

Diving Deeper into Discipleship for March 13, 2022

Pastor Pete Fowler | *Dethroning Idols: Pathways of Repentance—Conviction: A Wounded Heart*

Sermon Reflection Questions:

- How often are you allowing Scripture, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to do its work of "cutting" you to the heart?
- What form of counterfeit conviction are you most prone to: frustration with consequences, diminished self-image, or the disappointment of others?
- Is there something going on in your life that you've been hiding from others and attempting to hide from God?
- Does your understanding of conviction look like a desire for spiritual pain relief alone, or a desire for Godly sorrow that leads to a life without regrets?

Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **2 Samuel 12:1-13** | What do we learn from David's short and simple response to the conviction he felt when confronted by Nathan?
- **Psalms 51:1-19** | What words/phrases from this Psalm give us insight into the groundwork that conviction plays on the pathways of repentance?
- **1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a** | According to this passage, what things might accompany "deep conviction?"

Weekly Spiritual Practice

March Practice: Submission | Scripture & Family (from *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, pg. 122)

- Submission and service function concurrently. Hence, much of the practical outflow of submission will come in the next month (service). There are, however, seven acts of submission that we should draw attention to. There will be one or two mentioned each week in the month of March.
- The second act of submission is to the Scripture. As we submit ourselves to the Word of God (Jesus), so we submit ourselves to the Word of God (Scripture). We yield ourselves first to hear the Word, second to receive the Word, and third to obey the Word. We look to the Spirit who inspired the Scriptures to interpret and apply them to our condition. The Word of Scripture, animated by the Holy Spirit, lives with us throughout the day.
- The third act of submission is to our family. The dictum for the household should be "Let each of you look not only to his or her own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Phil 2:4). Freely and graciously the members of the family make allowance for each other. The primary deed of submission is a commitment to listen to the other family members. Its corollary is a willingness to share, which is itself a work of submission.