



WEEK FIVE

NAKED AND ASHAMED

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PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Can you recall a time when you were embarrassed about something you decided to do? What was the fallout?
2. What is the difference between acceptance and approval? Name a few things that a person could accept but not approve of.
3. Take a look at **Genesis 3:6-10**. What changed for Adam and Eve between verses 6 and 7? List as many differences as you can.

Why do you think they felt shame at their nakedness?

4. Pastor Jeff said that when Adam and Eve sinned, their perspective of who God is became skewed. What did he mean by that?

What was the catalyst for their perception of God becoming warped? (see Genesis 3:1-4)

5. How did God view Adam and Eve after their fateful decision to rebel against Him?

What does Genesis 3:21-24 suggest about God's attitude toward them? How about 1 Peter 1:18-21 and Romans 5:6-8?

6. Read Isaiah 54:4-8. What is God's tone toward His people in this passage?

Which of these verses speaks most directly to you?

7. If someone asked how you know that God loves you, what would you say?

What does God's love look like to you?

8. Take a look at Matthew 9:20-22. The word "saw" in this verse in the Greek language means "to perceive, notice, discern, discover." What did Pastor Jeff say regarding the way Jesus looked at this woman?

Why do you think He turned around to speak with her after she'd touched Him, when clearly she had already been healed?

9. Author Ann Tatlock wrote: "Here's the paradox. We can fully embrace God's love only when we recognize how completely unworthy of it we are." What do you think she means by this?

Personal Meditation: This week, spend some quiet time meditating on 1 John 3:1 — "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" Thank God for His extravagant love for you. Thank Him as often as you need to start believing it.

Memorize Romans 8:37-39 — "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."