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RETREAT”**

**"LIVING AND THRIVING,
NOT JUST SURVIVING!"**

**How to rise above the storm of
addiction when it's a family
member or friend who has the
problem."**

Most Important Tool

- **If you want to help the addicted person in your life, HELP yourself!**
- **Have a teachable heart**
- **Expect it to be tough at times**
- **Learn from experienced People**
- **Pray often and stay close to God**

Apostle Paul on Trials

- **Rom 5:3** And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;
- **Rom 5:4** and **perseverance, proven character**; and proven character, **hope**;
- Greek word for exult means “to take pride in”

- I'm going to teach you a new language
- It's a language that teaches you to **take care of yourself** so you can be the best helper for them
- I'm going to give you a tool to help you practice letting go of fixing, protecting, rescuing, controlling and attempts to change the others in your life.
- We need help to stop playing God and let go!
- We'll experience the peace of God

I Don't Do God Well

- Confession, Not relying on God, playing God
- Handling things with my strength, my way, fixing things and people that need fixing
- Taking responsibility “for” vs. “to” others
- God doesn't fix, rescue, change or control people, He gives us free will, we're not puppets
- He sets the guidelines, but lets us fail, accepts
- He reminds us that we need Him

CODEPENDENCY SCALE

- Responsible **“FOR” VS. “TO”**
- My disclaimer
- Fine line
- Hard to examine self & stop finger point
- Hard to admit our need to control
- Like learning a new language
- Stop pouring gas on the fire

**If I AM RESPONSIBLE “For”
OTHERS, I TRY TO:**

- **FIX**
- **PROTECT**
- **RESCUE**
- **CONTROL**
- **CHANGE OTHERS**



I FEEL...

- **TIRED**
- **ANXIOUS**
- **FEARFUL**
- **LIABLE**
- **FRUSTRATED**
- **RESENTFUL**
- **GUILTY**
- **SELF-
RIGHTEOUS**

I AM MORE CONCERNED WITH...

- THE SOLUTION
- ANSWERS
- CIRCUMSTANCES
- BEING RIGHT
- DETAILS
- WINNING

I BECOME

- A MANIPULATOR
- AN EXPLOITER
- A CONTROLER

IF I AM RESPONSIBLE “TO” OTHERS I...

- **LISTEN**
- **EMPATHIZE**
- **ENCOURAGE**
- **SHARE**
- **CONFRONT**
- **LEVEL**
- **ACCEPT**

I FEEL...

- **CONGRUENT**
- **RELAXED**
- **FREE**
- **PEACEFUL**
- **AWARE OF REALITY**
- **AWARE OF MY FEELINGS**

I AM MORE CONCERNED WITH...

- RELATING PERSON TO PERSON TO REACH A SOLUTION
- AFFIRMING
- SUPPORTING
- VALUING
- COMPROMISING & NEGOTIATING

I BECOME...

- A GUIDE
- A FRIEND
- AN EQUAL

CONTROLLING IS ADDICTING-IT SEEMS TO WORK SOMETIMES

- **C**leaning up the messes
- **O**bsessing on plans to control
- **N**agging, constant put downs or complaints
- **T**hreatening
- **R**ationalizing, making excuses
- **O**verlooking the details of addiction
- **L**ecturing
- **S**tuck in our own grief

