

DAY 6 - CONVICTION



"When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth." - John 16:13

THE LOVE THAT TELLS THE TRUTH

There is a kind of love that comforts us when we hurt. There is a kind of love that shelters us when we are weary. And there is a kind of love that loves us too deeply to leave us untouched by the truth.

Conviction belongs to that love.

Jesus did not describe the Holy Spirit as an accuser circling our failures. He called Him the *Spirit of truth*. He comes near enough to reveal what we could not see clearly, to uncover what we have excused, hidden, misunderstood, or carried too long. He does not reveal truth so that we will run from God. He reveals truth so that we can finally bring what is hidden to God.

Sometimes truth stings. Sometimes it brings sorrow. Sometimes the realization of what we have done, what we have allowed, or how far we have wandered breaks our hearts. But Scripture gives us a way to recognize holy sorrow: **it moves.**

Godly sorrow does not build a house and ask us to live forever inside our regret. It opens a door called repentance.

SORROW WITH SOMEWHERE TO GO

Paul tells the Corinthians that he was not glad simply because they hurt. Their pain was not the victory. He rejoiced because their sorrow led them somewhere - toward repentance, earnestness, longing, concern, and change.

That distinction matters. Feeling terrible is not the same thing as being transformed. Shame can keep us staring at ourselves: *How could I? What is wrong with me? I should have known better.* Conviction turns our face toward God: *Lord, this is true. Show me what to do with it.*

Conviction may bring tears, but it also brings direction. It does not merely expose the wound; it invites healing. It does not merely name the crooked place; it teaches us how to walk straighter.

CORRECTION WITHOUT REJECTION

Hebrews gives us perhaps the tenderest picture of all: discipline inside the relationship between a Father and His child. The correction is not evidence that the child has been cast away. The correction happens because the child *belongs*.

And Psalm 94 places two words beside each other that we sometimes separate: **discipline and teach**.

What if some of God's correction is not a courtroom sentence at all? What if it is a classroom?

A loving Father is teaching His child what leads to life. He is forming discernment. Training responses. Strengthening what is weak. Pruning what cannot remain. And while the lesson may be uncomfortable, Hebrews tells us to look beyond the discomfort toward its intended harvest: **righteousness and peace**.

Not humiliation. Not permanent shame. Not fear that one wrong step will make God withdraw His face.

Righteousness and peace.

COME CLOSER, NOT FARTHER

Perhaps this is one of the hardest things to learn about conviction: when God shows us something painful about ourselves, our instinct may be to hide from the very One we most need to approach.

But the answer to conviction is not distance.

Come closer.

Come like a child who has nothing impressive to offer. Come without the polished explanation. Come without defending what God is gently putting His finger on. Come without turning your failure into your identity.

Simply come with the truth.

Yes, Lord. I see it.

Yes, Lord. That needs to change.

Yes, Lord. Teach me another way.

The Spirit who reveals the truth is also the Spirit who guides you through it. The Father who corrects you is still the Father whose face you came seeking. And the God who calls you to repentance is not standing at the end of the road waiting for you to become worthy enough to return.

He is already there with you, teaching you how to turn.

TODAY'S HEART QUESTION

When God shows me something that needs to change, do I hear an invitation to come closer - or a sentence telling me to hide?

Ask the Spirit of truth for one thing today: **clarity without shame**. You do not need to manufacture conviction. You do not need to search yourself frantically for something wrong. Make room. Listen. And if God brings something into the light, let the light do what light was always meant to do.

Help you see.



Read again: John 16:7-13 • 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 • Hebrews 12:5-11 • Psalm 94:12-15