

My Soul Cries Out - No One Wants You (Contempt)



Relational Movement	Fight Response	Flight Response
Attack (against)	Anger	Fear
Abandonment (away)	Jealousy	Despair
Love (toward)	Contempt	Shame

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Contempt Isolates and Withers

“Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends - those who see me on the street flee from me. I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. For I hear many whispering, ‘Terror on every side!’ They conspire against me and plot to take my life.”

-Psalm 31:11-13

“I am like a desert owl, like an owl among the ruins. I lie awake; I have become like a bird alone on a roof. All day long my enemies taunt me; those who rail against me use my name as a curse. For I eat ashes as my food and mingle my drink with tears because of your great wrath, for you have taken me up and thrown me aside. My days are like the evening shadow; I wither away like grass.”

-Psalm 102:6-11

Contempt Isolates and Withers

- Contempt isolates its victims by communicating to them they are unworthy of love
- We continue to hear it long after it has been said



Contempt Shames and Destroys

“But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. ‘He trusts in the LORD,’ they say, ‘let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.’”

-Psalm 22:6-8

“You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, the scorn and derision of those around us. You have made us a byword among the nations; the peoples shake their heads at us. I live in disgrace all day long, and my face is covered with shame at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me, because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.”

-Psalm 44:13-16

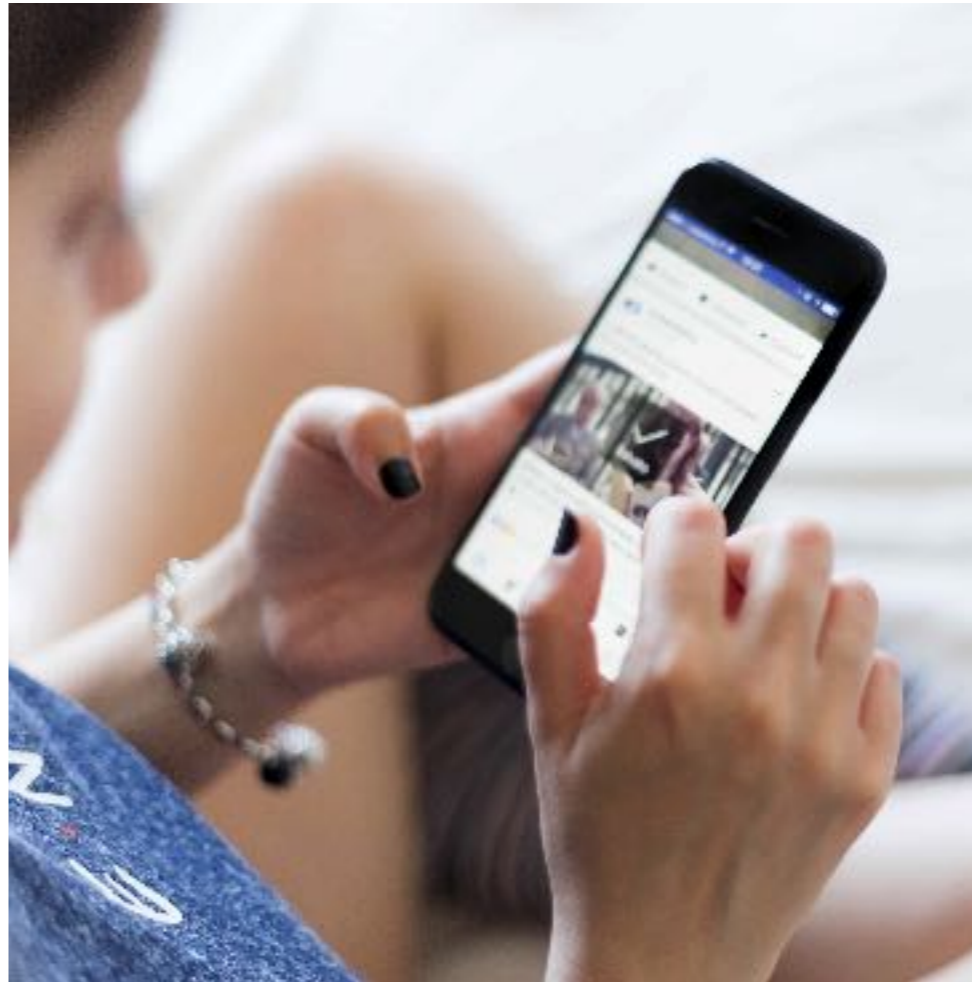
Contempt Shames and Destroys

- Contempt mocks the goodness of God
- Indifference is also a form of contempt
- The desire to destroy human dignity is the root of contempt



Contempt as Gossip

- Gossip is slander - it is accusing another person who does not have the ability to defend themselves
- Gossip creates the illusion that you are part of an inner circle



Contempt as Boasting

- The arrogant boast about their power, desires, wealth, cleverness, future, and abilities
- It believes that no one else is as worthy as you to be in the spotlight



Contempt as Blaming Others

- “The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” (Gen 3:12)



Mercy and Contempt

- Mercy can be more painful to receive than contempt
- Mercy offers the soul the opportunity to embrace hope



Or do you despise the riches of His
kindness, restraint, and patience
not recognizing that God's *kindness,*
is intended to lead you to *repentance?*

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Romans 2:4

God, the Mocker

- Satan uses contempt against the glory of God and the dignity of persons
- God uses contempt as an instrument of judgment and destruction against the wicked



God Laughs

- **“The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them” (Ps 2:4).**
- **“The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming” (Ps 37:12-13)**

God Ridicules

- **“‘Moab’s horn is cut off; her arm is broken,’ declares the LORD. ‘Make her drunk, for she has defied the LORD. Let Moab wallow in her vomit; let her be an object of ridicule.’” (Jer 48:25-26)**
- **“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” (Gal 6:7)**

God Humiliates

- **“I am against you,” declares the LORD Almighty. “I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame. I will pelt you with filth, I will treat you with contempt and make you a spectacle. All who see you will flee from you and say, ‘Nineveh is in ruins— who will mourn for her?’ Where can I find anyone to comfort you?” (Nah 3:5-7).**

God Mocks God

- “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” (Gal 3:13)

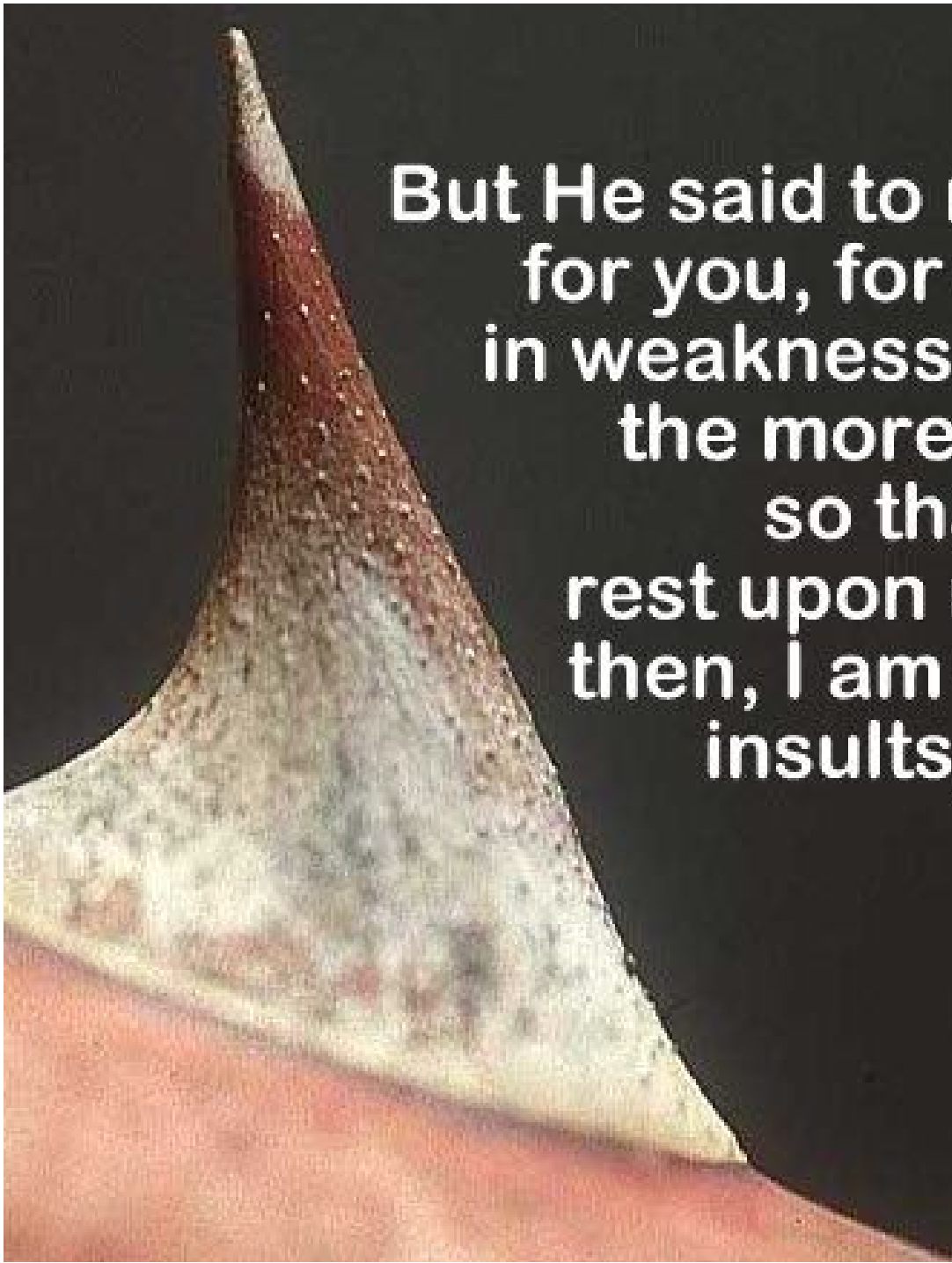


Taunting Death and Suffering

- “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Cor 15:55).



Boasting in Weakness



But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12.9-10 ESV