

## THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

Lesson 473 – June 2, 2013

### /WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

**Good Morning!**

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

Good Morning! First Timothy, Chapter 1, Verses 5 and 18 and 19 say...

/1TI 1:5

*But the goal of our instruction is (to teach unconditional) love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.\*

/1TI 1:18

*This command I (Paul) entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight...\*

/1TI 1:19

*...keeping (the) faith and a good conscience, which some (Pastors) have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.\*

Imagine your best self. The truth of the Word of God is chipping away at the impurities we have adopted which we think are valuable so that God can make us into our best selves...and He will succeed. Our study of the bible is the chisel that chips away any thinking that is not in line with our best selves. We merely stay the course to avoid the shipwreck of living the Old Self Life with our bodies with a New Self mentality. Faith in God produces a good conscience, the ability to discern what works from what does not work.

<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 the Word of God increase your faith. Titus, Chapter 3, Verse 5 says...

/TIT 3:5

*He (the Lord Jesus Christ) saved (delivered) us...by the washing of regeneration and (through) renewing by the Holy Spirit...\*

The Holy Spirit restores us with new thinking that gives us the strength to endure. 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

Essence of God\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song, as you think about how much the Lord loves you. The opening song is...ESSENCE OF GOD.

### **/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 see your hand in every successfully relationship...help us see your absence as the ruination of every relationship...

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

### **/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES**

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. We often turn to others to get what only God can give us...an unconditional love that is intense and personal and passionate.

### **/TODAY'S STUDY**

**Unconditional Love is the Savior of Relationships\**

First, a few announcements....

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**/ANNOUNCEMENTS\**

/Mark Your Calendars!

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

NEXT WEEK!\

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOMECOMING

for the

“Soon to Be Resident” Congregation

June 15-16\

Just Two Weeks Away!

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study

June 30

August 25

September 1

December 8

December 29\

/Happy Birthday!

Tony LoGrasso

June 1\

47 years old. His bone marrow transplant happened August 14 of last year.

He ran in a 10K race in Royal Oak Michigan yesterday.

/Happy Birthday!

Jennifer LoGrasso

June 2\

/Happy Birthday!

Norbert Baird

June 5\

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/Happy Birthday!  
Monica Miller  
June 7\

/BARAH MINISTRIES  
On Pal Talk!\

Barah Ministries is on Pal Monday to Friday at 7PM CDT. Tuning into these lessons is easy to do. Here's the process...

/BARAH MINISTRIES ON PAL TALK revealing

[www.paltalk.com](http://www.paltalk.com)

Download the software

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Listen!\

Next, let's take the offering.

**/THE OFFERING**

Deacon Elliott Clark\

/Barah Ministries Financial Policy

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/COL 3:23

*Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men... \*

/COL 3:24

*...knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. \*

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/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**

*As the Deer\*

### **/TODAY'S STUDY**

**Unconditional Love is the Savior of Relationships\**

We continue our study of the CREATOR.

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

Who is the CREATOR? Our Creator is Jesus Christ...He is our Lord...He is our Savior...He is our God...First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verses 3 to 5 say...

/1TI 2:3-4

*This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, //who desires all men to be saved and (for all men) to come to the knowledge of the truth.\*

/1TI 2:5

*For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, //who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.\*

We're studying an aspect of our CREATOR'S essence called unconditional love...Tick Tock...what time is it on the CREATOR CLOCK?

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE no dial>

It's First Corinthians Thirteen O'clock on the Creator Clock! First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13 says...

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/1CO 13:13

*But now faith, hope, love, abide (in the sphere of) these three; but the greatest of these is (unconditional) love.\*

How are your relationships working? Human history exists because of a divorce, a failed relationship between the Lord Jesus Christ and His bodyguard, Satan. I have watched Christians go through divorce, I have gone through one myself, and it is interesting to watch them use the entire bible against themselves as they go through the divorce. Most of the Christians I have seen contemplate a divorce or go through a divorce want to know where the exact verses are in the bible that say that is okay with God if we divorce. Pastor, where are the verses that let me off the hook? Where are the verses that say it's not my fault? Where are the verses that say I get a free pass? Where are the verses that say God won't hate me if I get a divorce? For many Christians, the first time they think about applying the Word of God to marriage is when they are getting a divorce. Hebrews, Chapter 4, Verse 15 and 16 say...

/HEB 4:15

*For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.\*

/HEB 4:16

*Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.\*

When relationships hurt, we must draw near to the Savior of relationships.

I can remember back in my religious days, as a Roman Catholic, that people who were going through a divorce would say, "What would Jesus know about marriage? He was never married. He can't understand me." Yes He can. From the CREATOR'S point of view, every relationship that He is in is a marriage. He has had trillions of marriages, and many broken ones. He understands relationships and us very well.

Relationships have elements.

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Relationships are built on the foundation of unconditional love...the key element to successful relationships. Unconditional love is the Savior of relationships...pun intended. Think about it...the reason we are alive is because the Lord Jesus Christ values a Creature who has totally rejected Him, and who will never see Him as He is ever again...a creature He gave everything to.

Without unconditional love, relationships die. Without unconditional love, relationships fail.

No one can live up to your expectations of perfection in a relationship. I always laugh when people want to leave a marriage when “cheating” is involved. It’s as if the person who is the victim of the indiscretion somehow believed that they married a person who would be perfect...or when lying happens...or when any mistake happens...we want to leave. Did you actually think you were marrying a perfect person? Do you think the next person is going to be different? Better?

Now, when you are at the wrong end of a betrayal, it hurts...and I certainly don’t want to make light of it...I have been at the wrong end of many betrayals. Cheating, lying, or any other breach of a relationship is a breach of trust. We make ourselves vulnerable to another, and they hurt us. Yet we are not marrying perfect people. We are not in relationships with perfect people. We are in relationships with imperfect humans.

And by the way...to all you perpetrators of hurt out there...these comments don’t let you off the hook. What you do hurts badly.

Yet God has given us things that we have control over, which repair relationships...the foundational one is unconditional love. Take a five-minute break and we’ll discuss the others.

/BREAK

*When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back!

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Unconditional love is an element of relationships.

/UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

A love not hindered by conditions or expectations\

Most people can't get their heads wrapped around the idea of unconditional love because they don't consider the fact that freedom must flow between the souls of people in relationships.

Freedom is an element of relationships.

<ELEMENTS OF RELATIONSHIPS SLIDE>

Again, freedom must flow between the souls of people in relationships. For most people, relationships are a prison, and the person with whom they are in relationship is a puppet. The puppet is acceptable when they are doing what we want them to do...when they are serving us...and they are a thing to be put down...like a puppet...when they don't move to the beat of our pulling of the strings.

How does it feel to be looking for a relationship, knowing that what you are looking for is someone who does what you want them to do, when you want them to do it, the way you want them to do it, all the time, every time? You wonder why you don't have a relationship? You wonder why the relationships you have don't work? With this Satanic approach to relationships, it's a wonder most of us have friends. Because what is a friend? For most of us a friend is someone who agrees with everything we say. When they don't agree with us, they are to be discarded. Wouldn't friendships go so well if we would just let other people call us, dump all their crap out on us (venting I think it's called), and then hang up, while we are left with their pile of garbage draped from our heads. That's what many human friendships are like.

Another element of relationships is giving, not taking.

/GIVING

To present something to someone voluntarily, without expecting compensation\



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We give because we want to. I laugh when people ask me what I need in our relationship. It's a question I would never consider asking. If you have to ask, you aren't paying attention in your relationship. That doesn't mean it isn't worth asking, but generally speaking, if you have to ask, you aren't paying attention. I find it interesting that God would never consider asking that question. I find it interesting that it would be rare for us to ask a child what they need from us in a relationship (I always found it valuable to get my kid's perspective, but I also knew what I wanted to give). Kids would just say, "I need a juice box," anyway! That's all kids care about.

God gives to us voluntarily. He leads us to victory, He protects us, He makes us secure, He offers compassion, He gives mercy, He cares, He offers wisdom, He gives us affection, He guides us, He nurtures us, He loves us, all without asking. He comes closer to us when we hurt...He doesn't move farther away. If God hurt us, which He never does, He would never consider asking us what He had to do to make us feel better. He'd just go back to the beginning of the list.

Another element of relationships is forgiving.

/FORGIVE

To absolve someone of debt...to not hold an offense against someone\

Hurts in relationship are inevitable. We may never forget the hurts, but we can choose not to hold the hurts we feel against the other person. We can choose to continue the relationship as we process through the hurts.

Forgiving is voluntary. It is totally under your control.

I chuckle when people don't forgive. What a trick bag! Get this. People think forgiving is for the other person. Forgiving is for YOU! Imagine that you are holding something against someone, and you want them to pay! You want them to make you whole, the one who hurt you in the first place. Most of the people who hurt us don't care about us, so they'd never be interested in making us whole. But if they were interested, and they tried to make us whole, we wouldn't let them. What a phenomenal trick bag! How many of you are walking around today holding things against others and thinking that one day they are going to make you whole. It's foolish. They are not going to make you whole and you wouldn't let them.

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Forgiving others lets US off the hook. It gives us a chance to release the negative feelings and to start fresh. If you accumulate hurts in a relationship, there is no quicker way to damage it. I think psychologists call the accumulation of hurts “gunny sacking.” Can you imagine if God held the sins of every person against them what a load he’d be carrying around? Trillions of people and gazillions of sins. Turn in your bibles to Ezekiel, Chapter 16...

<Read Ezekiel, Chapter 16, verses 1-19>

In relationships, you can be hurt, especially without the elements of giving, forgiving, freedom, and unconditional love.

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We need to stop looking at relationships with fantasy eyes, expecting they are anything but what they are. Relationships can be magnificent. But relationships hurt. Without a Savior, relationships are pretty hard...because what we bring to relationships, Satan’s self focus, can never sustain a relationship or make it beautiful and worthwhile. But what the Lord Jesus Christ brings to relationships...giving, forgiving, freedom, and unconditional love, make them totally worthwhile.

We have one relationship that will never go away...that will never be deficient...it’s our relationship with a faithful God.

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### /CLOSING SONG

He is Faithful\

### 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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