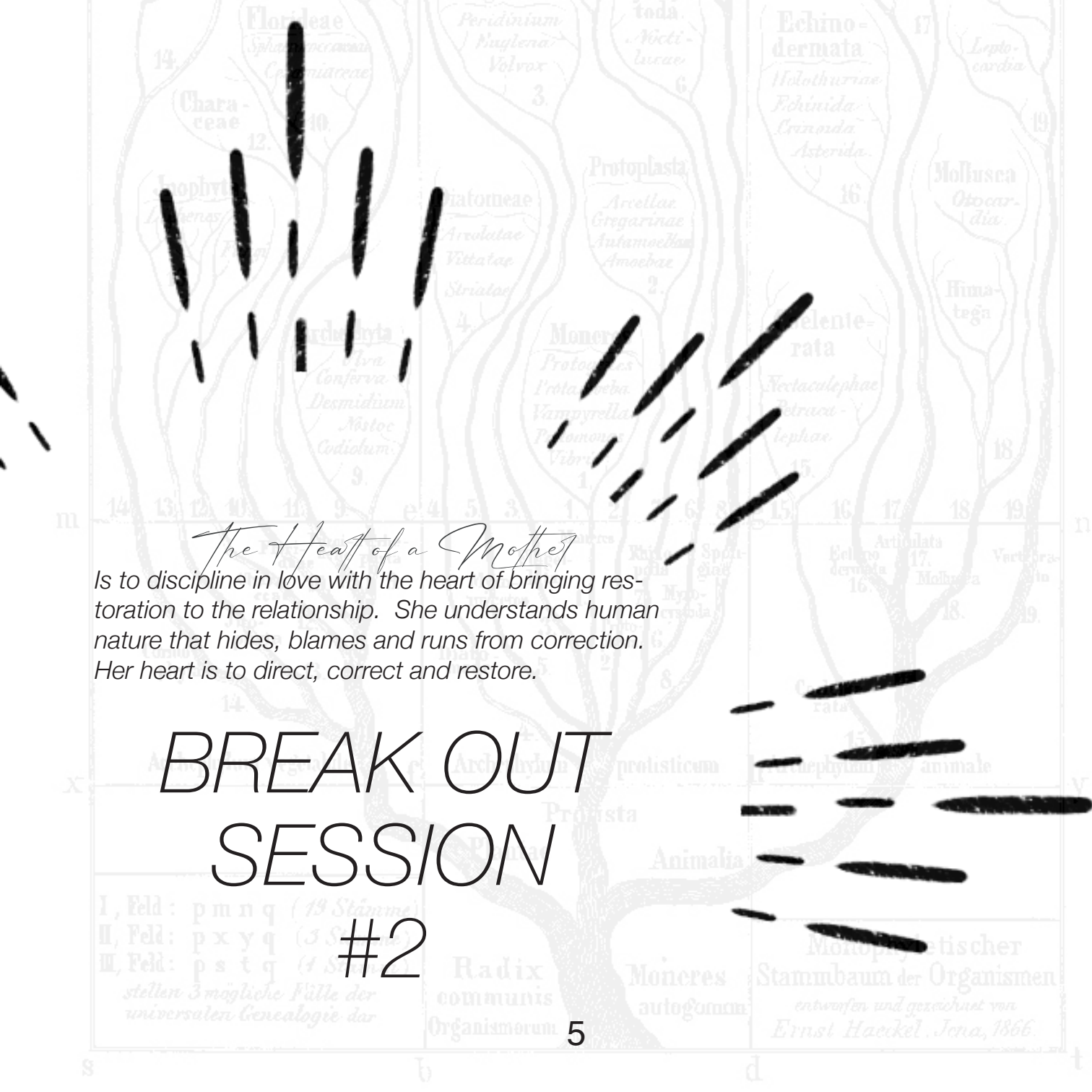
Highlight

Last week we had fun focusing on the good and what God's true heart was in creating us in His image. It made me feel so good, valued, seen, and completely loved. He just wanted us to enjoy all that He created and to share in communion with us daily. That is still His desire toward us.

Today we see how one choice turned everything upside down. The intimate communion with God was altered. Adam and woman (not named Eve yet) actually hid from God. They were afraid and ashamed. God had to discipline his children. They tried to cover themselves. It took the death of an animal to redeem their actions. God had to make the covering not man.

Hopefully our hearts as parent/leaders are to discipline in love and quickly restore our affirmation and unconditional love. When our children hide the truth from us in shame we have the privilege of walking out justice and restoration. Our goal is to walk it out in love and not in anger and condemnation. Sending our kids to their bedroom to think about what they had done wrong seemed to work for us. Yet, it was only required if they did not take responsibility for their actions and apologize. Of course, the checking in every ten minutes was always fun hearing their rationalization about what they did. We pursued their heart and ask "What did you do it and why was it wrong? We are given an opportunity to communicate the right way to speak or act in the situation. It is the heart of a mother to want our kids to have a clear sense of right and wrong and take responsibility for their wrong doing. This takes discipline on our part to be consistent or it doesn't work. It's not about right or wrong per say, it's about relationship and protection of family unity. That is the Heart of Motherhood.

We see in the Old Testament that the sacrifice of an animal for sins was part of making atonement for all of Israel until the perfect lamb of God, Jesus, died and rose again. His death covered past present and future sin taking away the enmity between man and satan. He never gave up on His promise to crush Satan's head. Gen.3:15b



The Heart of a Mother

Is to discipline in love with the heart of bringing restoration to the relationship. She understands human nature that hides, blames and runs from correction. Her heart is to direct, correct and restore.

BREAK OUT SESSION

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I, Feld: p m n q (19 Stämme)
II, Feld: p x y q (3 Stämme)
III, Feld: p s t q (4 Stämme)
stellen 3 mögliche Fälle der
universalen Genealogie dar

Radix
communis
Organismorum

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Moneres
autogonon

Monoprotischer
Stammbaum der Organismen
entworfen und gezeichnet von
Ernst Haeckel, Jena, 1866.

3. What stands out the most about how God corrected Adam and Eve?

a. Share an example of God's correction in your life.

b. How can this translate for you as a mother/leaders?

4. Free will is the opposite of control. Our goal as mothers/leaders is to build a trusting relationship that leaves room for them to think differently than us.

a. What is the risk of leaving room for free thinking and will?

b. Does it depend on the age of those you are entrusted with? If so how?

c. What seed of doubt (fear) or lie motivates you to control?

5. Discipline is so important to raising a child that others want to be around. From ages 3-6yrs it seems like it encompasses most of our relationship with our child. What is the hardest part of discipline for you?

How did you feel when you were a child and got disciplined?

Hebrews 12:7-11

"If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are with out chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be subjection to the Father of Spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed bet to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward is yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."
