




Creating Safe Places

Leading those with struggles
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Confession requires community

- “Sin can only be erased through EXPOSURE.” Apostle Kamilah Stevenson (1 John 1:6-9)
- Confession requires community, the witness of trusted brothers and sisters
- Without that WITNESS our efforts to live honestly and wholeheartedly will not work
- You must win FAVOR for people to know that you are a SAFE PLACE. People want safe places.

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1. Become transparent
 - If you don't become transparent no one will feel comfortable bearing their sins to you. How? You become the culture.
 - Culture is people or the environment that people's lifestyle and way of living exhibits. You must become the revelation not just have the revelation. You must SHOW them what transparency looks like. Discipleship is showing them the way.



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- The most powerful way to influence is to become the example and model of what you are influencing. Jesus said I won't just show you the way, but I AM the way, truth, and light. He became everything that He stood for.

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To live a transparent life is to:

- Be as completely real as possible
- Truly be “in the world but not of it”
- Meet people where they are at, instead of expecting them to somehow find their way to where we are
- Connect with others on their terms in a real way
- Be yourself instead of wearing the masks we put on so often as we seek our place in the world
- Not be afraid of others seeing our flaws because nobody is perfect



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- Share your life with them so that they know it's possible to attain. When you share what God has done for you, you release the same power and grace to do for someone else what He has done for you.

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2. You cannot preach at them or put them down! Instead preach goodness and mercy (Psalm 23, Psalm 100:5, Romans 2:4)
3. Teach them REAL grace and faith, not law. Don't teach them the foundation of do's and don'ts but teach them to trust God. "Grace is God's ability."

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- God's grace enables us to say no to lust. Titus 2:11-12
- We must model how Jesus dealt with people with sexual struggle (John 4, John 8)
- Educate on repentance and freedom from sin. Repentance is a lifestyle of upgrading.

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5. Teach boundaries: Married men should not walk women through sexual struggles alone. However, pure affections and respect from men can help heal women who have been abused sexually by men.
6. Teach them how to walk by the spirit (Galatians 5:16-17)
 - When your decisions align with the Word, you are walking in the Spirit.



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7. Teach them to resist the devil (James 4:7)

8. Teach them to renew the mind (Romans 12:1-2)

. Renewing the mind is to renew your way of thinking or beliefs when it is lined up with the word of God. When you renew your mind in line with God's Word, you have achieved holiness.



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9. Become a great listener and ask questions
 - We must understand how they got to this point and why.
10. You have boundaries (to protect you from others in terms of soul ties)
 - Don't be manipulated. You have to learn how to lead others while still caring about yourself.



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- Don't get unconditional love mixed up. You can love with healthy conditions.
- Don't participate in becoming anyone's idol. Know the right time to use emotions