

Counselor in Process, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. There is something in the counselor that wants to see the prisoner set free, which is the work of discipleship.

B. However, there is an enemy working against this.

II. The first obstacle is to admit that there is a battle that exists.

A. It is safer to aspire than to engage. Those who engage through suffering.

B. It is safer to feel incompetent than to face futility.

C. It is safer to diagnose than to enter the chaos.

D. It is safer to teach than to expose.

E. It is safer to use a technique than to use oneself.

F. It is safer to flee from the designed expression of one's gender than to release it.

Application questions:

1. Which of the battles do you find most challenging in discipleship?

2. Why is admitting that a battle exists such a critical step in discipleship?

3. Will you challenge yourself to do one of the "unsafe" things in discipleship this week?
