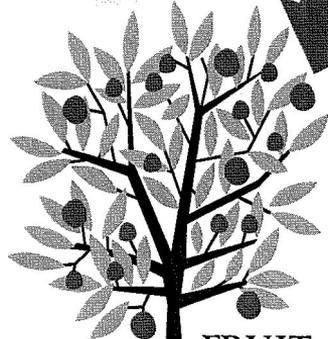
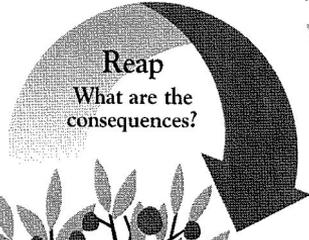
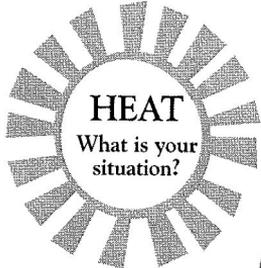


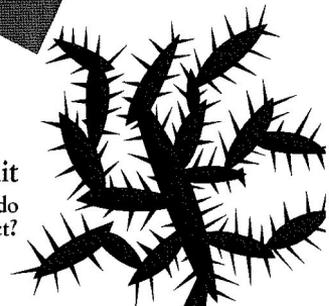
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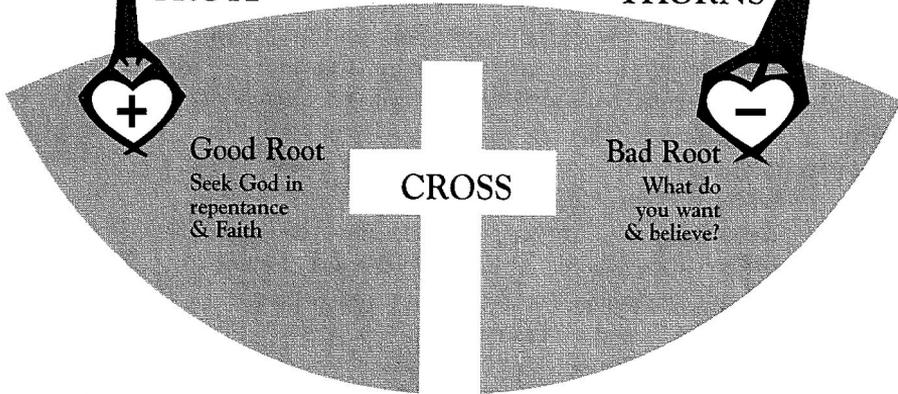
# Case Study from Last Week



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Respond with love



**Bad Fruit**  
How do you react?



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# Recap

Immature Thinking: what happens outside me controls my responses

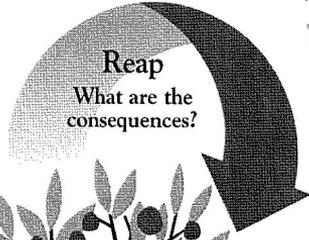
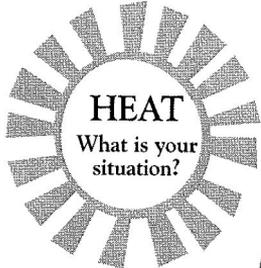
Reality: Our responses are determined not by circumstance, but by our convictions:  
What does my heart really believe?

We do what we do because we want what we want.

We want what we want because we believe what we believe.

Important clarification: To reiterate, not all bad things occurring in our lives are from our flesh.

But, even our response to suffering that originates outside of us can be transformed by Christ as we walk by the Spirit.



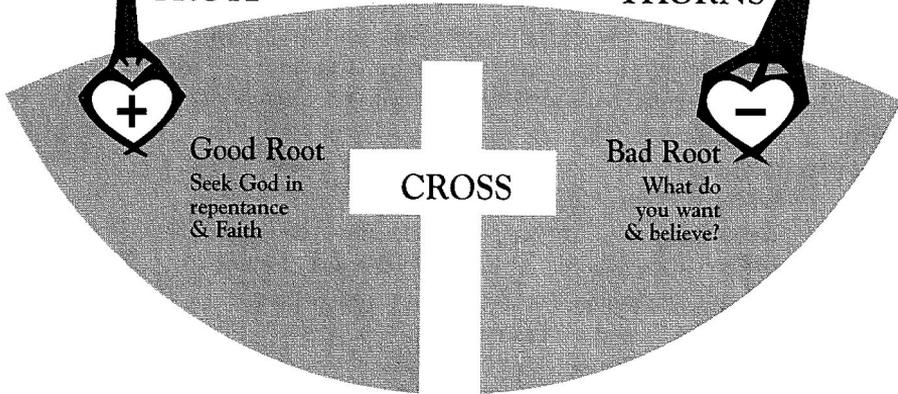
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# Sources of anger

Selfishness

Unforgiveness

Genesis 1:26–28

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

a. Genesis 2:18–25

[18] Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” [19] Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. [20] The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. [21] So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22] And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. [23] Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

[24] Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.  
[25] And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

# Unity in Marriage

Where do we look for it? What are the major parts of marriage where we have opportunities to experience and practice unity?

# Dis-Unity

1. Distance – couple lives without interdependence they sought when they married due to disappointment and lack of trust... separate lives in the same house. Often Unresolved Cold Conflict.
2. Unresolved Hot Conflict – Each partner feels misunderstood, unfairly judged, undervalued and defensive. Any discussion can be reason to fear conflict.
3. Selfishness – One or both partners use time, energy and resources to fulfill their desires more than to look after their spouse/family or building the family.

# What Happened?

To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”







