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RE- FLECTING GOD

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John 3:16-21

The words came out of my mouth before I even had a chance to stop myself. I had uttered words of rebuke to a close friend. I sincerely felt those words, and I certainly believed them, but I had just damaged a relationship that was very important to me. I simply should have spoken it in a different manner. My condemnation did not help the growth of our relationship.

Isn't it interesting we think that to blame or chastise someone will make us feel better? Or worse, that it would cause others to change?

Jesus becoming flesh is pivotal to our faith. If God wanted to condemn us, He could have done that from afar, like my words to my friend. Instead, God put on skin and became like us to be present with us. Salvation comes first from God being present with us and then offering His Son so that we can be freed from condemnation. May we remember, "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship" (Galatians 4:4-5).

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