

## Spiritual Spatial-D

### Presentation Handout

#### Flying Upside Down

- The phenomenon of a pilot flying upside down and not knowing it is called spatial-D or disorientation
- This is caused when a pilot cannot see the horizon or landmarks, which help orientate his/hers body's equilibrium.
- Spiritually we can also live in a "spatial-D" way—disorientated in perceiving what is right or wrong and/or living deceived regarding our sinful human nature.
- This "spiritual spatial-D" began when Adam & Eve believed Satan's lies about God in the Garden and sinned against Him. And sadly we have continued in this sinful path.

#### Human "Spiritual Spatial-D"—Living Spiritually Disorientated

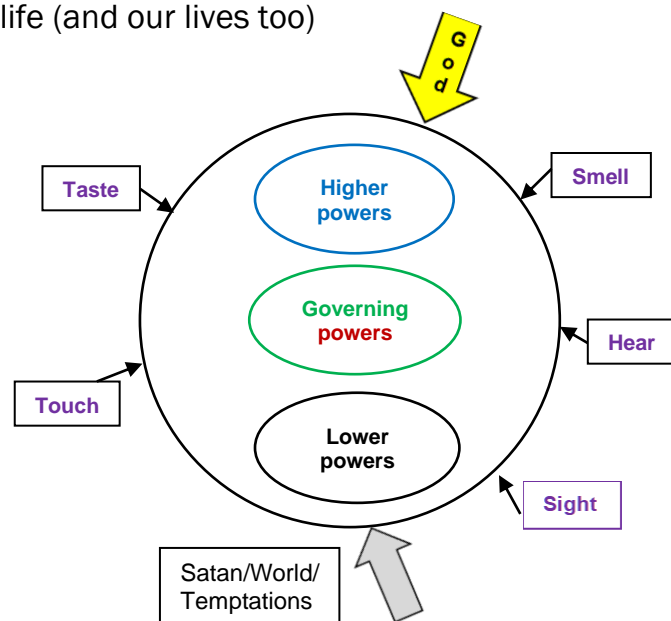
- **Living Self-Sufficient** {Genesis 3:6}
  - Humanity went from God-sufficient to self-sufficient as Eve "played" God—thinking she knew better than Him. Moses illustrates this by saying: Eve "saw...the tree was good for food...." This word "good" is the same word used in **Genesis 1** to describe God's evaluation of His creation. Eve had now assumed the prerogative of God to determine right and wrong
  - In only three verses Eve went from a vertical life orientation—living in God's will, acknowledging Him and His protection-command in **Genesis 2:16-17**—to a horizontal life orientation—discarding or "throwing-off" God and His command for her own human evaluation.
  - This "chart" developed by Ty Gibson helps us visually understand this vertical-horizontal shift in Eve life (and our lives too)

##### Higher Powers

- Intellect
- Reason
- Conscious

##### Lower Powers

- Appetite
- Passions
- Desires



- In the beginning before sin, Adam & Eve lived in God's image—controlled by their higher powers of intellect (*mind, knowledge*), reason (*understanding cause & affect, relationship of information*) & conscious (*understanding between right & wrong*) through the indwelling Holy Spirit, surrendered to God.
- After sin, Adam & Eve were now controlled by their lower powers of appetite (*satisfying a bodily need*), passions (*strong, emotion*) & desires (*strong feeling to achieve, accomplish, acquire, have something happen, etc.*) as they lived surrendered now to Satan.
- Eve's vertical-horizontal "shift" is revealed in her evaluation process in **v. 6** (with a parallel in **1 John 2:15**):
  - "saw...tree...good for food" = appetite/lust of the flesh
  - "pleasant to the eyes" = passions/lust of the eyes
  - "desirable to make one wise" = desires/ pride of life
- We see this human self-sufficiency ripen in the Tower of Babel story in **Genesis 11**. The people...
  - took the prerogative of God to keep themselves safe.
  - Didn't believe God's promise He wouldn't send another flood.
  - tried to save themselves by building the tower.
  - tried to make a name for themselves instead of letting God do it, like He promised Abram/Abraham in **Genesis 12:2**.
- **Brokenness {Genesis 3:7-8}**
  - Sadly, human self-sufficiency led to human brokenness, which manifested itself in many facets:
  - Fear, guilt, shame
    - Adam & Eve realized a nakedness, more than physical, deep inside in their psyche.
    - They realized something was now wrong. Their innocence was gone. They felt fear, guilt & shamed. They were experiencing the consequences of the knowledge of **evil**.
  - "Hiding"
    - In their fear, guilt, and shame, Adam & Eve physically hid, representing their emotional hiding or isolating through living in denial regarding from their sin by deflecting blame toward each other and even God, anything but personally "owning" or taking responsibility personally.
    - Cain "mastered" this same "stain-glassing" syndrome as he in **Genesis 4**:
      - ❖ whined to God his offering was not accepted, implying it was God's fault—He was too demanding, restrictive, etc.
      - ❖ became angry instead of "owning" his sin, again blaming God for the results of the consequences he suffered.
      - ❖ murdered his brother in anger instead of "owning" his disobedience.
- **Generational Dysfunction/Sin {Genesis 5:1, 3}**
  - God's image was now marred or hindered in humanity from God's original plan or will. Now humans can only "pass-on" what they have—a sinful human nature.
  - In this deadly cycle of generational dysfunction/sin we pass on to our children and the succeeding generations our sinful traits, character weaknesses, etc. and likewise we inherit the same from the proceeding generations.

- **Curses, Agreements, Vows & Accusations {Genesis 3:7-11}**
  - Two books that are helpful in this area are: *Moving Mountains* by John Eldredge and *To Be Told* by Dan Allender.
  - A “**curse**” is Satan’s attack at the beauty of God’s image-beauty and/or giftedness in us.
    - Many times they come through those closest to us because of envy, jealousy, and/or out of their personal woundedness.
    - Some examples:
      - ❖ “You can’t do anything right!” “You’re a dummy!” “You’re stupid!”
      - ❖ “You’re too sensitive!”
      - ❖ “You’re a never succeed!”
      - ❖ “You’re ugly!” “You’re fat!”
      - ❖ “You’ve been too bad!” “You’re a hypocrite!”
      - ❖ “You’re a bad spouse, parent, or child!”
  - An “**agreement**” happens when we believe the curses against us.
    - Satan also has a way to add “data” to our curses to make them more believable.
    - Our agreements can lead us to live out the curses believed in hurtful, self-condemning, or destructive ways preventing or hindering us from experiencing God’s best
  - We create “**vows**” to protect ourselves from the hurtful feelings we experience from our curses and agreements. Deceptively, we tend to believe as human beings that this will prevent us from suffering pain again.
  - An “**accusation**” happens when we also accuse ourselves along with Satan & the others.
  - If the **Genesis 3** story ended here we would be left miserable, powerless, and bound to Satan, forever in his “grasp” without hope! But there is hope! We can break free, change through God’s grace!

### Living Free—Breaking the Agreements

- Here are ideas or ways in God’s power to change—break free of Satan’s curses and our agreements, vows, and accusations we’ve believed and made.
- **Live in God’s Love and Power {Romans 5:5-10; 8:35-39; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Peter 1:2-4}**
  - Living free from Satan’s accusations and our agreements made begins with God’s love and power in our lives!!
    - Never forget: God does **not** condemn with curses and accusations, yes, He convicts but with a tone of love, hope, and redemption! He “runs” to us, like the prodigal son’s father in **Luke 15** to embrace us in His surprising and welcoming love, forgiveness, and grace.
    - Also, Christ rose from the grave in victory, so He has all-power and authority over the kingdom of darkness—Satan & his evil angels! In His power is the only way we can break free from the “agreements” we’ve made!
- **Pay Attention to the “Chatter” in your Head {Genesis 3:9, 11; John 8:31-32}**
  - Is what you “hear” condemning without hope? If so, it’s not from God. It’s an curse and an accusation.

- Here’s why this is so essential: we live out these curses in agreements, vows, and accusations, like a predestined life prophecy we’re doomed to experience.
- Keep a journal on your phone or a piece of paper of the accusations you “hear.” This will help you decipher what you’re hearing.
- **Know Your Life Story** {Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Corinthians 13:5a}
  - The kingdom of darkness—Satan & his evil angels—hit us with accusations at our points of abuse, heartache, woundedness, disappointment, etc. This is where accusations and agreements embed and grow.
  - So, if we ignore our past abuse, heartache, woundedness, disappointments, etc. in our life stories, thinking: *the past is the past*, we’ll be doomed to believe Satan’s curses, our accusations, and make vows and agreements that we hinder our lives and from experiencing the fullness of God’s image-beauty and His plans for us.
  - An Instagram post that illustrates how important it is to know and deal with our life story, particularly our abuses, heartaches, wounds, disappointments, etc.: “If you don’t heal from what hurt you, you’ll bleed on people who didn’t cut you.” **Unknown**
  - Here are “simple” tips or questions to discover your agreements that need to be broken:
    - What provokes the most turmoil in your life and relationships?
    - What “triggers” you, hurts you, etc.?
- **Resist Satan by Dealing with Your Agreements** {James 4:7-10; 1 Peter 5:6-9a}
  - Here’s how?
    - **#1** – Claim the victory already given to you through the power of Christ by the choice of your will.
    - **#2** – Resist Satan through the exercise of your will in making the changes that need to be made. Get some good help, like good Christian counseling to break your agreement cycle.
    - **#3** – Discover & acknowledge your past abuses, heartaches, woundedness, disappointments, etc. in your life story that keep “tripping” you up. What are the destructive life treads?
      - ❖ This will require humility
      - ❖ This may involve good Christian counseling, talking/interacting with mentors, and/or other trusted Christians/friends (humans tend to live in denial)
    - **#4** – Stop running from your agreements by blaming others and/or God. Instead “own” your actions that your agreements “fuel.” The ultimate problem is not others or God, but oneself.
 

**Quote:** Ty Gibson made this crazy but true quote: “The best place for people to hide from God is in religion.”

**LIVING CHOICE:** Will you choice God’s freedom and life instead of Satan’s accusations and the agreements we make in believing them? Will you commit to resist the kingdom of darkness—Satan and his evil through Christ Jesus’ authority and power?