

HOW PEOPLE CHANGE - Session 3: The Thorns - What and how do we get entangled?

Thorn Bush Responses:

1. Deny
2. Magnify
3. Prickly
4. Eye for and eye
5. Paralyzed
6. Self-righteousness

CENTRAL POINTS:

1. The thorn bush captures how sinners respond sinfully to the blessings and difficulties of life.
2. God doesn't call us to morbid self-condemnation but to celebrate his grace and to never settle for a feeling of contentment with where we are in the process of change.
3. The Christian life is a war for the heart and we are to be alert to how our hearts respond in every situation.

Fruit tree reactions to the heat:

- 1. Face Reality**
- 2. Respond with appropriate intensity**
- 3. Be alert**
- 4. Engage in constructive activities**
- 5. Remember**

Why do we sin / get entangled?

- 1. Other people**
- 2. Our past / family upbringing**
- 3. Our present circumstances**
- 4. Our physical bodies**

Why do these reasons fall short?

The Ten Commandments

What do they reveal about our biggest problem?

What does idolatry have to do with thorns?