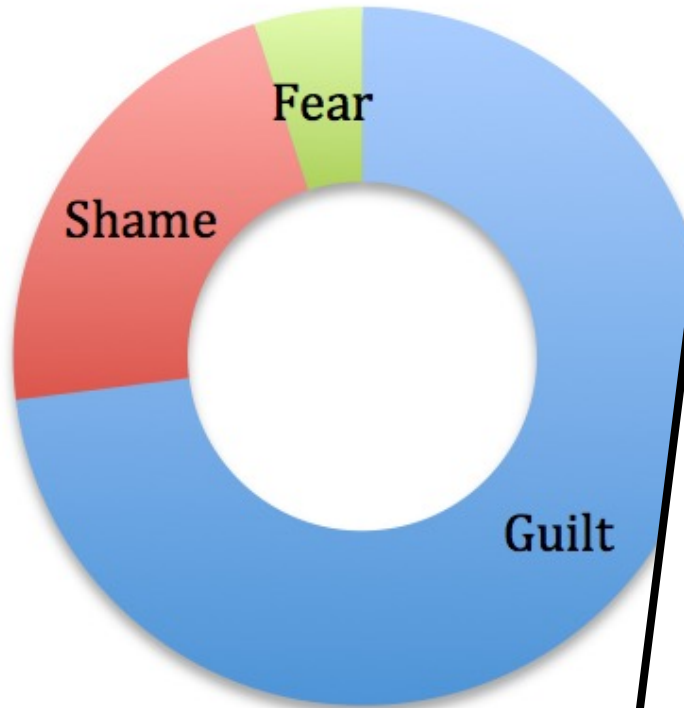


Jesus took my Shame

Isaiah 54:1-17

Western Cultures



Eastern Cultures



Culture Types

<http://honorshame.com/data-global-culture-types/>

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Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide, do
not hold back; lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes. – Isaiah 54:2

For you will spread out to the right
and to the left; your descendants
will dispossess nations and settle
in their desolate cities.

– Isaiah 54:3

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Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. – Isaiah 54:4

For your Maker is your husband—
the LORD Almighty is his name— the
Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer;
he is called the God of all the earth.

– Isaiah 54:5

For a brief moment I abandoned
you. – Isaiah 54:7a

In a surge of anger, I hid my face
from you for a moment.
– Isaiah 54:8a

Isaiah 57

I long to be gracious to you. You are precious and honoured in my sight, because I love you. But you – come here, you... you... offspring of adulterers. You have made your bed on a high and lofty hill... Forsaking me, you uncovered your bed, you climbed into it and opened it wide. You have been false to me...

Jeremiah 2

I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me... What fault did your fathers find in me that they strayed so far from me? You are a swift she-camel running here and there, a wild donkey accustomed to the desert, sniffing the wind in her craving- in her heat who can restrain her? Any males that pursue her need not tire themselves; at mating time they will find her.

For a brief moment I
abandoned you, but with
deep compassion I will bring
you back. – Isaiah 54:7



Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed, yet my
unfailing love for you will not be
shaken nor my covenant of peace be
removed, says the LORD, who has
compassion on you. – Isaiah 54:10

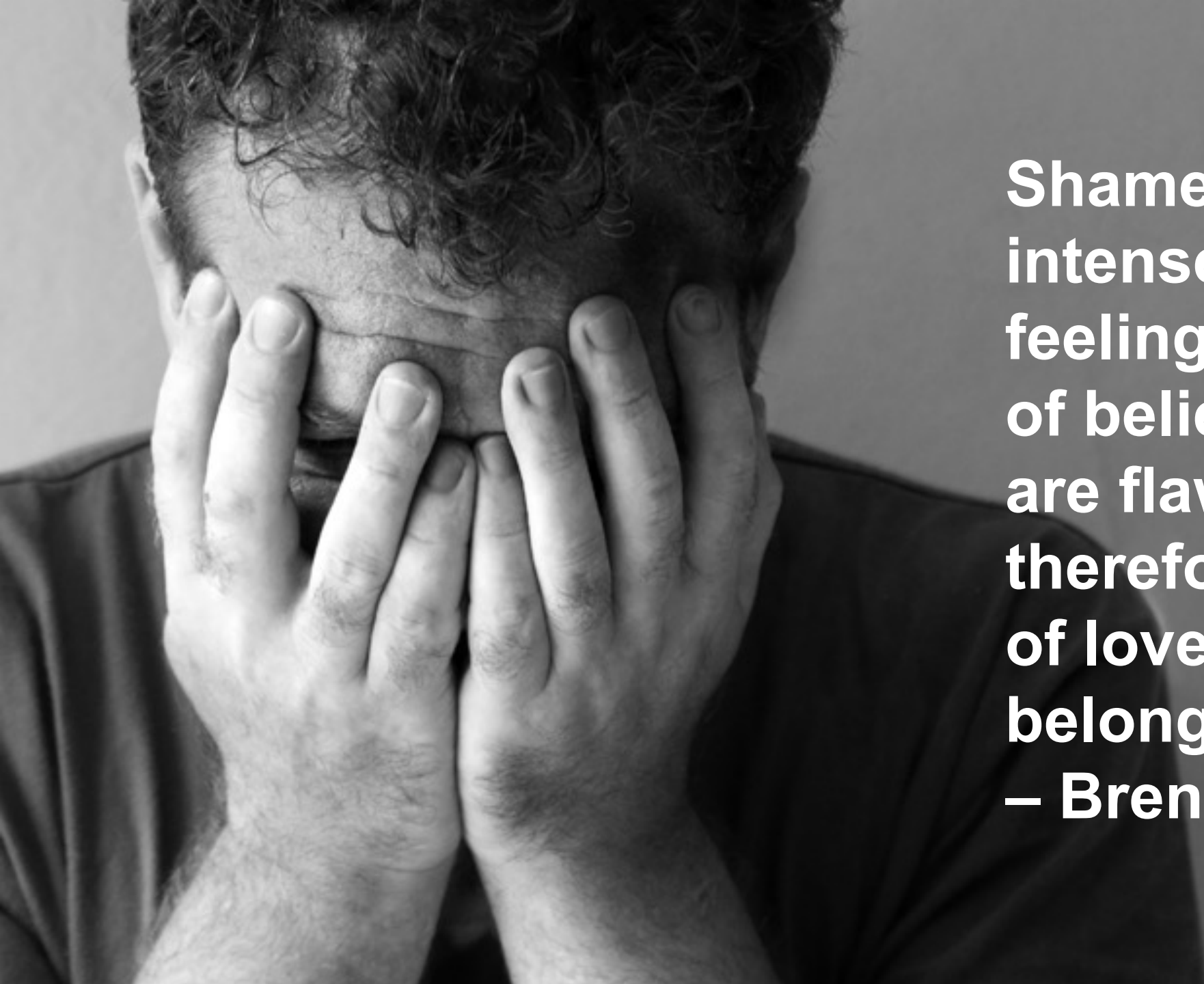
Guilt vs Shame



I did something bad



I am bad



**Shame is the
intensely painful
feeling or experience
of believing that we
are flawed and
therefore unworthy
of love and
belonging.
– Brene Brown**

Unwanted as a child, homeless as an adult, Wesley Wee finds happiness against the odds

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Born as a [“blue baby”](#), Wesley suffers from severe cerebral palsy. He is mentally able but physically dependent. Unable to speak intelligibly, walk, control his movements, or independently use the toilet, he feels trapped in a body he cannot control.

From birth, Wesley’s parents detested him. He recounted bluntly: “They wish I had never been born.” They did not even bother naming him.

Wesley grew up in suffering, pain and shame. Frustrated by a son who could not walk or talk, his parents would whip him, strangle him, and kick him as he lay on the floor. When he defecated in his pants because he could not reach the toilet in time, he would be left in his faeces.

When his family ate together, he would be kept in his room, hungry and isolated. To this day, the physical scars remain. But Wesley said: “The scars that hurt most are in the heart.”



Over five years, using his big toe, Wesley painstakingly typed out his life story. In Finding Happiness Against the Odds, he revealed his deepest struggles and God's unfailing goodness.

In the society that I live in, having someone with a disability in your family is something many people still feel embarrassed about... Chinese people believe that a person is born disabled because of some past sin that someone in their family had committed. It is shameful for both the person and his next of kin. My parents felt this sense of shame and, as a result, they had great difficulty accepting me.... – Wesley Wee

I want to say to parents who have a child with a physical disability, please do not reject your child like my parents did to me. I was not worthless as they believed but had so much to offer. I just needed more support than other children. I could have brought great joy to them if they had accepted me into their hearts....

Unconditional love is something that every child with disabilities needs, as much as any other child in this world. If you have not done so yet, there is something special about your child that you need to discover. – Wesley Wee



Guilt vs Shame



Failure against a standard



Failure in the eyes of another person

