

KNOW YOURSELF

A SHORTCUT TO WHO YOU REALLY ARE

Part Two: Good Day, Bad Day

So you were created by God to be a certain way, but somehow sin got in the way. You have great intentions, but they're difficult to realize. You try your best, but you fail. What gives? Were your personality flaws part of God's design? Is this just how He made you? When sin entered the picture, so did un-health. And as we'll see this week, lurking beneath your wiring is a wound.

Scripture: Romans 7:14-25 NLT

Bottom Line: Underneath your wiring is a wound that only God can heal.

Discussion Questions

1. What have you discovered about yourself so far in this series?
2. What have you discovered about your spouse, kids or close friends?
3. It's easy to use the Enneagram to justify your personality, but that's a mistake. For each Enneagram type, there's an underlying sin. To what extent has the sin associated with your type show up in your life? Use the list below to see the sin associated with each type.
 - Type One The Perfectionist — Anger
 - Type Two The Helper —Pride
 - Type Three The Performer — Deceit
 - Type Four The Romantic — Envy
 - Type Five The Investigator —Avarice (Greed)
 - Type Six The Loyalist—Fear
 - Type Seven The Enthusiast—Gluttony
 - Type Eight The Challenger—Lust
 - Type Nine The Mediator—Sloth
4. In what ways can you relate to Paul's struggle in Romans 7:14-25?
5. How does the unhealthy side of your personality hurt or harm the people around you?
6. The struggle with sin can be discouraging for anyone, but especially for a Christian who thinks they should be further ahead than they are. Yet Tim Keller argues that the most dangerous enemy is the one we don't see, and the fact that we're engaged in a battle is actually an encouraging sign of progress. What does the battle over your particular sin look like? What happens when you lose? What happens when you win?
7. Underneath your wiring is a wound that only God can heal. This isn't an easy question to answer, but what wound do you think God may want to heal in your life? Think back to your childhood or a time in your life where a wound caused you pain you're still trying to recover from.

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8. Carey shared in the message about how God has been working on humility with him. If God would desire to change one thing about you, what might he change?

9. How do you think you would benefit and others would benefit if you became more healthy?

Moving Forward

On your bad days, remember that underneath your wiring is a wound, and that your wound is probably what's hurting. Ask God to heal it. And embrace the healthier characteristics you see for your Enneagram Type at the end of the chapter for your type in *The Road Back to You*.

Changing Your Mind

"Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin." Romans 7:25 NLT