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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

Let's Make a Mental Shift

Good morning! Ephesians, Chapter 1, Verses 4 to 8 say...

/EPH 1:4-5

In (unconditional) love//He (God the Father) predestined us to adoption as (adult) sons through (the Lord) Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His (God the Father's) will...

/EPH 1:6-8

...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.//In Him (the Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ) we have redemption through His blood, (and we have) the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace//which He lavished on us...

In just a few verses we learn that the entire Godhead elected us to the privilege of salvation, predestined us to receive the resources necessary to be perfected, adopted us as adult sons, bestowed grace upon us, forgave our trespasses, and lavished spiritual blessings on us. These are just a few of the things we learn as we uncover the richness of the Word of God through biblical study. We are beneficiaries of the “kind intention of God’s will.”

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

Welcome to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING...Colossians, Chapter 3, Verse 10 says...

/COL 3:10

...put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him...

God the Holy Spirit changes our minds. We tune out the ramblings of KCOS, the world system of thought, and we tune into the guidance of WGod, as God the Holy Spirit broadcasts new thoughts for us to think which power the New Self Life. We are strengthened with power from the SOURCE of God the Holy Spirit’s glorious might. Welcome to a place where you can “in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is

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able to save your souls.”

/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\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's listen to June Murphy worship our Lord in song...the opening song is the voice of God expressing His unconditional love for you...the song is WHEN I SAY I LOVE YOU.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Help us to change our perspective...help us to see You and ourselves and others through Your eyes so we can truly feel what it means to love others as You do...unconditionally...

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 building up of God's Royal Family...the Church...the body of Christ...as the bride of Christ. It is my job to help you become fruitful through the true knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...fruitful through the development of a deep, intimate and personal relationship with Him.

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/TODAY'S STUDY

Unconditional Love Invites You to See Relationships Through God's Eyes

It's all Monica Miller's fault. The recent birthday girl and the impetus behind Barah Ministries' Coeur D'Alene Bible Conference, along with her husband John, picked at a scab in a way only her gentleness could. "You know Pastor, not all marriages are bad," she said to me in our last phone conversation. All of a sudden I knew how the Japanese at Hiroshima felt, because it was a nuclear explosion in my mind. "Thank you for telling me that," was my comment at the time, if I remember right. But as soon as I got off the phone, my thumbs were in my ears, my tongue was out, and I was mumbling her words to myself in that mocking voice that irritates all of you so much... "You know Pastor, not all marriages are bad..."

It was obvious that my thinking about relationships needed a little rehabilitation. So it's Monica Miller's fault that our attention has turned to relationships in our study of unconditional love. Thank you Monica. With no thumbs in the ears, with no tongue out, with no mocking...thank you. And thank God.

I am not able in relationships. You know that without me telling you. Yet I love relationships. I love people. And most importantly, I love. I know how to love unconditionally, and I have known how since our Lord gave me the gift of the Indwelling Holy Spirit half a century ago. I have evidence of unconditional love expressed toward others throughout my lifetime. Yet I still feel inadequate and unable in relationships. And I certainly know that I have been looking at them in the wrong way for a long time.

But now...God has revealed to us what He has always been revealing to us...the elements of a relationship... the essence of relationship...the foundation that is the Savior of relationships...and it a pleasure to be sharing these elements with you from my own inadequacy.

I have looked at relationships, and I'm sure you are my companions in this malady, from Satan's point of view. Through our study of unconditional love, I can now look at relationships without Satan's influence...and when I look at God without Satan's influence, what do I see? I see the elements of great relationships...the Savior of great relationships...through God the

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Holy Spirit's influence on me, as my Mentor and my Teacher and my Guide...I can see relationships clearly now, and what they require to thrive.

When I look at how God treats relationships, what do I see?

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From God's point of view, relationships thrive on a foundation of unconditional love, with healthy doses of giving, forgiving, freedom, and grace thrown in. When I start to look at life from behind God's eyes...

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...I see everything differently, including myself. When I look at myself through God's eyes, what do I see? I see that I am a work in progress...that He is perfecting me...that He completes me...and I see that He is on the job in these matters every moment...Lamentations, Chapter 3, Verses 22 through 25 say...

/LAM 3:22

The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.\

We may be down...but we are never out...

/LAM 3:23

They (the Lord's lovingkindnesses and compassions) are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.\

God never turns His back on His creatures, even the ones who turn their backs on Him. His unconditional love is loyal. God's love for us cannot be exhausted or limited.

/LAM 3:24

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope (absolute confidence) in Him."\

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/LAM 3:25

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, (the Lord is good) to the person who seeks Him.

When I see God as He is...when I see myself as He sees me, I can see others differently as well...just as He sees them. When I look at others through God's eyes, what do I see?

/LOOKING AT OTHERS THROUGH GOD'S EYES reveals

Needs...which call for giving
Injury to myself...which calls for forgiving
People...they are not objects and they need love
The need for acceptance...which calls for freedom
Mistakes...which calls for grace\

Others need from us what God gives to us, all of the elements of relationship.

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So when we ask, "What does God want from me?" in the matter of relationships, we have our answer. God wants His viewpoint in us. Philippians, Chapter 2, Verses 5 to 11 say...

/PHI 2:5

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus... *

/PHI 2:6

*...who, although He existed in the form of God (the same in essence), did not regard equality with God (the Father) a thing to be grasped (seized and held)... *

/PHI 2:7

...but (the Lord Jesus Christ) emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

/PHI 2:8

Being found in appearance as a man, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) humbled

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(humiliated) Himself by becoming obedient to (God the Father to) the point of death, even death on a Cross.

/PHI 2:9

For this reason also, God (the Father) highly exalted Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), and bestowed on Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) the name which is above every name...

/PHI 2:10

...so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth...

/PHI 2:11

...and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Lord Jesus Christ wants me to see life through His eyes. The Lord Jesus Christ wants YOU to see life through His eyes.

<JESUS IN RIO STATUE>

The Lord Jesus Christ wants both of us to see relationships through His eyes.

/BREAK

*Shine Jesus Shine
When I Think About Home*

Welcome back!

Here's how God treats relationships...

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...with unconditional love...First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13...

/1CO 13:13

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

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First John, Chapter 4, Verses 7 and 8...

/1JO 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another (unconditionally), for (unconditional) love is from (the SOURCE of) God; and everyone who loves (unconditionally) is born of God and knows God.

/1JO 4:8

The one who does not love (unconditionally) does not know God (he is an unbeliever), for God is (unconditional) love.

What does God want from us in the matter of relationships? First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 1...

/1CO 13:1

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have (unconditional) love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

He wants us to love unconditionally. What is unconditional love like? First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verses 4 to 7...

/1CO 13:4

(Unconditional) Love is patient, (unconditional) love is kind and is not jealous; (unconditional) love does not brag and is not arrogant...

/1CO 13:5

...(unconditional) does not act unbecomingly; it (unconditional) does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered...

/1CO 13:6

...(unconditional) does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth...

/1CO 13:7

...(unconditional) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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...with giving...John, Chapter 1, Verses 12 and 13...

/JOH 1:12

*But as many as (whosoever) received Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name... *

/JOH 1:13

...who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but (who were born again...spiritual birth...of the SOURCE of THE) God (the Lord Jesus Christ).

John, Chapter 3, Verse 16...

/JOH 3:16

*“For God (the Father) so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten (uniquely born) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), that who(so)ever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” *

Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 8...

/EPH 4:8

*Therefore it says, “WHEN HE (the Lord Jesus Christ) ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.” *

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...in freedom...Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 1...

/GAL 5:1

*It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm (in the sphere of freedom) and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. *

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...in grace. What is grace?

/GRACE

A divine thought process that underlies God's entire viewpoint of unconditional love for His creatures...a free gift given to all mankind by the Creator, expressed by His actions of extending mercy, lovingkindness, 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 give, to forgive and to bless.\

John, Chapter 1, Verses 16 and 17 say...

/JOH 1:16

For of His fullness we have ALL received, and grace upon grace.

/JOH 1:17

For the (Mosaic) Law was given through Moses; (but) grace and truth were realized through (the Lord) Jesus Christ.

Romans, Chapter 5, Verses 20 and 21...

/ROM 5:20

The (Mosaic) Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more...

/ROM 5:21

...so that, as sin reigned (as sovereign) in (spiritual) death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life (the Zoe Life) through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Peter, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 4 say...

/2PE 1:1

To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ...

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/2PE 1:2

*Grace and peace be MULTIPLIED to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus (Christ) our Lord... *

/2PE 1:3

*...seeing that His divine power has granted to us EVERYTHING pertaining to (the details of) life and (to) godliness (the spiritual life), through the true knowledge of Him who called us (by inviting us to be saved) by His own glory and excellence. *

/2PE 1:4

*For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. *

Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 7...

/EPH 4:7

*But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. *

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...in forgiveness. Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 1...

/ROM 8:1

*Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *

Matthew, Chapter 6, Verses 14 and 15 say...

/MAT 6:14

*“For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” *

/MAT 6:15

*“But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.” *

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If we are to DEMONSTRATE our fellowship with God, then we are to forgive as He forgives...a Christian who does not forgive does not reflect the Lord Jesus Christ. First John, Chapter 2, Verse 12...

/1JO 2:12

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

It's all Monica Miller's fault. Now I can hear when the Lord is speaking to me about the difficult relationships in my life. When I ask, "Lord, what do you want from me?" He says, "Rory...I want you to care for this person I sent you...it may not seem like it's worth it to you...but it's worth it to Me. Read John, Chapter 13, Verse 34 Rory..."

/JOH 13:34

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." *

"Rory?" God said. "Yes Lord? "I want you to love others as I love them." "But Lord," I said, "That's going to be hard!" The Lord said, "If it wasn't hard, I'd have picked someone else to do it!"

The Lord's not just talking to me is He? He's talking to you as well.

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/CLOSING SONG

Come See a Man\

CLOSING VERSES

/PHI 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He (God the Father) who began a (divine) good work in (the creation of) you will (keep on) perfect(ing) it until the day of Christ Jesus.

/PSA 37:1-2

Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.//For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.

/PHI 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard (garrison) your hearts and your minds (for those of you) in (union with) Christ Jesus.

/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 unconditional love, your person, your thinking, your work, 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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