

Volume 2, Day 28: Not Attached To Outcomes

Sin is not a separator of us from God. God has already covered it in Christ. We don't need the shame or unworthiness of it. We just need to invite God into that struggle and let Him become a partner in our process of overcoming something that actually can be a barrier to our affection. Unfortunately, even as Christians, it is our assumption that we know best for our life and that God somehow should meet our expectations. He should provide the things that we want. And then when He doesn't, our disappointments or our questioning the fact that He loves us becomes quite a problem.

A man who took his Dad to Scotland to play golf at the original courses of the game after his father had been diagnosed with cancer. It was supposed to be that last Father-son, memorable trip to the land where golf was born and the son really wanted to make it special. So, he'd practiced hard, in the first round he played horribly, got angry, was throwing his clubs around, the trip was ruined.

After the golf round his Dad asked, "What are you doing? He said, "Well, Dad, I just wanted this to be so special. I'm trying so hard. And Dad looked at him and said, "What's special about this trip is that you and I get to be together if we play well, well, that's icing on the cake. You need to play NATO golf, NATO, not attached to outcome. Just hit your shot wherever it ends up, go there and hit the next shot, and don't be so committed to a good score that we lose the fun that we're supposed to have together. That really hit me. NATO golf. I think about it as NATO living. If I'm going to live with God attached to the outcome of the circumstances for the things that I want, this relationship's going to get ugly.