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**/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES**

**Good Morning!**

**Let's Make a Mental Shift\**

Good morning!

Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 31 says...

/LUK 6:31

“Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.”\

This is why we come to study God's word. So that we may learn how to treat others, and even how to treat ourselves, as God wants us to be treated. But in order to learn, we must concentrate on the message. So in preparation for the study of the Word of God, it's time for self-evaluation. You can ask yourself, “What thought pattern am I allowing to influence my life?”

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

As you go about your everyday life as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, at any moment in time, you can choose to tune your soul to the influence of KCOS, operating with the world system of thought, or you can choose to tune your soul to the influence of WGod, operating with the divine system of thought. Bible study is a time to lay aside the spiritual battle of daily life... the internal fight between two kingdoms for control of your soul. It's a time to allow the infiltration of your soul and spirit with the mind of Christ, the Word of God, so you can have a chance, when you return to the world, to operate with the same attitude that was also in Christ Jesus. The Word of God refers to bible study as a time of RENEWING, as you let God the Holy Spirit fill up your deficiency of thought, leading you into the truths of the Word of God, as He unveils the plan of God the Father for your life. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

/ROM 12:2

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

Now is the time to let your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the power of God the Holy Spirit, prepare you “in humility to receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.”

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**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

*Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

*Give Me Jesus – Jeremy Camp\*

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear Jeremy Camp worship our Lord in song, while you concentrate on your Lord and Savior. The opening song is... Give me Jesus

**/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth... the Word of God...

We pray that you help us to concentrate on the message, and to keep our focus on your Son, The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit... in Christ's name... Amen.

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Deacon Elliott Clark\

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Deacon Elliott Clark. You're listening to lesson four hundred and thirty-six of the CREATOR versus CREATURE Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**The CREATOR'S Will is That You Know His Point of Contact with You\**

Lately, Pastor Rory has been speaking a lot about the freedom and magnificence of our God's love. One message that came to light in the past several lessons is that God's point of contact with us as believers is not His justice, but rather His love.

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Well this got me thinking, and what came to mind was the bible verse 1JOH 4:16 came to mind.

/1JOH 4:16

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love**, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.\

I thought, “If God’s point of contact with us is love, and He Himself is Love, then one can conclude that God’s point of contact with us is Himself.

And then another bible verse came to mind... 1TIM 2:5

/1TIM 2:5

For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.\

What this led to me see is that...

**/God’s point of contact with us is the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ\**

The bible actually inundates us with scripture telling us that God’s point of contact with us, was, is, and always will be the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so that’s what I plan on doing...inundating you with those bible verses all pointing to Christ being our point of contact, so that you see that it’s Him at the center of everything you do, because as believers, if you aren’t seeing the person of Christ in your daily study of the Word of God...then you’re missing the point. If you aren’t seeing the love of Christ manifested in your life...then you’re missing it. If you don’t feel free because of your intimacy with the person of Christ...then you’re missing it. And the reality is that more days than not, we’re just flat out missing the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. So as I present these bible verses, take them down, don’t tune out, know what the scriptures have to say about God’s point of contact with us.

Turn in your bibles to Genesis, chapter 2, verse 15...Before the fall of man, before Adam and the woman ate from the tree they were instructed not to eat from, who was it that created them, placed them in the Garden of Eden, instructed them, spent time with them, enjoyed them, loved them, had contact with them...

It was The Lord Jesus Christ

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/GEN 2:15

*Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.\*

After Adam and the woman disobeyed God, causing the fall of the entire human race...who was it that came to the earth as true humanity, and 100% deity to remedy the fallen state of man? Jesus Christ.

/JOH 3:16

*For God the Father so loved the world that He sent His uniquely born son (The Lord Jesus Christ) that whoever believes in Him shall never perish, but have eternal life.\*

When there was conflict between God and us, it was the person of the Lord Jesus Christ that came to resolve it.

Who was it that took our place at the cross, paying for the sins of the whole world past, present, and future? It was the Lord Jesus Christ.

/1PET 2:4

*And He (the Lord) Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.\*

Who was it that redeemed us from the slavery of sin?

It was the Lord Jesus Christ

/GAL 3:13

*“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE.”\*

Who was our perfect, satisfactory payment at the cross?

It was the Lord Jesus Christ

/1JOH 2:2

*And He (The Lord) Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.\*

Who was the reason for the cancellation of the debt stacked against us?

The Lord Jesus Christ

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/COL 2:13-14

*When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He (God the Father) made you alive together with Him (The Lord Jesus Christ), having forgiven us all our transgressions // having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.\*

Who are we, as believers in Christ, now placed in union with? The Lord Jesus Christ

/ROM 8:1

*Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in (union with) Christ Jesus.\*

In whom are we declared perfectly righteous?

The Lord Jesus Christ

/GAL 2:16

*Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.\*

Through whom are we glorified and whose inheritance do we share in?

The Lord Jesus Christ

/ROM 8:17

*And if (we are) children (of God), heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him\*

I could go on and on, but I think you're starting to get the point. The bible says over and over that everything we are, and everything we have, is through the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You know, it's tough to say whether there will ever be a day for us when we're not critiquing ourselves about something, especially because we still have a sin nature...but if you feel like you're beating yourself up for something...if you feel like there's a disconnect between you and God, go back and read those verses I shared and completely bury yourself in them...and continue searching the scriptures for how connected you truly are to the person of The Lord Jesus Christ, because you'll literally get sick of how many verses there are about it.

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So if God's point of contact with you is Christ, then what do you think He wants your point of contact to be with others? Take a 5-minute break and we'll find out when we come back.

/BREAK

*The Way – Jeremy Camp*  
*When I Think About Home*\

/Welcome Back!\

So if God's point of contact with you is Christ, then what do you think he wants your point of contact to be with others? Christ!

**/God wants your point of contact with others to be the Lord Jesus Christ\**

Well, what does that even look like? You can see what it looks like by how you TREAT people. Do you treat others as God inspires you to treat them? Or do you think people should get what they deserve?

/LUK 6:31

“Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.”\

How would you want others to treat you? Would you want them to treat you how you *DESERVED* to be treated? Or would you rather be treated with forgiveness, and patience, and kindness, and goodness, and gentleness, and faithfulness... and with unconditional love. And by the way, did you know that Love is actually a debt that we owe to one another? Turn in your bibles to Romans, chapter 13, verses 7-8...

/ROM 13:7

Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.\

What the author is saying in this verse is to pay your taxes. To pay what you owe. To show respect and honor to those who are in positions of authority, especially by paying your debts... Verse 8 continues...

/ROM 13:8

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.\

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What this verse is saying is that Love is something that we owe to one another...love is a debt that we are obligated to pay

And when something is a debt...when something is an obligation... Then it is your duty and your commitment to pay it. Love is something that we as believers in Christ have to pay forward to others. Why? Because love is an asset that was given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ, so it is not ours to hoard.

It's almost as if the Lord wiped away the debt of our sins, which would have been an impossible, never ending payment for us had He not died for us on the cross, and gave us a brand new debt, a brand new never ending payment...and that payment is love. The only difference is that we were slaves to sin, and now we are free to love.

So do you love? Is the person of Christ your point of contact with others? Or do you give them what they deserve?

You know, there have been several teenagers that I've worked with that I can't help but thinking, "Parents, just give them what they deserve! Kick them out!" It brings to mind a funny sign I came across...

<PICTURE OF – “TEENAGERS MOVE OUT” SIGN>

Most teenagers deserve to be kicked out of the house! Because the majority of teens abuse the trust...and the help...and advice...and the wisdom given to them by their parents, coaches, teachers, over and over and over, yet they're always covered. The sad thing is though more times than not the parents are enabling the very behaviors they're trying to eliminate, but that doesn't excuse the fact that most teens don't understand unconditional LOVE.

We all have those relationships in our life where it seems impossible to love the other person...because they make it so hard...because they have chosen to be a person who refuses to be loved...who refuses to accept the help...who refuses to receive what you're trying to give.

I've endured relationships in my life with people that I expected would be the closest to me, who ended up resisting me, and repelling me the more I had to give. And it kills me inside because there's nothing sadder than a person who refuses to accept the freedom that love provides.

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And I think it kills me inside because when I see other people doing that, I'm also looking in a mirror. I, too, have pushed relationships aside, and squandered the help, and the guidance, and the wisdom, and the opportunities that others had to give because I refused to accept it.

It's not enough for us to look at the relationships in our lives and point out that one person who refuses to be loved, and then overlook our inability at times to accept the love of our God, or the love of the people in our periphery.

And when you recognize your own inability to be loved at times, do you wallow in self-pity and analyze why you're doing what you're doing, and why you always push people away and blah blah blah! Stop it. Stop doing that, because...

**/God wants your point of contact with self to be the Lord Jesus Christ\**

Recognize the love that Christ has for you, and move on.

One of the great American poets, John Greenleaf Whittier, stated:

*/"For all sad words of tongue and pen, the saddest are these, 'What might have been'."*

- John Greenleaf Whittier\

I believe the "what might have been" to be the failure on our behalf to see the freedom that the love of God provides... I really don't think there's anything sadder, as Whittier stated, to look upon someone's life, especially our own, and to see how much we're settling for a life far below the freedom, and abundance, and the joy that Christ's love provides.

**/GAL 5:1**

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.\

And that's why I'm telling you today that God's point of contact with you is Christ because if you don't see the intimacy you have with Christ every single day then you're missing it. If you don't see Christ in the relationships you have with the people that you want to hit in the head with a tack hammer then you're missing it. If you don't see Christ in your inability to make the right decision then you're missing it.



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If you don't see Christ holding every single facet of your life together then you're missing it. And if you are, that's ok, because it's going to click for you. And by the way if you are missing it, please don't turn that into another opportunity to beat yourself up!

So I'll end with a story...

Five hundred years ago, there was a great debate about whether the sun revolved around the Earth or whether the Earth revolved around the sun.

In fact, the majority of people believed the earth to be the center of the solar system, with the sun and all the planets moving in orbit around it.

<PICTURE OF GEOCENTRIC MODEL>

This geocentric theory of how the solar system worked was so fiercely supported by the Catholic Church, that to suggest anything otherwise was considered heresy. Well, some men did suggest otherwise, and as you can guess, were strongly opposed for it.

<PICTURE OF HELIOCENTRIC MODEL>

The Catholic Church did everything in its power to suppress the newly proposed heliocentric theory, but the truth always prevails. The world, along with the Catholic Church, came to accept the truth that the Sun is, indeed, the center of the solar system, and that the planets do, in fact, orbit the Sun.

So why do you care about the heliocentric theory?

I told you that story because how fitting is it that *the Sun* is the center of the solar system, in light of the truth that God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the center of our lives as believers.

<SLIDE OF CHRIST IN THE CENTER>

How fitting is it that the gravitational pull of *the Sun* holds every planet in perfect orbit, never allowing any planet to veer off course into other galaxies, because the loving pull of God the Son keeps us around Him at all times, never allowing us to veer into a vast wasteland.

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It didn't matter how much people rooted and grounded themselves in the belief that earth was the center of the solar system...

That still did not change the fact that the Sun was at the center, holding everything together. This is just like our Lord Jesus Christ. We can root ourselves in the belief that we control things, that we hold things together, but that doesn't change the truth spoken to us in...

/HEB 1:3

He (the Lord Jesus Christ)...upholds all things by the word of His power.\

So I want you to leave this message knowing one thing: that God's point of contact with you is Christ...and that despite how you feel about yourself, whether positively, or negatively...you belong to Him.

So let's end by listening to a song by Grey Holiday, called...You Belong to Me

**/CLOSING SONG**

*Grey Holiday – You Belong to Me\*

/JER 29:11

'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.\

/1 PE 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, //casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.\

/JUD 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, //to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.\

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**/CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the best you have to give...thank you for giving us your Son, The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to be our mediator and eternal point of contact...we pray that you help us to take this message and use it to bury our doubt, our worries, our fears, our never ending critique of self and others...shift our focus onto the most pure, most elegant, and most simplistic part of life, the Person of Jesus Christ.

And we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, and in Christ's name...  
Amen.

**/Thanks for coming!**  
**Thanks for watching!**  
**Thanks for listening!**

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