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**Good Morning!**

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

/PSA 127:2

*It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.\*

This is not an invitation from God to be lazy...it's not an invitation to eliminate effort as a value in your life...it's a reminder that when God is first in your life, His blessings follow in abundance...even when we are not working...even when we are asleep.

In preparation for our study of the Word of God, it is a time to make a voluntary shift in your mindset. You can ask yourself a very simple question, "What thought pattern am I allowing to influence me right now?"

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Is your soul tuned to KCOS...the cosmic system of thought...or is your soul tuned to WGod...the divine system of thought? This request for a mental shift gives you the opportunity to make an evaluation, and to tune your soul to the reception of biblical thought, which the bible refers to as RENEWING, as God prepares you to be able to hear the teaching of the Word of God.

Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

*...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the renewing of your mind...*

Ephesians, Chapter 4, verse 23 says...

EPH 4:23

*...(keep on) be(ing) renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind...*

So right now is the time to let your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 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

Word of God Speak\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song, as you prepare to learn the divine good works that God prepared for you in eternity past, so you could create a lifestyle around them. The opening song is...WORD OF GOD SPEAK.

**/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...(0:30)

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

Help us to think...remind us of what it is like when we are being great students...invite us to question...inspire us with curiosity...invest us with freedom...so that we may know You and so that we may love You with all our hearts and all our minds and all our souls and all our strength...through our comprehension of Your law of liberty...

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

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**Pastor Rory Clark\**

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Pastor Rory Clark. You're listening to lesson four hundred and twenty-three of the Creator versus Creature Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for serious students of the Word of God.

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**The CREATOR'S Will is that You Think Critically\**

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We continue our study of the second of the twenty-one categories of doctrine that are part of the CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT series.

<CREATOR VS. CREATURE CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

There can be little doubt, from a survey of Scripture, that there is indeed a conflict between the CREATOR and His CREATURES. Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 25 says...

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ROM 1:25

*For they (unbelievers) exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature (Satan or Self) rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.\*

Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

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GAL 5:17

*For the flesh (the Old Self and its sin nature) sets its desire against (God) the (Holy) Spirit, and (God) the (Holy) Spirit (sets Himself) against the flesh (the Old Self and its sin nature); for these are in opposition to one another...\*

Ephesians, Chapter 6, Verse 12 says...

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EPH 6:12

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood (souls and sin natures), but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.\*

In fact, there is no greater testimony to the existence of the CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT than the daily turmoil in our souls. Remember Paul's lament in Romans, Chapter 7, Verse 24?

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ROM 7:24

*Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?*\

This CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT series is really a study of the unfolding of the Christian Way of Life, and it investigates twenty-one categories of doctrine, all beginning with the letter C.

For the past few years we have been learning about the character and nature of our CREATOR at the second of the twenty-one C's. We started our study of the bible right at the SOURCE...the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Isaiah, Chapter 45, Verses 5 to 7 say...

/ISA 45:5-7

*I am the Lord, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me;//that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other,//The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these.*\

We are learning about the depths of God's Person and His Work, and we're using an encoding device called the CREATOR CLOCK to introduce us to the various aspects of God's character and nature. Tick tock. What time is it on the CREATOR CLOCK? It's seven o'clock.

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE dial points to seven o'clock>

God is WILLING. We're studying God's Will.

If we had been smarter when we began our circuit of the CREATOR CLOCK, we would have started right in the middle, with God's love. Turn in your bibles to First John, Chapter 4, Verse 16...

/1JO 4:16

*We (believers in Christ) have come to know and (we believers in Christ) have believed the (truth about the unconditional) love which God has for us. God IS (unconditional) love, and the one who abides in (unconditional) love*

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*(inside himself) abides in God('s unconditional love), and (the) God (with the unconditional love) abides in him.\*

When we know and believe God's unconditional love exists, we can choose to reflect it to others. John, Chapter 10, Verse 10 says...

/JOH 10:10

*"The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy (to slaughter); I (the Lord Jesus Christ) came that they (believers in Christ) may have (the Zoe) life, and (may) have it abundantly."*\

Our reflection of unconditional love to others, as a result of God advancing us in spiritual maturity, sets up the condition where we are blessed in our lives beyond our wildest dreams.

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE with no dial, and with love as bold as you can make it>

Here's the insight...if we look at life through the eyes of God's unconditional love, the part of Him that radiates to every other part of His essence, then and only then can we see the spiritual life as it really is. If you look at life through the sunglasses of God's love, you'll see His love operating in conjunction with every other part of His essence, without compromising His integrity in any way.

For example, if you see life through the eyeglasses of God's justice, you can easily pervert God into a tyrant who is coming down on us, a God who only praises righteousness and punishes all unrighteousness. Does that sound like an unconditional God to you? But if instead, you see God's justice with His love operating in the background, you'll see a God who loves us unconditionally, therefore in justice, He seeks to be fair and impartial and objective in every decision concerning us.

Romans, Chapter 2, Verse 11 says...

/ROM 2:11

*For there is no partiality with God.\*

Galatians, Chapter 3, Verse 28 says...

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/GAL 3:28

*(In the Plan of God) There is neither Jew nor Greek (no racial distinction), there is neither slave nor free man (so social distinction), there is neither male nor female (no gender distinction); for you (believers in Christ) are all one (all unified) in (union with) Christ Jesus.\*

Have you ever heard the descriptions of yourself from people who don't know you or who don't trust you? They are usually as far off base as they can be. Why? Because of the sunglasses they are wearing when they make the evaluation. If they are wearing the sunglasses of ignorance, because they don't know you or because they have never had a conversation with you, they will base their evaluation on sound bites they have heard from you or about you, and they will come to erroneous conclusions about you and about your motives. If they are wearing the sunglasses of "NO TRUST," no matter what you do, they will never see you as you are. So it is with our viewpoint concerning God. If you don't know God's unconditional love, you don't know God. Period. If you don't see the spiritual life through the eyes of God's love, you will always come out with a distorted view of God.

As we debunk the doctrine of rebound, that is exactly the challenge. If you see God as a punishing God, whose point of contact with us is justice devoid of love, then when you commit post salvation sins, you'll see God as one who takes away His Holy Spirit from you, who takes away the filling of the Spirit from you, who kicks you out of fellowship, who is withholding rewards, who is thinking you are a loser, who considers you to be a reversionist, who is piling on "scar tissue of the soul," who is waiting to punish you, waiting to discipline you, waiting to give you the sin unto death, and who is always threatening to take away your salvation. You'll use every bible verse against yourself. Who would ever want to worship a God like that? Not me. But I did. This is the god of Roman Catholicism. The result? Guilt. Fear. Misery. Worry. These are among the things that invite mental slavery. First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verse 7 says...

/2TI 1:7

*For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.\*

Take a five-minute break.

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/BREAK

*In Moments Like These  
When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back!

I think it's important to remind ourselves where we are before we go on to an exegesis of First John, Chapter 1 in our next lesson. Especially important is that we share insights gained in our scrutiny of the doctrine of rebound. Remember this...Second Timothy, Chapter 3, Verse 16...

/2TI 3:16-17

*All Scripture is inspired by God and (is) profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; //so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.\*

If the Word of God indicts you...remember Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 1...

/ROM 8:1

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

So don't condemn yourselves, evaluate yourselves. Here are some insights...

/DOCTRINE OF REBOUND

Insight #1

Frequent Spiritual Inventory is a Huge Part of the Christian Way of Life\

I asked you to go into your spiritual closet to evaluate what lies you have purchased in your study of the Word of God over the years, turning them into doctrinal coat hangers...lies from teachers who distort or take liberties with Scripture...and lies purchased by your own complacency in the matter of investigating whether the Scriptures you are learning are so. Second Timothy, Chapter 4, Verse 3 says...

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/2TI 4:3

*For the time will come when they (believers in Christ) will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires... \*

It is apparent that there are individuals in this congregation who are more complacent about their spiritual lives than they are diligent. There are people who tune into this ministry regularly, yet they do so on the periphery because they are not willing to commit themselves or their spiritual gifts to a ministry.

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Insight #2

Spiritual Inventory Means You Expose The Lies In Your Spiritual Closet\

As we study the doctrine of rebound, like all lies, it has a world of truth in it. Rebound is a great word...much better than repentance...it means to bounce back...the doctrine of rebound encourages us to bounce back when we commit post salvation sins, and that is correct...but it also tells us that our sins are not forgiven until we confess, that there is no spiritual life or spirituality without rebound, that prayer is hindered without rebound, that we can pray fervently for forgiveness of sins and our sins are not forgiven because God heeds no prayer offered in a state of carnality...that believers in Christ can lose the filling of the Spirit...that there is a connection between confessing sins and the filling of the Spirit. The lies in this doctrine make it a doctrine to be discarded. We must turn the eyes of our soul to Scripture to see what it has to say on the matter of handling post salvation sins.

/ACT 17:11

*Now these (the believers at Berea) were...noble-minded...for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. \*

I learned how willing you are to accept teaching from people you learn from without checking it out for yourselves.

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### Insight #3

Dealing with the Emotion From the Feeling You Have Been Deceived Is  
“Tempest In A Teapot”\

I learned that you like blaming others when you are deceived instead of acknowledging that you have believed what is being taught without checking. That is the cause level of the problem. Many of you believed the doctrine of rebound without checking because you got it second hand from your parents. Future generations can be cursed by the lack of diligence, displayed by parents, for being accurate; and by your own casual attitude toward critical thinking skill and learning.

When you realize you have purchased a lie, accept the responsibility and get on with it. I am much less emotional now than when this whole thing started, and much more clear, and much more free, by looking at post salvation sinning through the eyes of a loving God who is fair in all of His dealings with His creatures. I can hold freedom and responsibility in my head simultaneously. And I can discard the burden of excessive concern about personal sinning.

/JAM 1:25

*But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.\*

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### Insight #4

Great Students Ask Questions and Great Students are Curious\

It has been fun to watch your curiosity blossom...you tried to turn yourselves into Pastors by consulting the commentaries...not knowing that you may be studying the commentaries of unbelievers...people who are in the dark and don't know your God. Yet if your alertness in lessons increases because of this, you will be able to develop your questions based from the truth you are getting from the Pastor you depend on. More than anything else, this must encourage you to interact with your Pastor...to have dialogue with your Pastor...and I have learned that many of you think you are going to go to hell if you do that. Dialogue between a Pastor and a congregation is

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critical, without turning it into a social society. Some of your great questions...

/YOUR CURIOSITY

How does God want me to handle post salvation sinning?

What is the filling of the Spirit?

What is the indwelling of the Spirit?

Why do we “have to” confess?\

I learned that you have unrealistic expectations in the matter of learning. You expect there to be instant answers rather than taking the time to suck the marrow out of Scripture, slowly and well.

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Insight #5

When we Ask Great Questions, God will lead us to the answers in due time.\

We’re going to ask great questions...

/DOCTRINE TEST

What does this doctrine teach us about the Creator vs. Creature Conflict?

How consistent is this doctrine with the Person, the thinking, the work, the reputation and the essence of God?

What does the bible have to say about the doctrine?\

Fifteen hours of biblical study so far this year...what is really important to God and to me is that you have started thinking again...started questioning again...started being curious again...you have started talking again and you have stopped being passive learners. Don’t ever let it go back to the way it was.

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**/CLOSING SONG**  
I Will\