WELLNESS CLASS AT CROSSROADS

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

INTRODUCTION

- SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE
- SENSITIVE TO YOUR STRUGGLE, BUT WILLING TO MAKE YOU UNCOMFORTABLE
- WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!!
- UNDERSTAND YOUR DIFFERENCES
- EXAMPLES FROM SCRIPTURE ARE PARALLEL BUT NOT EQUIVALENT
- OUR GOAL IS NOT FOR YOU TO GET HEALTHY. THAT IS YOUR GOAL. OUR GOAL IS TO CONVINCE YOU TO GET HEALTHY.
- THIS ISN'T A WEIGHT LOSS CLASS. IT IS TO ENCOURAGE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

DEFINITIONS

- DIET YOUR STYLE OF EATING
- FAD DIET DIETS THAT TEND TO BE RESTRICTIVE AND UNSUSTAINABLE
- FITNESS EXERCISE IN ANY FORM
- HEALTH YOUR DAILY PHYSICAL STATE OF BEING
- LIFESTYLE A COMBINATION OF NUTRITION AND FITNESS



THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

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 - ONE KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO HAVE A SOLID FOUNDATION
 - WHEN THINGS GOT TOUGH THE WISE MAN'S HOUSE STOOD STRONG
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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIG?

- FIRST, YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO
- YOU GET DIRTY
- YOU GET TIRED
- YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE GOING BACKWARDS
- YOU MIGHT EVEN GET FRUSTRATED
- YOU END UP IN A HOLE
- BUT...YOU ESTABLISH A FIRM FOUNDATION





WHICH ONE DESCRIBES YOUR TYPICAL N.Y.RESOLUTION





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BREAKING UP THE HARD GROUND

- HOSEA 10:12
- BEFORE A FARMER SOWS SEED HE HAS TO PLOW THE HARD GROUND THAT HAS BEEN DORMANT FOR THE WINTER
- SOFT GROUND THAT HAS BEEN PLOWED IS BETTER ABLE TO RECEIVE THE SEED THAT IS PLANTED
- THE HARD GROUND REPRESENTS:
 - OUR PAST CHOICES AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS OUR HEALTH
 - MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED
 - EXAMPLE: "FEAR OF GOING TO THE GYM"



WE ARE WEAK!

- ROMANS CHAPTER 7
- WE STRUGGLE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, AND ARE INCLINED TO DO WHAT IS WRONG
- EVEN THE APOSTLE PAUL STRUGGLED GREATLY
- THE BATTLES WE GIVE IN TO LEAVE US FEELING DEFEATED
- THE BATTLE IS DAILY!
- THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEMS COME FROM WHO NOT WHAT



OUR WEAKNESSES

- I GREW UP WITH MCDONALDS AND FRUIT LOOPS, OR SOMETHING SIMILAR
- I HAVE NEVER LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT NUTRITION AND EXERCISE
- I KNOW I SHOULD EAT RIGHT AND EXERCISE BUT I JUST CAN'T FIND THE STRENGTH TO DO EITHER
- I HAVE A FEAR OF GOING TO THE GYM. OR AT LEAST FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE THERE
- I AM INTIMIDATED BY WHAT THE WORLD TELLS ME I SHOULD LOOK LIKE
- I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HEALTHY FOODS TO BUY WHEN I GO TO THE STORE
- I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I AM DOING AT THE GYM, OR WHEN EXERCISING
- I HAVE A HARD TIME BREAKING BAD HABITS
- MY LIFE IS TOO BUSY TO EXERCISE
- JUNK FOOD IS JUST TOO ACCESIBLE AND CHEAP

MY WEAKNESS – LOLOLOL!

- CHOCOLATE
- WORKING AT HOME AND HAVING ACCESS TO FOOD ALL DAY
- CREAMER IN MY COFFEE
- TRY TO STAY LEAN BUT BUILD MUSCLE
- PIZZA AND CHEESEBURGERS
- MY AGE
- JILL'S CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS
- COSTCO CAKE!!!



GOD'S FIRST WORDS TO MANKIND

- GOD'S FIRST WORDS TO ADAM WERE "YOU ARE FREE TO EAT!"
- OF ALL THINGS HE COULD HAVE SAID HE TALKS ABOUT FOOD
- GOD IS A GOD OF FREEDOM. EVERYTHING HE DIRECTS US TO DO POINTS US TO FREEDOM
- HE NEVER INTENDED FOR OUR DIETS TO BE RESTRICTED
- THE THINGS THAT WE ARE GIVEN FREEDOM TO DO ALSO BRING US FREEDOM WHEN WE DO THEM



THE WORLD'S MESSAGE

- IT IS RESTRICTIVE
- IT TELLS US "DON'T DO THIS OR DON'T DO THAT." SEE COLOSSIANS 2:21
- BEING RESTRICTED ACTUALLY HINDERS YOUR PROGRESS
 - HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONE IN HANDCUFFS BEING PRODUCTIVE?
- DIETS FAIL BECAUSE THEY CAN BE UNSUSTAINABLE
- DIETS LOOK GOOD ON THE SURFACE BUT MANY FAIL MISERABLY AT HELPING US TO REIGN IN OUR DESIRES
- DIETS DON'T ADDRESS DEEPER ISSUES
- DIETS RELY ON US BEING STRONG AND DISCIPLINED



THE DAILY STRUGGLE

- AN ABUNDANCE OF POOR CHOICES EVERYWHERE
 - GROCERY STORES
 - FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS ON EVERY CORNER
 - GAS STATIONS
- ADVERTISING
 - WE ARE BOMBARDED WITH FALSE MESSAGES ABOUT FOOD
- BUSY LIFESTYLES
- PORTION SIZES ARE OUT OF CONTROL
- UNREALISTIC IMAGES OF WHAT WE SHOULD LOOK LIKE
- THE DAUNTING CHALLENGE OF GETTING STARTED



WHAT TO DO?

- START LOOKING AT THE PURPOSE OF FOOD DIFFERENTLY
- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12 "Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me," but I will not be mastered by anything."
- WHEN IT COMES TO EATING WE ARE FREE TO EAT WHATEVER, BUT NOT EVERYTHING WE EAT BENEFITS US
- THE BIBLE TELLS US TO NOT USE OUR FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE FLESH
- WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THOUGH WE ARE FREE TO EAT,
 WE MIGHT SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF POOR CHOICES



TAKEAWAYS

- BUILD YOUR LIFESTYLE ON A SOLID FOUNDATION
 - GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS NOT
- RECOGNIZE YOUR AREAS OF WEAKNESS AND BEGIN TO WORK ON CHECKING THEM OFF YOUR LIST
- UNDERSTAND THE FREEDOM (PHYSICALLY) THAT COMES WITH AND FROM YOUR DIET
- ESTABLISH A DIET AND LIFESTYLE THAT GIVES YOU FREEDOM BUT DON'T BECOME A SLAVE TO YOUR LIFESTYLE
- BE REALISTIC

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