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## **Counseling With Others in the Good News, Part 2**

My last article on this subject dealt with a real life situation and relationship I had the opportunity to participate in with Jesus. Rather than elaborating on Godly principles, I wanted to see if you could discover what Gospel Rule of Faith I used to write the comments I did as you read my actual words to the person I counseled. How do you think you did in capturing the principles I used?

Well, without further mystery and guesswork, here are my guiding principles, and my counseling interaction again in a slightly different way:

### **1. Jesus the Christ!**

More specifically, the truth that in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made flesh, the Triune God has Included All of Humanity and Creation in His Relationship, Forever!!! In and apart from my friend believing anything, he is in Jesus by Triune God's Grace!!

That's it! That's the ONLY thing going on since Jesus ascended with us into the Relationship He has with His Father in the Spirit as a human being! (1 Tim. 2:5).

I began my counseling by acknowledging the truth of Jesus sharing his friendship and fellowship with all of us: *Hello My Friend!!*

### **2. Because my friend IS included in Christ, no matter what, I knew that the only thing he was truly looking for, ultimately, was the LIFE he already had in Jesus!**

His inclusion in Christ explains his suffering (which he wanted out of!) That is the reason why I couched his entire plea for help in the Gospel, and wrote in my introductory comments:

*I appreciate your openness and realness with me and continue to admire your humility and vision for a more happy and liberated life!*

In other words, I knew that Jesus was sharing His happy and liberated life with my friend, and that is why he was longing for happiness. Jesus was also sharing his humility and vulnerability as a human with him, and that is why he was crying out for help in the first place!

### **3. As a believing counselor, I know that Jesus shares with me that I am in union with Him, too! This causes me to believe it in such a way that, in His grace, I can share the Gospel of our Inclusion in a more straightforward way with others. Regardless of what my friend thought he believed on the surface, I KNEW the Gospel was having some Christ effect in his soul!!**

The Gospel helps us know that deeply, where we cannot even think or articulate clearly, the Holy Spirit is communicating to and for us! I can be assured that when I speak Gospel to a person, NO MATTER WHAT, it IS "ringing the bell" they are wired up in Jesus to hear! In counseling my friend, I simply communicated the truth of the Trinity and God's Unity without loss of Distinction, to help him understand how he is made in God's image!

My friend wrote that one of his obstacles was religion and that he didn't want to be like his religious friend Sylvester. I followed up with:

*First, the reason you do not want to be like Sylvester is because Jesus has made you distinct. He has created you to*

*be your own distinct person in union with him and creation. He has also created you to be FREE from any type of religion!! Jesus is NOT religious in any way, and he does not want you to be religious either. Religion binds you, it does not free you! Following Sylvester's way is just another form of religion, rules and rituals designed to make you appear better than or superior to others. In the Father's eye's, we are all equal and should share in His love for everyone and everything in creation.*

**4. I also know that NO HUMAN BEING EXCEPT JESUS REALLY KNOWS the Truth, and I know that he is letting us all participate in his knowing and experience of the Truth as Truth.**

My friend wrote that he thought that being in Worldwide Church of God (WCG) had actually been good for him, even though, in various relationships, he had been hurt way too many times (even being struck with an object on the face, drawing blood!), and had become so depressed he had started treating his body badly.

Jesus helped me to acknowledge and have the confidence to speak (in His speaking) that:

*WCG was good for you because Jesus was using WCG to help you see the truth of your inclusion; to embrace it, and be free in it. Now that you have gotten a taste of it, you only want more of it. Going to WCG was like sitting at Jesus' buffet table and eating some of every good thing. Taking in religion is like eating sand with no water around!*

*Yucky!! Relating with others as you REALLY are in Jesus is what frees you! Please keep up with me so that I can help you remain free in God's grace!*

*Because you come from Jesus, and Jesus is always with you, you are not meant to be abused or beat up in relationships! You aren't meant to hurt your own self or to be hurt by others! Deep in your heart Jesus is sharing this truth with you so that you can experience yourself and others in his pleasure, avoiding the pain of abuse. In one sense, your decision is an easy one to make! For now, you should stay away from Sheila and pray for her! After counseling with other people you trust, and who REALLY look out and care for your well being, you might even consider reporting Sheila to the police!*

*The Father does not abuse his children and he does not want us to abuse each other! The Father also does not want us to live in the kind of stress you are experiencing with Sheila, and right now, that is all that Sheila is causing you, STRESS!! True Love is never FORCED upon or overly domineering on anyone, and Sheila is using a lot of force and domination! That kind of behavior is provoked by the evil creatures and you need to avoid it like the plague! Three forms of abuse is three times too much abuse!!! We are the Father's children and none of us are made to engage in hurting ourselves, hurting others, or being hurt by others without serious, negative consequences! Continue to embrace your whole and healed self in Jesus!*

*The thing that makes this "easy" decision difficult for you is the closeness you have experienced with Sheila! We were all made for relationship with others and, ultimately, you and Sheila were driven to each other because of your share in the relationship and passion of the Father, Son and Spirit. However, we were meant to share in relationship just like God does, with harmony and self-giving, NOT disharmony and selfishness! You can escape the temptation of getting back with Sheila because Jesus has suffered all of our temptations and overcome them for us. He shares with you RIGHT NOW His wisdom, boldness and strength to escape this situation with Sheila. Please call on some close friends to pray with you and support you in your desire to avoid her for now!! I will pray for you, and you should pray to Jesus for yourself, because he is with you and has never left you for one second in this situation, and he never will!!*

**5. Also, to encourage my friend in the Inclusion that is both in the past, present and future, I**

**made comments accordingly! I acknowledged that he had been sharing in, is now sharing in, and will share in who he is in Jesus! My friend will always be in the relationship Jesus has established with him.**

My friend wrote that he was thinking about going to stay with an uncle in another state to attend college and open up a branch of the family business there. He also said that, when he told Sheila what he had done, Sheila got defensive and said that he should have talked to her first. He told me that he really didn't know what to do, and asked if I thought he needed to re-evaluate his life and give it back to God.

Because of the truth of point 5, I was able to speak about the Light that shines even in their dark situation and press the truth of his inclusion in a more overt manner by saying:

*I believe you are making a good decision to start afresh and continue your schooling! I've witnessed wonderful attributes in you that can only come from the Holy Spirit Who has embraced you! Schooling can often supply the positive, focused and disciplined structure we need in a field of study to reach out in more effective service toward others.*

*Moving to a new state may also keep you from some of the negative forces of your current culture that the fallen creatures are using to try and discourage you.*

*I, personally, do not believe that you need to re-evaluate your life, because you are already engaged in re-evaluating it!! :-) That is why you wrote me! Also, there is no need for you to give your life back to God because God the Father, Son and Spirit have always had your life in his very capable hands! You cannot go anywhere and flee your union with God in Jesus! You are already so included in His life that he is, even now, helping you to re-evaluate things in the light of Who you REALLY are in Jesus! I believe he inspired you to write me for further affirmation and encouragement in your permanent relationship with Him in Jesus!*

**6. I reinforced his distinction in Jesus by calling on him to repent and believe the Good News of his life in God! I did this by pronouncing the FACT and TRUTH of his Inclusion and participation!**

We share in Jesus' authority to tell others who they are without always having to ask if they are going to believe it or not. So I called on my friend to repent by proclaiming and describing what his inclusion already looks like in his life. There was no need for unduly threatening or questioning him about salvation!! He was already crying out for help, right? So there was no need for a "Gospel brick" to be thrown at him (as must sometimes be tossed at a more Pharisaical personality like mine!)

In the Parrhesia (Greek for "boldness") and freedom of Jesus, I participated in the actual Passion of the Father with these additional statements:

*Finally, right now, you are not bound in marriage or engagement to anyone except God in Jesus Christ!! :-) This means that you do not owe Sheila any explanation as to why you are going to proceed in your current direction. You should concentrate on being bound to God in Jesus Christ and ask him to help you see how secure you are in Him!*

*This Godly assurance will give you the courage to face everything else in life with more stability and wisdom, and you can make your decisions about relationships and other things in life with more of Jesus' actual peace and joy!*

**7. Finally, I acknowledged OUR ongoing blindness in the current corrupt flesh we both have IN OUR UNCHANGING UNION WITH GOD, in JESUS' VICTORY.**

And, writing in Jesus' shared humility, I wrote:

*I hope this letter has helped you. If I have been unclear in anyway, ask the Holy Spirit to clarify His Truth and make it plainer to you! Triune God loves you more than he loves himself, and He likes you very, very much!  
Continued Peace, Love and Blessings to You in Jesus, Who has already helped you to overcome all of this in a victorious way in his own human life!*

*~ Tim Brassell*