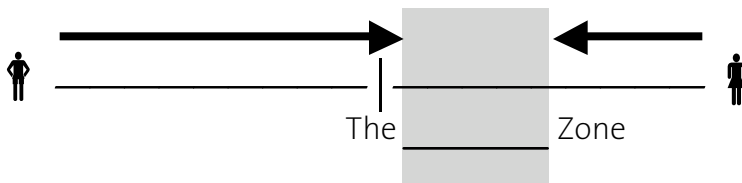


Message Notes

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How to escape the misery zone:

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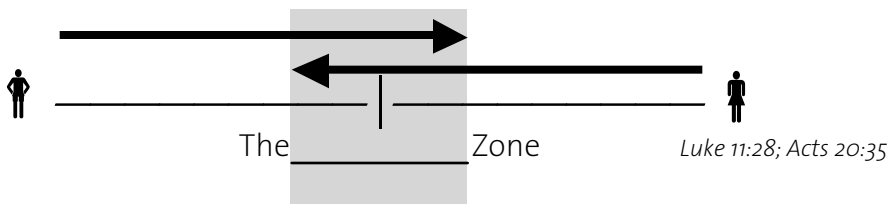
Matthew 7:3-5

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Matthew 7:7-11

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Matthew 7:12



NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES:

- **Husband/Wife**

Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7

- **Children/Parents**

Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21

- **Family Conflict**

Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15; Mark 11:25

Questions for Family Discussion

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1. What relationship in your family or relational web is your "misery zone"? Why?
2. Read Matthew 7:3-5. What are some of the ways you believe God wants *you* to change in order to improve your most miserable relationship?
3. Read Matthew 7:7-11. What would you like God to do in the life of the person in your family that you struggle with the most? Who have you nagged about that person's shortcomings to the most—him/her, or God? How can you turn your frustration into prayer?
4. Read Matthew 7:12. What is one thing that you can do for the person you struggle with that you would like him/her to do for you?
5. Read Luke 11:28 and Acts 20:35. How can you apply these verses to your most difficult relationship? What does Jesus promise? When and how have you seen His promise fulfilled?