

# **Making Home Safe... ...to Come to**

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**SAFE  
PLACE**

**II Kings 3:25**

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# Slingers

Strategy – Render the Fortress (*safe place*) Ineffective

- Sling Stones
- Stop Up Wells
- Safe Place No Longer Safe

Slingers Clog Up Your Wells and Choke the Life Out

There are Slingers Today Effecting Relationships

*And they overthrew the cities, and on every good piece of land every man threw a stone until it was covered. They stopped every spring of water and felled all the good trees, till only its stones were left in Kir-hareseth, and the slingers surrounded and attacked it. II Kings 3:25*



# Source of Slingers in Relationships

- **Selfishness** - *“Wherever there is jealousy or selfish ambition, there will be disorder and every other kind of evil.”* -**James 3:16**
- **Cure**
  - **1 Cor 6:19 (AMP)**<sup>19</sup> *Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own*
  - **4** *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. The Humbled and Exalted Christ* **5** *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,* -**Phil 2:4-5**



# Source of Slingers in Relationships

- **Selfishness**
- **Resentment-** *“Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.” -Hebrews 12:15*
- **Cure-** *“be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” Eph 4:32*
- **If we are not forgiving a past wrong (bitterness) we are living in direct disobedience to God’s command/ Allowing Root to Form**
- **Step number one for overcoming bitterness is to admit to God that it is wrong, and to forgive the one that has wronged us**

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- Selfishness
- Resentment
- **Fear** - *“The anxious heart weighs a man down.”* - **Proverbs 12:25**
- **Fear Does Three Things to a Relationship:**
  - Defensive
  - Distant
  - Demanding
- **Even in an Abusive Relationship...**  
*(the abuser many times is motivated by fear)*
- **Cure- 2 Tim 1:7 (KJV) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, love, sound mind.**



# Symptoms of Slingers in Relationships

## We Have Many Relationships...

- Family
- Friends
- Faith
- Familiar

## Emotionally...

- Involved
- Challenged
- Dangerous

## Become the...

- Slinger  
or
- Ringer



# Symptoms of Slingers in Relationships



## Wells Clogged Effects...

- **Attitude**
  - Lost Joy, Hope
- **Actions**
  - Lose Temper
  - Lose Self



# Shutting Down the Slingers...

## Focus on...

- **Giving Rather than Receiving**

*“There is more happiness in giving than receiving.” -Acts 20:35*

- **Go Beyond..** *“I don’t deserve this...”*

- **Healing Rather than Hurting**

*“Be gentle /ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others.” -Col 3:13*

- **Go Beyond..** *“Why me...?”*

- **God’s Power Rather than Your Problem**

*“Trust in God at all times; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” -Psalm 62:8*

- **Go Beyond..** *“This problem is too big...”*



# **Your Wells Can Overflow Again... ...In Spite of Circumstances**

**Because God...**

**...Is With Me**

*“When you pass through...will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you. For I am the Lord your God!” -Isa 43:2*

**...Has a Plan For Me**

**(God)** *“I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory.” -Psalm 50:15*

**...Will Help Me**

*“Why be so gloomy and discouraged? Trust in God! Then I shall praise him for his wondrous help; he will make me smile again.” -Psalm 43:5*





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