

## JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE "THAT"

AS WE BEGIN TO HEAD INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO DO A "ONE OFF" BANGER ON WHY WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THIS SAVIOR NAMED JESUS. WHY IS HE SO IMPORTANT? WHAT WAS HIS PURPOSE FOR COMING TO EARTH? TODAY, WE WILL BUILD OFF OF ONE SCRIPTURE. LIKE PEELING AN ONION, WE WILL DIG A LITTLE DEEPER INTO A SCRIPTURE. JESUS SAID AND DID A LOT OF AMAZING THINGS WHILE HE WAS HERE. HE LAYED OUT A MAP TO FIND OUR WAY HOME WHILE TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN US, BRINGING HOME TO US WHILE WE JOURNEY. HERE IS THE SCRIPTURE WE WILL UNPACK

### Luke 19:10 NIV

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

THIS TRANSLATION IS PRETTY BROAD. YES, JESUS DID COME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST, THIS IS TRUE..BUT.. LETS DIG DEEPER

### Luke 19:10 NKJV

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save **that** which was lost."

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT "THAT" TODAY. YOU SEE, JESUS DID COME FIRST TO RESTORE US BACK TO HIMSELF, BUT IT'S MORE INTIMATE THAN THAT. JESUS CAME TO RESTORE A PURE AND INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. IT WAS LOST IN THE GARDEN AND WE'VE BEEN STRUGGLING EVER SINCE. LETS ESTABLISH WHEN WE LOST "THAT" WHICH NEEDED TO BE FOUND

EVE IS AT THE TREE OF GOOD AND EVIL WITH THE SERPENT IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN....SATAN HAS TOLD HER THE FRUIT IS GOOD TO EAT EVEN THOUGH GOD HAS SPECIFICALLY TOLD THEM NOT TO EAT IT

### Genesis 3:6-8 NKJV

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to

her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME MAN AND WOMAN KNEW THEY WERE NAKED  
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY FELT SHAME AND HID FROM GOD

WE WERE DESIGNED TO TRUST GOD AND GOD ALONE...NOT YOUR BANK  
ACCOUNT...NOT HIM OR HER...NOT ANYTHING OR ANYONE  
WE CONSISTENTLY BATTLE WITH THIS DILEMMA TO THIS DAY

THREE WAYS THEY SINNED THAT DAY...EMOTIONALLY,  
MINDFULLY(LOGICALLY), PHYSICALLY(WILLFULLY)..THIS CAUSED  
SEPERATION FROM GOD SO ONE COULD SAY THEY ALSO SINNED  
SPIRITUALLY

THE WHOLE LAW OF GOD WAS BROKEN BY THE WHOLE NATURE OF THE  
SINNER

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST EMOTIONALLY,  
LOGICALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY

LETS TALK ABOUT ALL FOUR

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST

**EMOTIONALLY**

WHEN EVE SAW THAT THE FRUIT WAS PLEASING TO THE EYE, SHE LET HER EMOTIONS TAKE OVER AND BASED HER DECISION ON THAT IMMEDIATE "FEELING" INSTEAD OF BEING OBEDIANT TO GOD'S WORD

CAN YOU GO BACK IN TIME AND REMEMBER A TIME WHERE YOUR EMOTIONS GOT THE BEST OF YOU? I SURE CAN.

SHARE ABOUT THINGS LIKE: LOOKING OVER THE FENCE, UNGRATEFULNESS, SELF CENTEREDNESS

WE HAVE SPENT OUR LIVES BASING OUR DECISIONS ON OUR EMOTIONS OR TRYING VERY HARD TO GET THEM UNDER CONTROL

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WE LOST EMOTIONALLY HE SHOWS US THAT LIVING A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE CONNECTED TO HIM WILL CURB MOST, IF NOT ALL OUT OF CONTROL BEHAVIOR

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

WHEN WE SURRENDER FULLY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TO THE WORD OF GOD WE TAKE ON OUR ORIGINAL IDENTITY. WE WERE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE DIDNT GET OFFENDED. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE DIDNT OPERATE OUT OF FEAR OR ANGER..RESENTMENT OR JEALOUSY

REALISTICALLY, EVEN THE MOST SOLID CHRISTIANS BATTLE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN FLESH AND SPIRIT

JESUS TELLS US THAT HE CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE OUR EMOTIONAL STABILITY....SHINY THINGS THAT DISTRACT BEGIN TO LOSE VALUE WHEN WE LEARN HOW VALUABLE THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT ARE

John 15:5 NKJV

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

WHAT FRUIT?

Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [a]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

YOU WANT CONTROL OF YOUR EMOTIONS?...STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS

THERE IS NO LAW THAT APPLIES TO THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST...

**MINDFULLY(LOGICALLY)**

**Genesis 3:1-5 NKJV**

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

WE SEE THAT ALL SATAN DID IN THE BEGINNING WAS RAISE A QUESTION ABOUT GOD’S WORD...THEN HE STRAIGHT UP LIES ABOUT IT

SATAN LOVES TO GIVE US “SUGGESTIONS”

“COME ON...IT WILL FEEL SO GOOD, YOU DESERVE A LITTLE SIN”

“ARE YOU GOING TO LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THAT?”

**SHARE ABOUT THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND**

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST LOGICALLY

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV**

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

I CAN LOOK BACK AT MY LIFE, ESPECIALLY BEFORE I KNEW JESUS AND SEE HOW MUCH TROUBLE MY LOGIC GOT ME INTO

SELFISHNESS, SELF CENTEREDNESS, EGO, PRIDE, SELF SELF SELF

WHEN ONE IS SELF CONSUMED HE IS PRISONER TO THESE THINGS LITERALLY INCAPABLE OF HEALTH IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH ANYTHING OR ANYONE

ONCE WE BEGIN TO DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD, SOMETHING BEGINS TO HAPPEN TO OUR MINDS AND OUR LOGIC

Romans 12:2 NKJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

ONLY GOD CAN FIX THE BROKEN MIND OF MAN  
GOD'S LOGIC HAS NEVER FAILED TO ACOMPLISH PERFECTION  
HE HAS NEVER MADE A MISTAKE, INCLUDING THE DAY HE MADE YOU AND ME. TRUST HIM AT HIS WORD AND RENEW YOUR MIND

THE BIBLE IS FULL OF WISDOM...THE SAME MIND THAT IS PLAGUED BY SIN AND SELF, CANNOT FIX ITSELF.....SO QUIT TRYING TO DO IT WITHOUT GOD

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD...EVERYDAY

LET HIS WORD TRANSFORM YOU AS YOU LEARN IT AND PUT IT INTO PRACTICE...RENEWING SUGGESTS REPETITION

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST  
PHYSICALLY (WILLFULLY)

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS  
EVE FAILED WHEN SHE REACHED OUT AND GRABBED THE FRUIT

NOTICE THE PROGRESSION IN THE SIN...FIRST, WE EMOTIONALLY GIVE INTO SIN...THAT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL MAKE ME FEEL GOOD...I LIKE TO FEEL GOOD..SECOND, WE LOGICALLY GIVE INTO SIN..ITS CALLED JUSTIFICATION.. WELL, I KNOW WHAT GOD SAYS, BUT DOES HE REALLY MEAN WHAT HE SAYS..I MEAN, FLAWED MEN WROTE THE BIBLE...I'M SMART, I KNOW WHATS RIGHT AND WHATS WRONG...JUST ONE TIME

THEN WE FIND OURSELVES LOCKED INTO BAD HABITS AND OLD HABITS THAT BRING COMPLICATIONS ALONG WITH THAT FLEETING FEELING OF SATISFACTION (IF ANY). MOST OF THE TIME IF NOT ALL, WE ARE LEFT WANTING AND FRUSTRATED

SOME ARE SICKER THAN OTHERS..I BELIEVE ITS THE AMOUNT OF “EYE OPENING” CHOICES WE MADE THINKING WE WERE GOD OR THINKING THERE IS NO GOD THAT DICTATED THE DEPTH OF FILTH THAT WE LIVED IN THIS WILL BE CHALLENGING FOR THE SUPER SICK AND SUPER SELFISH CHALLENGING BUT NOT FUTILE.....WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE PLEASE REMEMBER THAT

### SHARE ABOUT SELF WILL RUN RIOT

PAUL KNOWS ALL ABOUT THIS

#### Romans 7:19-24 NASB

For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I do the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully agree with the law of God ( DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COVET ) in the inner person, but I see a different law in the parts of my body waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin, the law which is in my body's parts. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

THE ANSWER IS JESUS CHRIST!! HE CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST BY OUR BAD CHOICES

THE REALITY OF “JESUS SAVED ME, IS SAVING ME AND WILL SAVE ME” IS IN FULL EFFECT

THIS PROCESS IS CALLED SANCTIFICATION

SANCTIFICATION MEANS YOU AND I, DAY BY DAY, CHOOSING TO DO LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST AS OUR EXAMPLE. THIS MEANS A LOT OF CORRECTIVE BEHAVIOR, TRIAL AND ERROR...TRIAL AND VICTORY

GOD POURS OUT HIS GRACE TO THOSE COMMITTED TO WALKING WITH CHRIST. WE WILL NEVER DO IT PERFECTLY HERE ON EARTH, GOD IS COOL WITH THAT...JESUS LIVED A PERFECT LIFE FOR US THEN DIED IN OUR PLACE...HE PROVIDES THE FULL LIFE WE DESIRE

OK PASTOR CHRIS, SO HOW CAN I CHANGE?

HOW CAN I SUCCESSFULLY TRADE MY LIFE FOR HIS ON A DAILY BASIS?

I WILL USE A MAN NAMED ZACCHAEUS AS AN EXAMPLE.

### Luke 19:1-10 NKJV

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

1 ZACCHAEUS KNEW HE WAS A SINNER...DID WHATEVER IT TOOK TO GET AT JESUS

2 JESUS IMMEDIATELY ACKNOWLEDGES HIM...ZACC RECIEVES JESUS WITH JOY

3 ZACC ALIGNS HIS HEART WITH THE HEART OF CHRIST

ITS A HEART CONDITION / PROOF OF SALVATION  
TAKE CARE OF OTHERS / LIVE IN TRUTH & MAKE AMENDS WHEN NEEDED

THE REVELATION OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS A GIFT THAT WILL CHANGE  
YOU FOREVER

MONEY DOESN'T MATTER AS MUCH AS IT USED TOO

PEOPLE MATTER MORE THAN THEY USED TOO

WHEN JESUS SAYS "ABIDE IN ME AND I IN YOU" BECOMES THE MOST  
IMPORTANT THING ON YOUR "TODO" LIST FOR THE DAY

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS...  
EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR LIFE

THE GOOD NEWS IS JESUS DID ALL THE HEAVY LIFTING  
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS BELIEVE, RECIEVE, APPLY...REPEAT

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE YOU AND I FROM OURSELVES  
HE RELENTLESSLY TUGS ON THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE  
PROMISE AND THE POWER OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT

*Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV*

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation;  
in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is  
the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession  
( THATS US), to the praise of His glory.

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