Envy in the Camp

Sermon Series: Snapped! When good people snap.

Numbers 12:1-16

MIRIAM & AARON'S STORY

Exodus 2:4-10, 15:20-21, Exodus 4:14-16, 8:16

A DISEASE CALLED ENVY

■ The Prognosis: <u>Physical</u>, <u>emotional</u> & <u>spiritual</u> ruin

■ The Cure: Three Rare Traits

1) <u>Submission</u> 2) <u>Contentment</u> 3) <u>Humility</u>

A HEART TO HEART CONVERSATION

How To Respond When Someone Else Has What You Want

- Life is not fair
- 2 You can't lead if you can't follow
- Nothing is ever as <u>good</u> or <u>easy</u> as it looks
- 4 A fool argues with God
- **5** The difference between contentment & envy is *focus*

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REALife Application

QUICK REVIEW - Looking back over your sermon notes, which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

1. Envy often arises when we become discontent with what we have. The book of Ecclesiastes records King Solomon's search for contentment in a world where he had everything at his fingertips. Take a look at what he learned by reading the following passages and then jotting down his insights about the pursuit of contentment.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 Ecclesiastes 4:4-8 Ecclesiastes 5:10-16

What principle from these verses is most important for you to remember regarding contentment?

2. Envy and selfish ambition are something that the disciples wrestled with even after spending a lot of time with Jesus. In Mark 10:35-45, we read about two of the disciples seeking special favor from Jesus at the expense of the others.

How does Jesus' response to these two disciples help us deal with our own temptations toward self-promotion?

How does Jesus' response to the other 10 disciples help us deal with the times we are envious of others?

3. What do you tend to struggle with the most when it comes to being envious of the possessions or successes of others?

What are some ways (either healthy or unhealthy) that you've dealt with any temptations toward envy and a lack of contentment in the past?

In light of this weekend's sermon, what are some ways you can handle these when they come up in the future?

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