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Lesson 458 – April 28, 2013

/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Good Morning! First John, Chapter 4, Verse 18 says...

/1JO 4:18

There is no fear in (unconditional) love; but perfect love (unconditional love) casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

Unconditional love comes from our regenerate, New Self nature. Fear is a product of our Old Self nature. There is no place for fear or for cowardice in God's service. Fear is torment in the soul. Fear is the sin that cuts off your thinking.

Fear has a valuable function, however, if we let it. It can drive us right into God's arms. When we are afraid we can easily admit, I can't do this...I don't know how...I'm afraid...and we can ask God to step in and to do anything for us. He will happily intervene on our behalf.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED? no verse...let the verse pop in on the next click>

The Word of God refers to bible study as a time of RENEWING, a great time to let God change your mind. God the Holy Spirit fills your deficiencies of thought with the truths of the Word of God, and He unveils to you the Plan of God the Father for your life. John, Chapter 15, Verse 11 says...

/JOH 15:11

*"These things I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." *

The Lord's joy keeps filling the deficiencies in our joy, regardless of what circumstance might be our present reality. The Lord has made perfect provision for our happiness. We simply choose to let His happiness pervade our lives. Welcome to a place where you can "in humility 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

You Don't Have to Beg\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song, as you think about the Lord and as you let those thoughts bring you joy. The opening song is... YOU DON'T HAVE TO BEG.

/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 understand the difference unconditional love makes...

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

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Rory Clark

Pastor-Teacher\

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher, a gift given to me by God for the purpose of equipping you believers in Christ for the work of service. 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

Unconditional Love Separates

First, a few announcements....

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/ANNOUNCEMENTS\

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is May 12, 2013

The Mother's Day Celebration\

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOMECOMING

for the

"Soon to Be Resident" Congregation

June 15-16\

The weekend is being coordinated by Deacon Caleb Alburn and Mandy Alburn...registration is on the website. Please register if you are coming, so we can know how many people to plan for (so far 31 + 2)...Pastor John Farley will be joining us for the event on Saturday!

Lessons will be in the morning both days. About two hours of biblical study along with other events that let us get to know our "Soon to Be Resident" Congregation Members. We will finish by noon on Sunday. We're looking forward to having a gathering of all the congregation members, and we hope you'll make time for it.

<MY TOUR OF DUTY IN NON-RESIDENT CONGREGATIONS>

/Mark Your Calendars!

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

BIBLE CONFERENCE

August 9\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Bible Study

June 30

August 25

September 1

December 8

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December 29\

Please make sure these dates are on your calendars

/Thank You Deacons
Caleb, Elliott, and Denny\

For the excellent lessons posted on April 21...last week.

/BARAH MINISTRIES
ON PAL TALK!\

Beginning this Monday, April 29, Barah Ministries will be on Pal Talk courtesy of Deacon Larry and Pat Collins who are now welcome members of Barah Ministries. From Monday to Friday every week there will be a lesson at 5PM PDT...5PM MST...6PM MDT...7PM CDT...and 8PM EDT. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be a replay of our Sunday lessons...then on Thursday and Friday replays of previous important lessons.

The Monday broadcast begins with a twenty-minute prayer meeting...and then proceeds into the lesson. Tuning into these lessons is easy to do. Here's the process...

/BARAH MINISTRIES ON PAL TALK revealing

www.paltalk.com

Download the software

Choose a nickname

Sign into the Royal Family Room

Listen!\

If you can't find the Royal family Room, let us know, and we'll send you an invitation. Let us know at Pastor@barahministries.com This is a very welcome bit of progress for this ministry...thanks to Deacon Larry Collins and Pat Collins for coordinating it.

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Next, let's take the offering. Let's welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

/Barah Ministries Financial Policy

No price appears on any material from Barah Ministries so that anyone who desires biblical teaching may have it free of charge.\

/OFFERING VERSE

LUK 15:29

“But he answered and said to his father, ‘Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends...’”

/OFFERING VERSE

1TH 1:3

...constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

2CO 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.

/OFFERING SONG

Shine Jesus Shine

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It's easy to see, upon a surface inspection of it, that there are similarities between Christianity and religion... similarities between Christianity and legalism. Yet it is not the similarities that we must inspect. We must inspect the differences. In a comparison between Roman Catholicism and Christianity, it's easy to say that both disciplines believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Since this similarity exists, it would be easy, on the surface, to conclude that Christianity and Roman Catholicism are the same. Yet a deeper inspection would reveal that Roman Catholics do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ of biblical Christianity. The Lord Jesus Christ of biblical Christianity said on the Cross...in John, Chapter 19, Verse 30...

/JOH 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross finished the work of salvation, our redemption, once and for all time. Galatians, Chapter 3, verse 13 says...

/GAL 3:13

(The Lord Jesus) 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"

Roman Catholicism does not believe that Christ's work on the Cross finished salvation and the work of redemption. Therefore the Christ of Roman Catholicism needs help to finish redemption. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Verse 1405 says...

/CCC 1405

There is no surer pledge or dearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and new earth "in which righteousness dwells," than the Eucharist...every time this mystery is celebrated, "the work of our redemption is carried on" and we "break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ."\

The same is true of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, also known as the Mormons and LDS. They allege to believe in Christ, but they do not believe He is God, and they do not believe he is co-equal, co-infinite and co-eternal...they do not believe that He is the same in essence as God

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the Father and God the Holy Spirit. They believe that the three are separate beings, not One God in three separate and distinct persons.

Therefore, it is not the similarities we inspect...it is the differences, when we compare Christianity and religion or Christianity and legalism. Why? Because differences separate. Take a five-minute break and we'll look at how this connects to unconditional love.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

Unconditional love separates. While Christians, believers in Christ, may be similar to unbelievers in a lot of ways...often even undistinguishable from an unbeliever in conduct, there are foundational and invisible differences that separate...one of those is the ability to express unconditional love.

To be sure, Gandhi, Buddha, Muhammad, and Martin Luther King, to name a few, may have indeed been good men, similar in many ways to Jesus Christ in His true humanity...yet I think it is safe to say that there were big differences...none of these men died on a Cross to pay for sins (1PE 2:24)...none of these men rose from the dead (MAT 28:6, JOH 11:25, 1CO 15:20)...none of these men were born without a sin nature (MAT 1:23)...none of these men lived sinless lives (HEB 4:15).

Unconditional love separates. Conditional love is an “I love you if” philosophy. I love you if you are “good.” I don’t love you if you are “bad.” Unconditional love is an “I love you no matter what” philosophy. I love you if you are “good.” I love you if you are “bad.” I love you if you are heinous and despicable. When we, as Christians, fail at living this unconditional love, we are missing the most important lesson in biblical Christianity because unconditional love separates. What kind of love does your parenting reflect?

Unconditional love separates when we are parenting. Christian parents who incorporate unconditional love into raising children are reflecting the love of their divine parent. Christian parents who incorporate conditional love into raising children are reflecting the actions of unbelievers. In other words,

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they are not living the difference that separates. Our divine parent has a parenting plan...

/PARENTING VISION

2PE 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish (in the lake of fire) but for all to come to repentance (a change of mind about the Lord Jesus Christ).\

/PARENTING OBJECTIVE (Salvation)

ACT 16:31

They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and (everyone in) your household (who also believes)."\

/PARENTING STRATEGY (Salvation)

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.\

/PARENTING OBJECTIVE (The Christian Way of Living)

2PE 3:18

...but grow in the (sphere of) grace and (in the) knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.\

/PARENTING STRATEGY (The Christian Way of Living)

EPH 4:22-24

...in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, //and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, //and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.\

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Our divine parent, our God, has a parenting plan for our lives, and it has a vision of our future...an objective for each of the phases of our lives...a strategy for each phase...and tactics for each phase's plan. What are tactics?

/TACTICS

The detailed actions that support an objective and a strategy...the milestones of progress that are part of a plan\

In God's plan for us as Christians, there is a milestone that allow us to experience religiosity...there is a milestone that allows us to experience legalism...there is a milestone that allows us to experience lasciviousness... there is a milestone that allows us to go through a period of anti-nomian attitude...not that the Lord would have us do any of these things, nor that He actually wants us to experience these things, but that He knows we will and He allows them for our instruction. Turn in your bibles to James, Chapter 1, Verse 13...

/JAM 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God;" for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

/JAM 1:14

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

/JAM 1:15

Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

/JAM 1:16

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Said another way, God is not interested in us doing things that hurt ourselves, but He is willing to allow us to learn through our mistakes. Do you have this attitude with your children? Or are you expecting them to live up to some lame human expectation that you are imposing on them, thinking that when they do this lame thing, that they will be right in your eyes? That is conditional love at its finest...indistinguishable from the approach of unbeliever parents.

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So what are some of the tactics that you can employ in your parenting plan as it develops?

/PARENTING TACTIC

Win Your Children's Hearts\

Many parents are simply tyrants. They assume that because they are parents, they are “owed” respect. Therefore they do not think they have the responsibility as parents and as leaders to win the hearts of their children.

This is absurd in any realm. It's absurd in the realm of sports. A coach cannot come into a situation and demand respect, even if he is accomplished.

<PHIL JACKSON>

It's absurd in the Christian Way of Life. The Lord doesn't assume that because He created us we owe Him our loyalty or respect. Look at the unbeliever. He is created by God yet he rejects a relationship with God. And that is His prerogative. God considers it His job to win the unbeliever over, and He does it with unconditional love.

Here's the truth...if your children don't perceive your love as unconditional, ultimately it drives them away.

What are you doing as parents to win the hearts of your children?

<MY EXPERIENCE...THAT SUMMER>

What is your parenting plan? Make sure it is chock full of unconditional love.

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/CLOSING SONG

Count It All Joy\

CLOSING VERSES

/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.”

/1PE 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.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
PETITION

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!

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