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## **“I Disease”**

*“...I will make myself like the Most High.” (Isaiah 14:14)*

### **I Disease Indicators:**

#### **(1) Sociopathic Self Concern**

**Genesis 4:8-14** – (8) “Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. (9) Then the LORD said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?’ (10) And the LORD said, ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. (11) And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. (12) When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.’ (13) Cain said to the LORD, ‘My punishment is greater than I can bear. (14) Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

#### **(2) Engrossing Expectations**

**2 Kings 5:9-11** – (9) “So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house. (10) And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.’ (11) But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, ‘*Behold, I thought* that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.’”

#### **(3) Asphyxiating Appetites**

**1 Kings 11:1** – “But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians and Hittites” (KJV)

**Ecclesiastes 2:10-11** – (10) “And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. (11) Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.”

<b>Key Point: The Only Cure for the I Disease is the I AM</b>
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## **Dotting the 'I's**

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**“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.”  
(John 5:30)**

**“And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:22-24 *KJV*)**

## **& the Cross**

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**“And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.’”  
(Mark 8:34-35)**

## **Questions:**

**What impacted me the most in this message?**

**Am I dominated by the “Big I” (self) or The Great I Am (God)?**

**How do I tend to react in reference to challenges, difficulties, or stress?**