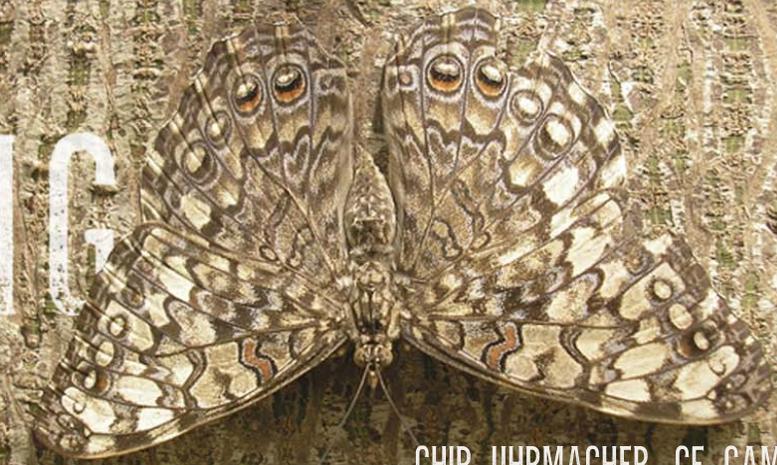


APRIL 1 & 2

HIDING MY NEED



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INTRODUCTION

This week Pastor Chip presents the second message in our *Hiding* series, entitled "Hiding My Need." Every believer recognizes they need a Savior to save them from their sin and the penalty of that sin, but do we have needs beyond our salvation experience?

DISCUSSION

1. What are the two graces every believer needs? Is it possible to be a Christian without first acknowledging a need? **Read Ephesians 2:8-9.** Can you recall some of the needs you had prior to asking for God's saving grace? Can you think of a time during your walk with God when you expressed a deep need?
2. What are two reasons that keep us from expressing our needs to God and others?
3. **Read John 3:1-21.** Why was it hard for Nicodemus to acknowledge his need? What are some of the prideful reasons that make us afraid to expose our needs to others or God? How have you overcome pride so you can ask for help?
4. **Read John 4:4-26.** What kinds of shame keep us from expressing our needs? How does the story of the woman at the well help us see God's grace covers our shame? Why can we accept God's gift of forgiveness for our sin but continue allowing shame to control us? Discuss how shame was a part of the redemptive work of Jesus at the cross.

THINK ABOUT IT

If pride keeps us from expressing our needs, consider the following: Jesus, who was God incarnate, borrowed a small boy's lunch, a boat to preach from, a donkey to ride, the upper room for the last supper, asked three disciples to pray with Him at Gethsemane, had Simon of Cyrene carry His cross, and depended on several women to financially support Him. If Jesus could express His earthly need, why can't we? If shame keeps you from expressing your needs, consider King David's transgressions of murder and adultery, yet he was called "a man after God's own heart." Paul persecuted the church, yet later wrote much of the New Testament. Rahab was a harlot, yet was commended for her faith. Peter denied knowing Jesus, yet became one of the leaders of the church. God's grace is greater than all our sin and shame.

DO SOMETHING

1. Ask God to show you if there is a need in your life you don't recognize.
2. Ask the Lord if pride or shame is keeping you from expressing your needs to Him or others.
3. Tell God about your needs, and ask Him to meet them.
4. Share a need with a trusted friend, chaplain or pastor, and ask them to pray with you.
5. Rejoice and testify when that need is met.

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