

The past enshrined

Shall we make 3 tabernacles? (Matthew 17:4)

Do we give 'past pain' to much Power over us?

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I am just one man, who has lived through much pain in my past life. But today I am Free in the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus!



There are so many men and women just like me, who do their utmost to avoid anything that might look remotely like their past grief.

For men who have suffered a divorce, we can spend 18 years thereafter, determined to avoid any kind of relationship with womankind, even depriving ourselves of healthy friendship with the opposite sex.



For women, going through divorce, all men can be viewed as evil and hurtful, for the rest of their 'single lives'. And, they may tend to live in, their Own Secure Cave.



Our past pain can even be 'Set In Stone' in our own heart, as a type of "Shrine" that we can easily run to when we feel threatened by some appearance of an opposite sex friendship. What is a

SHRINE: ('Scrinium' from Latin). = Case or Chest for books or papers.



'escrin' is Old French, meaning "box or case".

A "Shrine" is a holy or sacred place, which is dedicated to a specific deity, ancestor, hero, martyr, saint or demon, or Some Figure of Awe and Respect, at which they are venerated and worshipped. Shrines often Contain idols and relics, or other such objects associated with the figure or tragedy being Venerated.

A Shrine, at which votive offerings are made is called an Altar.

The War Memorial, Shrine of Remembrance: The hearts of many older men and women can be compared to a place for storing 'old—relational— war' Memories and memorabilia.



These are given the utmost respect, and no one is allowed to touch them. Though we all are Reminded that They are there, and will remain, as long as I chose to worship there.

Even a possibly 'healthy hearted friend', is kept at a great and safe Distance, from Our Personal Shrine. Lest That One should shake, or disturb, the carefully arranged Altar we have set up.

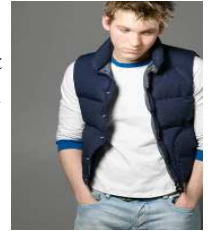


Jesus said, —The devil comes, only to steal, to kill, and to destroy our lives.

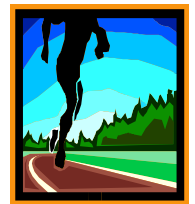
But are we, secretly helping him, against all the good things that GOD Would Restore back To Us?

Do We Insist On Maintaining, .."I'm not worthy of friendship and love, because, I had that once, and lost it", "If GOD Wanted Me to have human love, HE would never have taken away the lover I once had" "I'm so devastated emotionally, that I could never Love another again". "GOD must want me to Love only HIM, and not another, (Wife or Husband), or I would have one by now" — "GOD, I know that You and Adam had The Ultimate Relationship, and

look at all he did, at Your Command. but Still YOU Saw a need in him, for YOU Yourself Said, "It is not Good for Man to be Alone, I Will Make A Help-Mate suitable for him!"



Some believe that they are a little wiser than GOD their Creator. They say, "thanks GOD, but I am ok down here alone. Other people may need a Spouse, but, really, I don't. I'm too independent, Can't YOU See!"



"I've got a race to run for YOU Alone"

But, Do We Give Our Past Pain Too Much 'Present-Power' Over Our Christian Lives?

Do we believe that our scars are much deeper than ...Christ's Own Scars, Can Heal? Are we hurt more than He was hurt? Yes, CHRIST still Carries HIS Scars, But HE has OVERCOME THEM!



CHRIST'S SCARS ARE NOW JUST SIGNS OF HIS POWERFUL LOVE!

"Let go of the Stone if you don't wanna drown

in the sea of heartache that's draggin' you down

It's pulling you under and you keep hanging on

If I'm ever gonna save you, let go of the Stone."



"Let go of the Stone! — Artist John Anderson