

## Part 2

# Teens In Crisis

There was no peace within because there was no peace with God

Jeremiah 8:18-22

Why are they still hurting if there is a balm in Gilead and if there is a Great Physician there?

Who is the balm and who is the physician?

Exodus 15:26

- If you will obey Him
- if you listen to what God says is right and wrong
- if you will walk in the light of it, obey it not just hear it
- I am the Lord your healer – Jehovah Rapha

There is always God – He always has been, He always will be – He is Jehovah Rapha

God sent His word to heal them

If you do not listen to the word of God – you will walk right into destruction

Because God has to judge sin

If you don't accept what God did at Calvary, God will have to bring destruction

### I. Balm of Gilead

a. Jeremiah 46:11 - There is no way you can heal yourself

i. You have to go up to Gilead and obtain balm

1. Gilead was a city and it was known for the salve that had healing properties

2. Gen 37:25

a. Joseph taken captive by his brothers – they were jealous of their brother

b. They see a caravan of Ismaelites

- c. They were carrying balm and myrrh
  - 3. balm was used for two things
    - a. healing properties
    - b. cosmetic – to make people beautiful
  - 4. the word of God heals you and makes you beautiful
    - a. the word of God makes you beautiful
    - b. if you are going to be healed you need the word of God
- ii. Gilead was a city that provided refuge for fugitives
- b. Healing is a matter of moment by moment, gut level obedience to the word of God
  - i. If you are going to be healed you have to know how to control your mind

- 1. your mind is like a giant computer
- 2. II Cor 10:3-5 – warfare is for your mind, we need to take every thought captive to the obedience of God
- 3. Prov 23:7 – as a man thinks . . . so he is
- 4. Prov 4:23 – watch over your heart with all diligence
  - a. we need to watch over what we think
- 5. Matt 15:18, 19 – the things that proceed out of your mouth come from the heart and those defile the man . . . from out of the heart come evil thoughts
- ii. have to have God’s word in our mind
  - 1. If you are going to be healed we have to have a whole new way of thinking

2. Rom 12:1, 2 – I want you to give yourself to me totally, completely
- a. Become a living sacrifice
  - b. We need to be transformed by the renewing of our mind
    - i. Transformed – metamorphoo – metamorphosis – change
    - ii. If you are going to be healed you are going to have to take time to renew your mind
  - c. before you come to know the Lord Jesus Christ – your mind is under the control of the world – under the control of Satan
  - d. Eph 2:1-3 – you were dead (before your were saved), you walked under the influence of the world – devil
    - i. You are under Satan's influence
    - ii. You need your mind transformed

3. I Cor 2:9-11

- a. You don't realize what good things I have for you
- b. They are to give you a future and a hope
- c. God is not out to get you or destroy you
- d. Most kids look around and say there is no future and there is no hope
- e. We need to understand the thoughts of God and that can only be through the Holy Spirit
  - i. When you are saved He gives you the Holy Spirit
  - ii. We can then know what is God's will by getting to know God's word

4. Eph 6:10-17

- a. Put on the full armor of God so you can stand firm against the schemes of the devil
- b. The devil has a plot – he wants to destroy you – he will do that by getting into your mind by putting wrong thoughts into the mind
  - i. You begin to think those thoughts are true
  - ii. You start to live in the light of those thoughts

iii.Satan has a whole echelon of demons – those demons are coming against you and they want to take you into sin

c.The devil wants to pin you to the ground but you need to stand firm by putting on the whole armor of God

i. Vs 14 – girding your loins with truth

1.truth holds everything else in position

2.belt of truth is you getting the word of God into your life – into your mind

ii. vs 17 – the helmet of salvation

1.in salvation you get a new mind

2.we have the mind of Christ

3.we need to protect our thoughts

## 5.Satan

a.John 8:43-44

i. You can't hear My word

ii. You want to do the desires of your father

iii.He was a murderer from the beginning

iv.He is a liar and the father of lies

v. Jesus came so that you might life

vi.Any thought of suicide comes from the devil because he is a murderer and the father of lies

vii.How am I going to know if it is the devil talking to me or God? – through the word

b.Rev 12:10

i. He is going to accuse you

ii. Nobody cares about you, you are no good, you will never amount to anything

## 6.II Cor 10:3-5

a.Satan wants to build a fortress of wrong thoughts

b.We are to take that thought captive to the obedience to Christ

c.Phil 4:8 – when a thought comes into you mind you are to frisk it

i. if it doesn't meet those qualifications you refuse that thought

- ii. do I have control over my mind? – YES
- iii. you have the mind of Christ – you have the Holy Spirit living in you
  - 1. I John 4:4 - greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world
  - 2. you can refuse to think that thought
  - 3. you slam the door on that thought

II. Why are a lot of teens messed up?

- a. It all began in their head
- b. It began with wrong thoughts
- c. Bad thoughts are from the pit of hell
- d. If you allow those thoughts to come in and live in your heart and to live in your mind they will put a wound in you – it will destroy your life
- e. Healing begins in your mind
- f. As a man thinks so he is
- g. Apply the truth to those thoughts – you need to refuse the bad thoughts
- h. Listen very carefully to God's word