

THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

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Good morning! Second Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 16 and 17 say...

/2TI 3:16-17

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

We are always learning, but from whom?

<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. This is a place where you can learn from God...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 was given to renew your mind. Are you listening? Are you tuning out the ramblings of KCOS, the world system of thought? Are you tuning in the guidance of WGOD, as God the Holy Spirit broadcasts new thoughts for you to think during bible study which power the New Self Life? Once you hear the Word of God, are you living what you are learning?

We are strengthened with power from the SOURCE of God the Holy Spirit's glorious might as He leads us into all the truth. Welcome to a place where you can "in humility receive the Word of God 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

Destiny\

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 DESTINY.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Hear the pleas that come from deep inside of us...answer our prayers... guide our steps...help us to live the life you want for us...help us, in our weakness to admire your commands and to voluntarily do your will...help us to give unconditional love as you do, in the face of indifference and rejection...especially from the ones we love...

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

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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. It is my job to help you become fruitful through the true knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...through the development of a deep, intimate and personal relationship with Him...and through getting you off of our butts to serve Him.

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/TODAY'S STUDY

Don't Allow the Giving of Unconditional Love to Silence Your Voice

We continue our study of the CREATOR.

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

Who is the CREATOR? The Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things on the earth and in the universe, including you. The Lord Jesus Christ is God. He arms you for spiritual warfare...turn in you bibles to Ephesians, Chapter 6, Verse 11...

/EPH 6:11

(Pick up and) Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes (tactics) of the devil.

/EPH 6:12

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

/EPH 6:13

Therefore (because there is a Creator vs. Creature Conflict), take up (pick up and put on) the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm (against the tactics of Satan).

/EPH 6:14

Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH (the) TRUTH (of the Word of God), and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF (absolute) RIGHTEOUSNESS (+R)...

/EPH 6:15

...and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE (combat boots of) PREPARATION (to disseminate) THE GOSPEL OF PEACE (the Lord Jesus Christ's reconciliation offer through evangelism and witnessing)...

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/EPH 6:16

...in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith (in God) with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

/EPH 6:17

And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the (use of the) sword of (God) the (Holy) Spirit, which is the Word of God (alive, powerful, piercing).

/EPH 6:18

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the (enabling power of the) Spirit (en Pneumati), and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints...

Intervene in human circumstances with prayer...build your communication relationship with God through prayer...talk to God!

/EPH 6:19

...and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the (dispensation of the) mystery (and) of the gospel...

/EPH 6:20

...for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it (the gospel) I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

That I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak...hmmmm...interesting.

About ten years ago, I lost my voice. When I say, “I lost my voice,” what I mean is that I forfeited it. I voluntarily gave it up. Like a lamb led before the shearer is silent, I opened not my mouth when it needed to be opened. Ten years ago I began listening to the broadcast of KCOS, and I started believing it. I believed that I would be more acceptable to the world if I changed myself...if I became more like them. After a decade of it, I am experienced enough with KCOS to tell you that no change I make to myself, no change you make to yourself, will ever be good enough for KCOS, the world system...nor will any change you make be good enough for the long list of fools, mostly believers in Christ, mostly “friends” (or at least that is what they call themselves)...that the Lord Jesus Christ allows into your life

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as instruction on the difficulty of BEING love, as God is love, for the benefit of fools. Romans, Chapter 12, Verses 1 and 2 say...

/ROM 12:1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

/ROM 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but (keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

I'd like to name, right now, the list of the fools that God has allowed into my life over the last two decades...and you know many of them... fool after fool who has come into my life without recognizing that the minute you come into my life you become a back door in my life, thus you become a target of the kingdom of darkness. And I have watched, on by one, each of the fools who have come into my life...who pretend to love me, who take of the generosity of my unconditional love and concern...and who then they turn their backs on me...first indifference...then antagonism... then they are gone from my life. And of course I am always to blame as the reason they are no longer in my life. I can honestly say I don't mind. Could it be that our God's warning in Ephesians, Chapter 6, Verse 12 is true?

/EPH 6:12

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

It is true from my perspective. I have seen a wife succumb to the kingdom of darkness. I have seen a son succumb to the kingdom of darkness. I have seen it happen to every assistant I have had. It has happened to many congregation members. And believe me, it can happen to you. In fact, it is happening to you. All around you it is happening to you in your own lives. And of course you are to blame, too, for why others use you and leave when you call out the using...and you agree with them, that it must be you, because of course, it couldn't be them. I have seen it happen too many times

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to agree that it is just me. There is a principle larger than “I’m a jerk” in play here. It’s spiritual warfare.

When you give unconditional love to others, when you are generous with others, when you are committed to reflecting the fruit of the Spirit with others, you become a target for the kingdom of darkness. Yes, as believers in Christ, we ARE under attack by the kingdom of darkness...First Peter, Chapter 5, Verse 8 says so...

/1PE 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

But I’m not talking about that. I’m sick of seeing Pastors use single verses like this one out of context to make their points about how hard they have it in life, when most of their misery is self-induced. No! I will not use this verse this way. Because then we would miss the whole context within which this verse resides...look at First Peter, Chapter 5, beginning at Verse 1...

/1PE 5:1

*Therefore, I (Paul) exhort the elders (Pastors) among you, as your fellow elder (Pastor) and (as your fellow) witness of the sufferings of Christ, and (as) a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed (in the future)... *

/1PE 5:2

*...(you Pastors are to keep on) shepherd(ing...feeding them with the Word of God) the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness... *

/1PE 5:3

...nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

/1PE 5:4

And when the Chief Shepherd (the Lord Jesus Christ) appears, you (Pastors) will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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/1PE 5:5

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders (Pastors...an authority relationship); and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

/1PE 5:6

*Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time... *

/1PE 5:7

...casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

God considers your problems to be His responsibility.

/1PE 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

/1PE 5:9

But resist him (the devil), (standing) firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren (other believers in Christ) who are in the world.

/1PE 5:10

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in (union with) Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

/1PE 5:11

To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

You see, if you look at First Peter, Chapter 5, Verse 8 in context, the message isn't "we are under attack by the kingdom of darkness" as the teachers I studied with harped on like parrots...NO...the message is that we win...we have the victory. What I don't understand is why those in my periphery don't understand that after they are used and discarded by the kingdom of darkness, I will still be standing here teaching. I will win. I will take a lickin' and keep on tickin'...why don't they look at the lives of those

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who have been used and discarded by Satan and show me the prosperity gained by leaving...I don't see prosperity happening. I see people settling for less than they could have if they were simply "sober and on the alert" ... if they were simply obedient to the Word. I am no longer willing to be silent about it. One who gives unconditional love to others, as I do, deserves better than I have gotten from Satan's tampons...better than you have gotten from Satan's tampons in your life...and I think it's about time that we handle Satan's tampons the way the Lord Himself handles them...out loud. Because until we do, I don't think we can really grasp the enormity of unconditional love. Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Shine Jesus Shine

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

You'll remember last time we met, I was in a quandary about unconditional love. I said that the challenge of giving unconditional love to others is that it hurts... again...and again...and again...it hurts. When we love others unconditionally, we look like fools and we feel like fools because we aren't Christ. We are human. We don't love with the self-sufficiency with which He loves. This was my lament. I asked God for clarity.

I mentioned that I've become quite good at giving unconditional love to others. But it leaves me in a quandary. I'm quite angry about the giving, even though it is a Cross that I voluntarily bear, and even though I have no desire to come down off the Cross. I am angry because of how the unconditional love is received. I am angry because of how the unconditional love is treated. I can take the mocking...I can take the pain...I can take the criticism...I can take the hurt...I can take those who come and go. But throughout this study, I have yet to understand the anger I have about giving unconditional love. All I can say is that I think people who love unconditionally deserve better than they get from others...me among them.

God answered. I understand the anger now. The anger came from me forfeiting my voice in the process of loving unconditionally.

I asked you, "Does God think that unconditional love is a relationship?"

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You know what I mean by that...He gives and we reject Him...then He gives more and we reject Him...and He keeps on giving more and more and we keep on rejecting Him more. And I wonder to myself, “Does God consider that to be relationship?” Well He gave me the answer. He does. God considers unconditional love to be a relationship. In fact, God IS unconditional love in His very person. God IS a relationship. He offers us Himself to reject. First John, Chapter 4, Verse 8 says...

/1JO 4:8

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

God IS love. Do you know what that really means? Can you explain that to anyone? What does it mean that God IS unconditional love? Well it means that right this minute, you are breathing. You aren't doing anything to make it occur and you can't do anything to stop it. God provides it to you whether you are an atheist or a mature believer in Christ. Your heart is beating... your blood is pumping...your brain is waving...you are alive courtesy of the God who loves you unconditionally, regardless of how you are being with Him right this moment...regardless of whether you have accepted a relationship with Him or rejected it. That is love. That is relationship. I am sorry to say, I am not like that nor can I produce that kind of love in and of myself. I can only imitate it. Thank God for the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.

Imitating it, however, does not mean that we have to take crap from the rejecters...from the takers...from the one sided people in our lives. God certainly doesn't. For a long time I have. My silence turned to bitterness and of course that bitterness leaks out from time to time in the course of these messages. No more. The Lord Jesus Christ loved unconditionally, yet He did not hold back His voice...and He certainly didn't take crap from anyone. Turn to Matthew, Chapter 23...

<READ MATTHEW CHAPTER 23>

/MAT 23:4

“They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.”

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I'm putting the one sided takers of this world on notice...especially those who are believers in Christ...and especially those in this congregation. I say enough. I want you to join me in this rejection of that idea. For example...

You have a spiritual gift that was given to you by God at the moment of salvation. Do you need permission to use it?

There are people in this congregation who are in leadership positions. Are you leading?

There are people in this congregation who are taking the Word. Are you giving to the dissemination of the Word?

It's time.

We have a lot of great people in this ministry. We have a lot of one-sided takers as well. I'm putting them on notice.

You know what I saw at the Homecoming? I saw an undeployed nuclear weapon against the kingdom of darkness. Barah Ministries is an undeployed nuclear weapon against the kingdom of darkness. The kingdom of darkness sees it, too. And that's why Barah Ministries is surrounded by so many takers. For discouragement. So that we will never deploy. I've had enough. I'm no longer afraid to name the names of the takers.

To me, Barah Ministries isn't a game. It's a weapon. It's time for us to shoot something. Fasten your seat belts.

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/CLOSING SONG

God's Property\

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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