

Matthew 10:16-28

- **We are enslaved by our secrets with a need to feed the beast!**

- We make secrets to conceal an element of ourselves or hold back an aspect of the truth.
 - Regardless of the myriad of reasons why...
 - The WHY still matters...
 - ...Because we do so under the illusion that we can control what is revealed.
(See a pattern here?? The illusion of control! (Romans 2:16))
- The Devil works to keep us in the shadows of our secrets...
...and would seek to see our energies spent in things that drive us away from God!

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves...When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you” (Matthew 10:16-20)

- We slay the beast by confessing it!

- **Freedom from our secrets is shown in how God reveals His own!**

- The “Secret kept for long ages” has been revealed in Christ! (Romans 16:25)
- As Jesus sends out the disciples He prepares them for the spiritual battles ahead by reminding them of who wins the war.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.” (Matthew 10:26-27)

- We can, and should, hold our secrets up against the Light! (Ephesians 5:11-13, Romans 2:14-16)

- **Life in the Light leads us to a transparency covered only by the grace of God!**

- If, and when, we hold secrets, what are we seeking to conceal?
 - God’s redemption works in darkness to expose HIS light!
 - No secret is beyond redemption!
- Revealing a secret to God gives us freedom to live apart from it’s enslavement with men.
(Hint: HE ALREADY KNOWS...SO CONFESS IT ANYWAY!)

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28)

- The shadows of our secrets are cast out through our confession in the Light!



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