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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Good Morning! Acts, Chapter 6, Verse 7 says...

/ACT 6:7

The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the (Jewish Levitical) priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? That was the question of Nathaniel when he heard about Jesus of Nazareth, the Savior of the world...the One who would go to the Cross on our behalf to give us Light and life. We are happy to be here today to learn about the good things He has in store for us on the other side of the cross.

<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 thinking. Isaiah, Chapter 40, Verse 31 says...

/ISA 40:31

...those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

The Lord fills up our deficiencies with new thinking that gives us the strength to endure, regardless of the difficulty of the circumstances that are our present reality. The Lord has made perfect provision for our strength. We simply choose to depend on Him. We enjoy the freedom He offers and we enjoy the blessings that our Lord obtained for us at the Cross. Welcome to a place where you can “in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.”

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

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When I Say I Love You\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song, as you think about what the Lord means when He says He is love. The opening song is...WHEN I SAY I LOVE YOU.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...(0:30)

Show us how You use tribulation to build our character...

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.

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The Unconditional Love in Our Hearts Comes From the Spirit

First, a few announcements....

/ANNOUNCEMENTS

/Congratulations Graduate!
Jamie Mastrocola
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography
Arizona State University\

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/Prayers
John Miller
Kidney Stone\

/Prayers
Meredith DeSmet
Update\

Meredith is home...

/Prayers
Logan Johnston
Update\

He's up and at 'em again...he must have that Ben Johnston hard head!

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is June 9, 2013\

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOMECOMING
for the
"Soon to Be Resident" Congregation
June 15-16\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study
June 30
August 25
September 1
December 8
December 29\

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Barah Ministries is 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...

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Next, let's take the offering.

/THE OFFERING
Deacon Elliott Clark\

/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.\

/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
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The Unconditional Love in Our Hearts Comes From the Spirit

The Lord's Supper is a table of fellowship designed by God for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a reenactment of a portion of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread...the Passover Celebration. It is a commemoration of the finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross. John Chapter 19, Verse 30 says...

/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.

When the Lord finished the work that provided for our "so great" salvation, He dismissed His human spirit into the care of God the Father. It was the finish of His thirty-three year earthly ministry, and it was the finish of the personal sins of CREATURES ever being held against them by the CREATOR. The Lord's finished work on the Cross removed the barrier to relationship between the CREATOR and His CREATURES, and introduced the possibility of a glorious future for all mankind. First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24 says...

/1PE 2:24

...and He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) bore our sins in His (own) body (in His true humanity) on the Cross, so that we might die to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature) and (so that we might) live to righteousness (within its sphere); for by His wounds you were healed.

The Lord's Supper is a chance to bring to our consciousness the evidence of the Lord's unconditional love, which He demonstrated to us...

/JOH 15:13

*"Greater (unconditional) love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." *

The Lord considers all of His Creatures to be His friends. When we celebrate The Lord's Supper, we look back to the Cross and see "greater love" actions...through crucifixion and resurrection, the Lord demonstrated

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His unconditional love for us...First John, Chapter 4, Verse 19 says...

/1JO 4:19

We love (unconditionally), because He (God the Father) first loved us (unconditionally).\

Regarding the Lord's Supper the Lord makes a request to our free will...

<SLIDE: This Do in Remembrance of Me>

“...to keep on doing this in remembrance of Him.”

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

As we look back to the Cross, the Lord wants us to remember how much He loves us. First John, Chapter 4, Verse 8 says...

/1JO 4:8

The one who does not love (unconditionally) does not know God (the Father), for God (the Father) is (unconditional) love.\

As a result of the Cross, the forgiveness of our sins is an established fact. God wants us to forgive others, just as He has forgiven us. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 32 says...

/EPH 4:32

Be(come) kind (thoughtful) to one another, tender-hearted (compassionate toward others), (graciously) forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.\

When someone loves us they show us...when people shower us with unconditional love, it is unmistakable in character...we realize their love toward us is an established fact. We simply need to ACCEPT the beauty of this unconditional love. We simply choose to ACCEPT the established fact of this reality as part of our life. Our God wanted to give us gifts. He did the work to provide the gifts. We merely ACCEPT. This is what we celebrate at each Lord's Supper...the established facts that pertain to a Lord who demonstrated His unconditional love for us by laying down His life for

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us. He only asks us to ACCEPT what He has done for us, and He asks us to take time to remember.

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Enjoying the Elements

Therefore, following God's request, we keep on celebrating CHRIST on a regular basis...we eat to remember who He is...His Person...we drink to remember His Work at the Cross, the voluntary sacrifice He made on our behalf...and we are grateful. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

/1CO 11:23-24

For I (Paul) received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; //and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is (and keeps on being) My body, which is (broken) for you; (keep on) do(ing) this in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me."\

When we eat the bread during the Lord's Supper celebration, we remember the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26 say...

/1CO 11:25-26

In the same way He (the Lord Jesus Christ) took the cup (representing His death on the Cross) also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant (testament) in (the sphere of) My blood (through spiritual and physical death); (keep on) do(ing) this, as often as you drink it, in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.//For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."\

When we drink the cup, we remember the Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the bread in memory of the Lord's Person...and the cup in memory of the Lord's Work...as you do, we'll listen to the Lord's Supper Song...GIVE THANKS.

/LORD'S SUPPER SONG

Give Thanks

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Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back! Turn to Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 1...Romans, Chapter 5, in the first eleven verses informs us of the glorious results that come from being justified by faith...as we look at the first five verses of Romans, Chapter 5, some questions for reflection...

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

<ON GEODESIC DOME SLIDE>

Do you live in the sphere of God's peace?\

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 1 tells us about our past...

/ROM 5:1

*Therefore, having been justified by (means of) faith (by being legally declared by God to be in the sphere of God's absolute righteousness in the past), we (believers in Christ now) have peace with God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ... *

Yes...believers in Christ live in the sphere of God's peace because God has given us His absolute righteousness! God has nothing against you. God loves you unconditionally. When you look back to the Cross...you must see God's peace with the eyes of your soul. The Lord Jesus Christ is your advocate...He intercedes for you...He settled all matters concerning you at that Cross at which we look back...it is an established fact that your sins were FULLY JUDGED at the Cross...so you can rest in the sphere of God's peace. Another question for reflection...

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

<ON GEODESIC DOME SLIDE>

Do you live in the sphere of God's grace?\

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 2a tells us about our present...

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/ROM 5:2a

*... (the Lord Jesus Christ) through whom also (additionally) we have obtained our introduction (direct access to God) by (means of our) faith (that we expressed in the past) into this (sphere of) grace in which we stand (right now)... *

Yes... believers in Christ live in the sphere of God's grace! Grace is a playground of freedom in which you are free to learn, free to grow, free to make mistakes, knowing that God accepts you, that He loves you unconditionally, that He forgives you, and that it is His will to give everything to you. What is grace?

/GRACE

A free gift given to all mankind by the Creator, expressed by His actions of extending mercy, loving-kindness, salvation, and divine assets to His Creatures... a dimension of divine thought in which God meets human indifference and rebellion with an inexhaustible capacity to forgive and to bless... a divine thought process that underlies God's entire viewpoint of unconditional love for His Creatures. \

God's grace makes it clear that He is totally for you; therefore, no one and nothing can be successful against you. Another question for reflection...

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

<ON GEODESIC DOME SLIDE>

Do you live in the sphere of God's glory? \

Yes! When you look to the future, as a believer in Christ, you have the hope of glory... look at Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 2b...

/ROM 5:2b

*... and we exult (with inward confidence) in (the future) hope (the confident expectation) of the glory of God. *

We are invited to a guaranteed future within the sphere of God's glory forever and ever. Because of this guarantee, you can count on a glorious future in God's presence. God's promises and God's gifts are forever... John, Chapter 14, Verse 16 says...

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/JOH 14:16

“I (the Lord Jesus Christ) will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (a Parakletos), that He (God the Holy Spirit) may be with you forever...”

As a result, believers in Christ can make this proclamation...

/PROCLAMATION

Because I am a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone at a single moment in time, I can look back at the Cross, and I can ACCEPT as an established and irrevocable fact that I AM at peace with God, fully forgiven; I can ACCEPT as an established and irrevocable fact that I HAVE a grace in which to stand and my mistakes will never again be counted against me; and I can ACCEPT as an established and irrevocable fact that I WILL live in glory at a future time, because I know the best is yet to come in my life.\

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

What do you have to look forward to as a result of your justification by faith?\

Romans, Chapter 5, Verses 3 to 5 says...

/ROM 5:3-4

*And not only this (peace, this sphere of grace in which to stand, and this hope of glory), but we (believers in Christ) also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; //and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope... *

/ROM 5:5

*...and hope does not disappoint (put us to shame), because the (unconditional) love of God (the Father) has been poured out within our hearts through (God) the Holy Spirit who was given to us. *

We are to rejoice in the face of tribulation... according to James, Chapter 1, Verses 2 and 3...

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/JAM 1:2-3

*Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,
//knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*

We are to see tribulation as one of the many gifts we have from our God. In the Lord's Supper, we rejoice because of His tribulations on our behalf... during our time on earth, we get to share His sufferings...and we are excited about tribulation because it is a gift from God that produces a chain reaction of spiritual wealth for us...what spiritual wealth?

/PERSEVERANCE

The ability to endure difficulties without quitting\

/PROVEN CHARACTER

Distinctive qualities that make the maturing Christian obviously different from others\

/HOPE

The absolute confidence that God can and will deliver us in every circumstance\

Our faith in God is what produces in us hope...the absolute confidence that God keeps all His promises...and if that were not enough...God give us the Holy Spirit as a pledge...Second Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verses 21 and 22 say...

/2CO 1:21-22

Now He who establishes us with you in (union with) Christ and (He who) anointed us is God (the Father),//who also sealed us and gave us (God) the (Holy) Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

We Church Age believers are indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, and we rejoice because we have God Himself guaranteeing our safety, our eternal security, and our victory in this life. We can expect things to go well for us because the Godhead is preparing us to meet every tribulation. With God the Holy Spirit in our hearts, in the face of any tribulation, we can reflect the unconditional love of God to everyone we meet. In that way we are living symbols, every bit as powerful as the Cross and every bit as powerful as the

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Resurrection from the dead, because God made us this way. Second Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verses 2 and 3 say...

/2CO 3:2-3

You (believers in Christ) are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; //being manifested (made visible) that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the (Holy) Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

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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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