

TED TALKS: THE BOOK OF LASSO | WEEK #01

Meet Rebecca and Rupert | September 10th

WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

People are the greatest _____ to the emotional pain we experience in life.

We all know the instinct for _____, believing that an eye for an eye will heal our pain.

WHAT WISDOM DOES ROMANS 12:17-21 OFFER US?

Paul believed peacemaking required a noble _____. (17-18)

Paul believed that human evil could never be solved with _____ human evil. (19)

Paul believed peacemaking was not responding in-kind to evil but with _____. (20)

Paul believed that vengeful behavior was evil and _____. (21)

DON'T MISS THIS!

Only love _____ can break the chains of evil _____.

HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

Remember, that wounds of evil actions easily _____ us.

Remember, boundaries are different than _____.

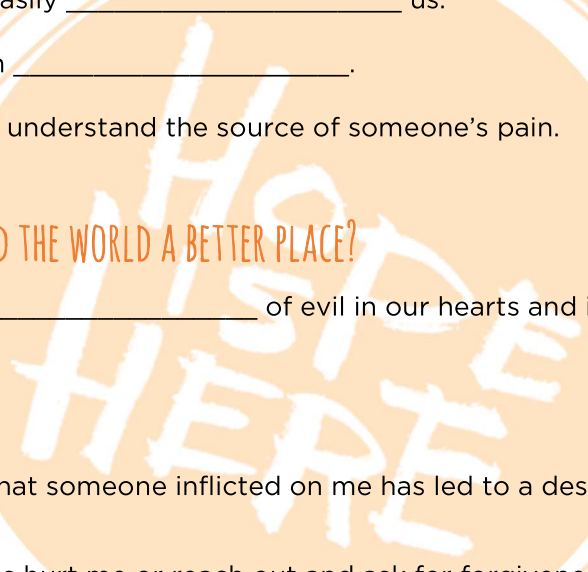
_____ flows when we understand the source of someone's pain.

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

Kindness and forgiveness stop the _____ of evil in our hearts and in our world.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Acknowledge that the pain and evil that someone inflicted on me has led to a desire for vengeance that is controlling me.
2. Offer forgiveness to someone that has hurt me or reach out and ask for forgiveness from someone I have hurt.
3. Reach out to a therapist for support in healing from the evil actions that have wounded me.



THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever had someone act so evil towards you that you wanted to see them fail and experience the pain you felt at their hands? Have you ever been used by someone in their quest for revenge? Have you yourself ever been caught up in a quest for revenge?
2. What do you think Paul means when he encourages the Romans to respond to evil in a way that is “noble to all”? Who might be the “all” that Paul is thinking about?
3. Why do you think it is hard for us to trust in God and leave “vengeance” to the divine? Do you think we should trust that evil actions will eventually come full circle or is that religious naivety?
4. Have you ever forgiven someone who has harmed you? How would you describe that experience?
5. How could the principle of loving your enemy or forgiving someone who has done evil to you be manipulative or abusive?
6. Do you know anyone who seems to have a superpower that allows them to forgive people or to love their enemy? How would you describe that person (content, happy, frustrated, naïve, etc.)?

