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Good Morning...

/Welcome to Barah Ministries a Christian Church
– Good Morning Royal Family!
Let's shift our minds away from the issues of life and focus
on the message from God the Holy Spirit\

We come to bible study for a RENEWING, to engage God the Holy Spirit as our guide in Truth, so we can live God the Father's plan by accepting a gift from the amazing sacrifice of the uniquely born One, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Truth in the Word of God is our only constant and endless beacon of Hope. When we focus on that inspiration it quells the rising tide of doubt that inevitably ebbs and flows in our lives.

Since the New Year we have taken the gloves off and are truly learning about what matters in life. We have been learning how to have meaningful relationships thanks to the truth revealed by God from the hard work of our Pastor.

His knowledge from many years of social interactions plus the filling of the Holy Spirit have given us amazing insight into successful relationships.

We have been reminded of whom God really is. Our gracious God gives so much to His believers that it's easy to lose sight of His amazing unconditional love. God is love.

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/1 JOH 4:8

The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love\

/1 JOH 4:9

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him\

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?> slide

It's time for us to start...

/HEB 12:2-3 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.\

Thank you for coming to receive this renewing and thank you for focusing on a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word.

Let's begin with some music for reflection...now these guys think I include June's songs strictly for brownie points...but the reality is that I use them because they suit my message and they reflect the beauty of our God.

So by June Murphy...When I Say I Love You...

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

When I Say I Love You\

Thank You June

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Thank you for using real, broken, and imperfect people to accomplish your perfect plan.

Thank You for Your unconditional love...a love that can conquer all.

I pray that You remind us when we become complacent with Your love and fail to extend it to those closest to us.

Help us to use Your unconditional love everyday of our lives, so we can avoid letting ancient unfair treatment create bitterness in our hearts.

I pray that You squash any bitterness because it will stall any relationship.

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

/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Denny Goodall - Deacon\

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Welcome to Barah Ministries. We are pursuing Truth from the Word of God found in the Bible. My name is Deacon Denny Goodall. You're listening to lesson Twenty-Nine of the Romans 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.

Welcome to a place where you can let your guard down because The Lord Jesus Christ is God. The Bible is His infallible Word...and His exact thinking...a book with no errors...with no contradictions...with no lies...the Bible is the truth. Welcome to the place where you can receive the Word of God. There is no better guide for our lives

/Today's Study
A Moment of Truth\

There really is a lot of good that comes from preparing these lessons...really everyone should do one...because you're forced to ask more questions...you can't just stop at the surface questions...You're constantly thinking about the lesson and if anything around connects with the message.

So A Moment of Truth what the heck does that mean? Well we have shifted gears a little lately but we're still in the Creator Creature Conflict. This conflict is still silently raging on in our lives. We all have things going on that challenge our Faith. Everyone has a dirty secret...some take cocaine...others kill people...I, for example, don't wait to safely remove the USB from a computer. But seriously these things make us mistrust God and question relationships.

The thing is some of these attacks are obvious like drugs and murder but others are subtle like married couples letting the hustle and bustle of life allow them to grow apart.

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Well we can all thank Satan because after he sinned, he was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to the Lake of Fire. Satan's arrogance caused him to utter his most famous words.

/ISA 14:14

I will ascend above the tops of the clouds...I will make myself like the Most High."/

But we all know he didn't stop there. He appealed the verdict and Man was created to resolve it through an appeal trial.

Adam and Eve were the very first to face their moment of truth. Satan in his genius knew he had to divide in order to conquer. Satan attacked our first parents, to entice them with sin, and the temptation proved fatal to them. The tempter was the devil, in the shape and likeness of a serpent. Satan's plan was to draw our first parents to sin, and so to divide them and their God. Thus the devil was from the beginning a murderer, and the great mischief-maker. He tempted the woman because it was Satan's policy to talk with her when she was alone.

So you see Eve was the very first to be tempted by Satan. She faced a moment of truth...use the Truth in your soul or succumb to the temptations of the devil. She never stood a chance...this was probably the first falsehood she had ever heard. Satan would confound every one of us. Inexperience is an easy target. Eve admits it herself that she was tricked.

/GEN 3:13

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate"\

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We know from study of the Word of God that the bible is not just stories...these things happened...and they will happen to us. So I think it's safe to assume we will all face a moment of truth in our lives and most likely many of them?

/1 PET 5:8

Be of sober spirit...be on the alert...your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour\

Satan didn't stop at the thought of arrogance as he plotted his conspiracy...or when he carried out his plan...nor when he received a guilty sentence...so why would he stop at us?

Now Satan is no God, he one creature. He is not personally tempting us all. He has bigger fish to fry. Most, if not all, of our contact with evil comes through temptations from his minions. Many of us are what Pastor calls a self-check. We bottle ourselves up in one of the areas of life...Career, Relationship, Financial, Health, Intellectual, Social, or Spiritual... We pursue our career before our God. We wait to get financially stable before we give to our God. We get rapped up in a personal lust pattern.

Satan does have fallen angels to use in his devious plans.

/MAT 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;\

Many believers who dedicate their lives to God experience a heightened level exposure to the forces of Satan. Like I said the bible is truth it happens. Bible happens...

I'm reminded of the verses on JOB.

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/JOB 1:12

Then the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him.” So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD\

Each believer is JOB. We go through the same. We either engage what we have learned (truth) by living it or God lets the world force us to live it. Maybe your servants, animals, and family are not dying by the sword, fire, or wind...but we shouldn't be surprised when bad stuff happens. All the stuff in the bible will happen to you. Maybe not famine but diet...no beer/no sugar...maybe your herd of goats and oxen aren't slaughtered but you lose a pet in a freak accident...maybe not murderer but adultery. We have and will experience similar things.

Life is Faith, Hope, Love and Love is the greatest of all. Since love is the greatest it will be the most attacked by Satan. He wants to divide and create unbelief, which kills Faith without Faith there is no trust in a relationship and without trust there is no contentment.

I tell you this...

/2 COR 2:11

...So that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes\

/1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith\

Satan is going to attack Love and he will use any means

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necessary. I feel like he focuses on the divine institutions, which I like to call the divine relationships. He uses them to infiltrate our free will...the family...marriage...and the nation. Always sneaking about dividing the relationships and laying waste to lives.

A divine institution is...

/Definition of a Divine Institution

A principle of Divine Operation directed toward the human race for its orderly direction and preservation\

God set up four Divine Institutions in order to protect and restrain mankind...Free will, Marriage, Family, and Nationalism. God gave us the four Divine Institutions...for the entire human race...not for believers only...for the preservation of the human race...so that the unseen conflict can run its course. So that the human race is free to accept Jesus Christ as Savior, or reject Him. A Divine Institution is different from a Christian Institution like a local church, which is designed for believers only.

First we have FREE WILL

/GEN 2:16-17

The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; //but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." \

He gave us the right to be dependent upon God, or to act independently of God. I mean God could have taken the tree away and not even offered it but He did. The individual has the right...the authority to make certain decisions and to be responsible for those decisions.

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Free will is an amazing power we have at our disposal. We are free to accept or reject the gift from God. In America we can basically do whatever we want as long as we don't break the law. This absolute freedom is debilitating to most people. They get caught up in self-satisfaction and never even give the Gospel an honest hearing.

Personal choices, repeated over time, easily become behavior patterns. Repetition. Sin is a bad decision... the worse the sin usually the more decisions are required. A series of sins and bad decisions is usually necessary for a really bad sin. When our choices are sinful, an evil spirit related to that behavior — who probably provided the temptations in the first place — could attach itself to that area of the will, and try to perpetuate the sin to gain additional control.

The second divine institution is MARRIAGE

/GEN 1:27

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them\

He is no longer one but two the male and the female. They are now one...I got to say it...We were at Tempe Improv and saw this comedian who said that he had been to a wedding where they said that..."The two have become one"... He made an interesting observation...he said that since two have become one that the ladies could no longer get mad at their man for checking out another woman...because two are one...if one does both do it. So I didn't look WEEEE looked. What was his name...Jeff Dye...pretty funny guy.

Anyway...the husband is the authority. He is to be the head of his home. Marriage is for believers and for unbelievers. If

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the Biblical doctrine of marriage is violated on a wide scale, a nation can be destroyed.

When it comes to marriage Satan has substituted promiscuity, living together outside of marriage, gay marriage, and of course high rates of divorce not based on biblical grounds. But his greatest tool for division in a marriage is adultery. Some might say finances but infidelity leaves more emotional scars.

We just recently looked at John 8 where the Pharisees try to trick The Lord with the adulterous woman. Look at...

/JOH 8:3-4

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court, // they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act\

It is widely held that adultery was exceedingly common at this time, so common that they had ceased to put the law in force against it. The jealousy subsided because the culprits who were guilty themselves dared not try their suspected wives, for fear of themselves being put to death.

/DEU 22:22

"If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel\

The Roman laws did not condemn an adulteress to be put to death. Had our Lord condemned the woman to death, they might have accused him to Pilate, as arrogating to himself the power of life and death, which the Romans had taken away from the Jews; besides...on the other hand, if he had

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said she should not be put to death, they might have represented him to the people as one who decided contrary to the law, and favored the crime of which the woman was accused. Shows how Satan tries to catch the believer between a rock and a hard place. When adultery is found Satan (the World) wants the victim to divorce splitting the unity of marriage. Or if there is no divorce than the victim is a sap.

What struck me was...why just the woman not both parties...I mean they caught them in the act why not bring the man too...plus what about the husband...where was he? Why was she away from him? This made me think... Adultery...so you've been cheated on...sad but true...but what about her opinion of you...what was her thought of you...if she really cherished you she may not have gone that route. If she is satisfied with your efforts then why go elsewhere?

You've been cheated on...unfortunately there isn't a perfect partner out there. Many people think if someone cheats on you that you're better off getting a divorce and starting over. But that new person isn't perfect either. They just have different problems to deal with. You may leave a great friend and loving spouse to get a new one only to get a murderous crazy person that seemed nice at first. Think long-term not short term...

Unconditional love and forgiveness are critical here because both people are probably guilty already.

/MAT 5:28

But I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart\

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So I guess...join the club we've all been cheated on.

So let's take a five-minute break and here from June one more time.

/BREAK

When You Suffer\

Welcome back. So we all have those moments in life where we get to choose. A moment of truth...God or Self? Our Free Will can lead us down any path and away from God. Marriage can be a hard road, as the bible would suggest. It can challenge the bond between two people. Satan the great divider likes to work his mischief on both free will, and marriage.

The next area of attack for Satan is the FAMILY.

The institution or relationship set up to raise and train children as far as respect for authority, for the rights of others, for the privacy of others, to respect common law, to respect the property of others, plus many other principles. The parents have the authority in this institution.

It seems like here the husband and wife are still under fire but not they have babies and the dreaded teenagers. The teens are now the main target. They have tremendous influence with their peers, but the reverse is true as well. Their peers easily influence them too. Kind of like Eve and the snake...inexperience is an easy target.

So I think the message here is to teens and parents. Parents teach with positive reinforcement and develop a real relationship not a dictatorship. Be there friend but their parent first. Long term thought not short term...

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/PRO 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it\

And as far as the creatons go...listen to the P's...that's the parents...they were once teens just like you. They want your best out of you. Don't be that teen left behind by your peers who figures it out too late that the P's were right all along. Respect them and use that unconditional love too. They aren't perfect and will make mistakes...some that may even really hurt your feelings. But give second chances just like our gracious God.

/EPH 6:23

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

This brings us to the final divine relationship that God has created...NATIONALISM.

The authority is vested in the governmental leaders.

You can check out Genesis chapter 11 to read more about how God separated the people and languages of the earth. Nationalism is the means of protecting and preserving the human race, so that no segment of individuals gets enough power to destroy the rest of the human race, and eventually themselves. Nationalism is a human barrier against the supremacy of evil in the world-controlled by Satan, and protects from the power lust of the old sin nature. The purpose of nationalism is to provide protection so that the individual volition can operate under maximum freedom and liberty.

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1 Timothy chapter 2 verse 1-3 remind us that even the our Lord expects respect for authority.

/1 TIM 2:1-3

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior\

There are so many ways to divide a nation. From politics, to race, gender, sexual orientation, and of course religion and Christianity...

I think Satan's trump card is to bash law enforcement. Rejection of authority...huh Satan...he is so predictable. He just has to make one look bad and then public opinion will paint them all corrupt. This is similar to the adulterous woman from John 8:2. The crowd only knew one thing about her...and was ready to through rocks at her until she was dead...wow...I hope I would get more benefit of the doubt. They were all in on labeling her but labels are so limiting. We are in union with God and he is limitless. So that means we are limitless as well.

There was a story in the news Monday night that a lady had forgiven a cop who shot her son. 24 years old, no criminal history, college athlete...shot dead by the police. She forgives...that is unconditional love. I don't know if I could do that? She could very well sue the police force and preach hate and bitterness...but she didn't. Why? Unconditional love and forgiveness...

We begin to blame God for any bad treatment. We begin to

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ask Him why He allows things in our lives. We think He is careless towards us and we gladly return the favor. We turn our back on God all too easy. Now we are divided externally and internally. We cut ourselves off from God.

So if you've endured tough times and still love others and God Good work but if you've endured tough times and still love others and God plus you aid a ministry and help spread the gospel than you deserve a heartfelt congratulations.

David is seen as a biblical hero. He was an adulterer and a murderer. God accepted Him. God never forsook him even though David's actions warranted it. So how do we see people that do hurtful things to us? I was thinking how would I feel towards someone who murdered a family member. How would I respond to infidelity?

Uriah was actually fortunate one...he died a war hero...no worries.

Pastors, husbands, wives, parents get put onto pedestals but they're not perfect...they're just a human beings. A mistake or a series of actions in not an identity...sin is not an identity...look through God's eyes...forgiveness and patience. God saves the best for last.

/LUK 15:22

"But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet\

The young man went through hell on earth in his eyes and assumed his father would never forgive him. He probably spent many sleepless nights on his journey home...just having imaginary conversations trying to convince his father to forgive...

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We are to master the hardships of life. When we endure problems in life...we should see it as blessing because we know God will not hurl us headlong. He will not allow us to be placed into a situation we can't handle. So if we are dealing with tough times at work or in a marriage then we must be qualified enough and have enough faith and truth in our soul to handle the problem. God see's us as the starter and wants to put us in the game. It's no cake walk, but when you step in the game and prevail through God you are a real reflection of our Lord.

/PHI 4:9

The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you\

Satan's attacks are relentless and never take a break. We take breaks but not the devil and his minions. He is attacking us in all four divine relationships at the same time. He hits the roots, the bark, and the limbs of the vine...all at the same time. The same way our God gives to us simultaneously so does Satan...only God and His provisions and limitless and Satan is not...

The attacks are bad but no matter how bad it is someone always has it worse speaking of my friend Jessie at work. He has cancer on his spine yet still drags his butt out of bed just about everyday...another guy at work hurt his neck head banging at a concert...Ricks neck hurts...he can't really complain...Jesse has spine cancer and still comes to work but even Jesse doesn't have it the worst. How about the

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women and children that are getting brutalized in the Congo...or the people in Afghanistan getting hit by suicide bombers?

A little history on Jesse...he had two car accidents growing up. He was not driving and broke his back twice. His Mom was driving...so do you think he holds his parents accountable for his broken back? Does he hold a grudge towards them much like somebody who is lied to or cheated on..NO. He doesn't because it was just one problem...you can't judge a person by one thing.

Why is it so easy to give up on people? What if God gave up on us after the mistake in the garden? Or what if our Lord gave up on Satan when he raised a rebellion against God.

How about you fantasy football people... you set up your starters and your receiver gets 150 yards but drops the one possible touchdown. What do you remember the 150 yards of hard work or the missed chance at some real points.

TLJC went through shit in order to help us all. He endured hardships to help others. We can learn from the knowledge gained by the experience of the uniquely born One. So just like we share the benefits of the Lord Jesus Chris...from being in union with Him...we will also share in the experiential learning ourselves.

We will go through shit in order to help others. We can give advice through wisdom (knowledge applied in experience) to help a troubled teen. Or we can instill calm and inspire hope during friend's health problems. Or it can be as simple as just sharing a common bond with those that have gone through similar hard times. We are not alone. Join the club. Be on guard in your life. Satan and his jerks are attacking us

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in every phase and every moment of our lives. Be alert...someone can always use your help. You may doubt yourself but God doesn't. He shapes us by life and we can either react in shock or we can respond in grace and unconditional love.

/CLOSING SONG

Count It All Joy\

/CLOSING VERSES

/COL 2:9-10

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, // and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority\

/ISA 48:17

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go\

/ MAR 3:30

AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

/1 COR 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord\

/CLOSING PRAYER

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Let us pray...\

Father in Heaven; thank You for giving us the gift of Faith.

Thank You for providing a gift for us to live by and use.

I pray that You strengthen our ability to put Faith in others.

I pray that you strengthen our Trust in others even if they've inflicted deep emotional scars.

Help us to remember that forgiveness is special and divine, while bitterness is a lethal roadblock in relationships

And we pray that You continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of Your person, Your thinking, Your work, Your reputation and Your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

Thanks for giving!

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