

# The Law of Responsibility

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Jn 6:53 *Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."*



- Have you ever met anyone with the attitude that the whole world should 'owe' them something?
- Jesus just finished performing an amazing miracle by multiplying fish and bread when the multitude began following Him. He could have said, "hey guys, you haven't seen nothing yet! Wait 'til I cast Mount Everest into the sea!" But no. He said something that shook them and made them angry. They didn't get what he was trying to say.

## A. SHE WENT TO HIM

- There was a lady who had an issue of blood for many years. She new Jesus was coming thru. "Either I stay here in my pity or I go out and go after Him." She made the right choice. She went after him.
- Many times, people blame others for their circumstances instead of simply asking God to intervene. This breaks the law of being responsible.' We are responsible for our own walk. You cannot walk for me, neither I for you.

## B. EAT MY FLESH, DRINK MY BLOOD

When we are not being responsible, here's what we usually say-

- Nobody cares. No one calls. No one understands. Poor me.

Yet, Jesus will not come and visit our pity party. He will rather wait for us to get tired of it and finally make decisions that will help us out of the pit. Think about it. If He did visit our pity party, He would be ENABLING us to go there again. But He drew a line by saying 'life is in My Word (flesh) and true life is dying to our will and taking up God's will (the covenant of the blood).

### When we're on the 'dead' side there's ONLY 2 options

1. We whine, rant, rave, and wallow in self-pity about our life
2. We repent and cross over into life and be responsible for our walk

**THERE IS NO OPTION 3;** (Holding others accountable.) It doesn't exist - only in our mind.

### When we are on the 'Life' side –

- We don't cross the boundary and be God in the other person's life. Otherwise, we'd be operating under fear and guilt – not love. We can get *soul tied* to someone's toxin if we cross the boundary emotionally. We are responsible for our own emotional being.
- If we do cross that boundary, we are enabling the person to continue in self-pity. They must see the life in us to allow the Holy Spirit to show them the difference between a worldly life and a spiritual life with Christ.

NOTE\* I am not saying to never reach out – I am talking about the issue of responsibility – when someone holds another responsible for their walk instead of being accountable for their own walk.

## C. JESUS HAD COMPASSION ON THE LOST SHEEP (MAT 5:36)

- Did he go to everybody's door? NO. He prayed for the workers. That is why we have Group-Life – to multiply the ministry.
- The enemy's tactic is to get passionate sold out followers burned-out because they're trying to satisfy everybody. How many know that's not from God? God in His wisdom is calling us to community to share the burden of ministry, and experience for ourselves the fullness of life thru the church in expressing our ministries, and bonding one another. Jesus said 'My yoke is light.' What he meant was that when the church works together, everyone doing their part, all will be healthy, no burnouts, and success will be unstoppable!

### PRAYER:

1. Pray to establish Responsibility and learn the principle of 'asking' not 'assuming'
2. Pray that we will be motivated by love, not guilt and fear
3. Pray for repentance if we've held others accountable for our own walk.