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Lesson 489 – July 7, 2013

**/Welcome To
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a Christian Church
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Good Morning! Second Peter, Chapter 1, Verses 20 through 21 says...

/2PE 1:20-21

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own (private) interpretation, //for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by (God) the Holy Spirit spoke (directly) from (the exact thinking of THE) God (the Lord Jesus Christ).

In other words...the Bible...the Word of God...is the owner's manual for life. It is not a fairy tale...it is not a bunch of myths and stories...it is the exact thinking of the Sovereign of the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ. We feel good about filling our minds with John Grisham, and video games, and Harry Potter, but when it comes time to fill our souls with the rudder of truth, we reserve the right to be bored.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

We come to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING, to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God, so we can know all the details of the Predetermined Plan of God the Father...so we can know the voluntary compassion and sacrifice of God the Son...and so we can know the amazing resurrection life of the uniquely born One, the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind...

During bible study your God the Holy Spirit prepares you to “in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” Thank you for expressing your will with your presence...thanks for being here to get another dose of truth courtesy of the God who loves you unconditionally.

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

I Will\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...I Will.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...(0:30)

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

Challenge us to receive your unconditional love with gratitude...

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 purpose of equipping you believers in Christ for the work of service. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to open themselves to what the Lord Jesus Christ has to offer...a personal relationship powered by an unconditional love...given as a gift from God to us...a relationship that is intense and personal and passionate.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Gratitude for Unconditional Love is Reflected in Action

First, a few announcements....

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/ANNOUNCEMENTS\

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is July 14, 2013

NEXT WEEK!\

/Mark Your Calendars!

HOMECOMING

for the

“Soon to Be Resident” Congregation

September 28 and 29, 2013\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study

Two Straight Weeks

August 25

September 1

December 8

December 29\

/Happy Birthday

Cheryl Vallejo

July 5\

/Thanks to the Deacons\

Great lessons...

/The Barah Ministries Website\

Video on the Website

Audio on the Website

Signup for Podcasts

New Doctrinal Statement on the Website

Turned Off All Lessons Prior to January

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/Thank You Matt Maronay
Barah Ministries App\

Matt Maronay created an app for Barah Ministries...it is available on Android and will be available via Apple soon...it is “off the hook!”

/BARAH MINISTRIES
On Pal Talk!\

Barah Ministries is on Pal Talk 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

Download the software

Choose a nickname

Sign into the Royal Family Room

Listen!\

Barah Ministries Sunday Lessons are Live Streaming on Pal Talk. Deacon Caleb Alburn will be talking to you about it next week.

/Hotel Move Coming\

/Coeur D’Alene Conference
August 9\

Need to know by Sunday evening if you need a room at the hotel. The rate is 129.00 per night, but is normally 169.99 per night.

Norbert said he wanted to attend.

Next, let’s take the offering.

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/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.\

/PHI 4:19

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

/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

Yes We All Agree

/TODAY'S STUDY

Gratitude for Unconditional Love is Reflected in Action

I'm thinking that my mother may have lied to me. She told me I was born in Illinois, the "Land of Lincoln," but inside I feel like I must have been born in Missouri, the "Show Me" state. Because when it comes to simple, common sense matters, I want to see action. I don't want to hear talk. James was the apostle from Missouri...no not literally...figuratively...James, Chapter 21, Verses 22 to 25 say...

/JAM 1:22

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

/JAM 1:23

*For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror... *

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/JAM 1:24

...for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

/JAM 1:25

But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

So here's my question for you...what is the proper response to unconditional love? God compares Himself to Hosea, a man who married a prostitute, in Hosea, Chapter 2, Verse 14...

/HOS 2:14

*"Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Bring her into the wilderness And speak kindly to her." *

Hosea loved his prostitute wife even though she was a woman who handed over her sexual favors to every passer by, whether or not they showed interest. I've asked you many times how you would respond if I brought a woman into the congregation, introduced her as my girlfriend and told you she was a prostitute. I asked, knowing the answer. We'd be Pharisees. Luke, Chapter 7, Verses 30 to 35 say...

/LUK 7:30

But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John.\

/LUK 7:31

*"To what then shall I (the Lord Jesus Christ) compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?" *

/LUK 7:32

*"They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another, and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'" *

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/LUK 7:33

“For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon!’”

/LUK 7:34

“The Son of Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners (prostitutes)!’”

/LUK 7:35

“Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

You’d be judgmental...not accepting...and it would put your Christianity to shame. We are to be doers of the Word, not merely hearers who delude themselves.

/Edmund Burke

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

When it was time to go to the Cross...the Lord Jesus Christ didn’t sit and do nothing. As a ministry...we can’t sit and do nothing...we need to show our gratitude for salvation and for the Word of God with action. Take a five-minute break and I’ll tell you what I mean.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

What I see happening to human beings is that we receive unconditional love, and we turn it into an entitlement instead of turning in it into an opportunity. God doesn’t owe us breathing. He doesn’t owe us a heartbeat. He doesn’t owe us salvation. He gave. Why do we have to wait for moments like the one that happened in San Francisco airport yesterday to “come to Jesus?” An Asiana airlines jet crash landed yesterday, killing a couple of people and wounding many.

Samsung executive David Eun, who was on crashed flight, was among the first to tweet and send photos of the heavily damaged Boeing 777. “I just crash landed at SFO,” he said. “Tail ripped off. Most everyone seems fine. I’m ok. Surreal.” Eun, shared information about fellow passengers and

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photos from the crash site, gaining thousands of new Twitter followers as he posted updates. Late Saturday afternoon, Eun tweeted; “Just went through customs. Adrenaline rush is subsiding. Just trying to process all this. Really glad that most everyone I saw seemed ok, with just a few minor injuries. Thinking a lot about family and friends right now.”

I wonder what his spiritual status is...I wonder if he was thinking, when he boarded the plane that this might be his last flight ever. Probably not. How about you? What in your life reflects gratitude for the unconditional love displayed on your behalf by God and the people in this congregation who are serving Him on your behalf. I think we can ask this question without it being guilt inducing. I think we can ask this question without it coming off as condemnation. I think we can ask this question and have you genuinely consider it.

Barah Ministries exists to evangelize to unbelievers. If my teaching is so great, as you claim it is, why aren't you each bringing an unbeliever to a lesson every week, to show your gratitude for the teaching and to show God your gratitude for salvation He provides?

Barah Ministries exists to teach the Word of God to Christians. If my teaching is so great, as you claim it is, why aren't you each bringing your believer friends who are exposing themselves to Christianity-lite churches and hating it, to hear solid truth?

Barah Ministries exists to do missionary work...raising independent churches and sponsoring Pastors throughout the world as God provides the opportunity. Why aren't we doing any of this work?

<Forgiven at Houston Airport Story>

I think it's safe to say that none of us has ever raised \$2MIL to build a church. And since we don't have many wealthy people in this congregation, the money to build it probably won't come from our salaries...so where are the ideas on how to raise the money? What are we waiting for? We are in as nice a hotel as we can be in. We have a pretty good singer. We have great teaching. It isn't sufficient to attract. Yet get a building and a band and teach nothing and you can attract 20,000 people on three campuses and get them to tithe a tenth of their salary. Doesn't that piss you off just a little

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bit? It doesn't make sense to me but it is what happens. When are we going to come out of the stone age in our mentality and decide that our 100 strong want to do something worthwhile?

How long do you think you'll be able to keep a Pastor without paying a salary?

Here's the point.

When you are grateful for the Word of God it shows up in action. It doesn't show up as, "I don't know how." Cause none of us know how.

Van didn't know how to do video. Caleb didn't know how to do audio. I didn't know how to be a Pastor. Denny didn't know how to be a deacon (still doesn't). Matt hadn't made any church apps. June still doesn't know how to develop a process for the development of a music CD, even after three CD's.

Here's the point. I don't know how isn't an excuse that will play in front of our Savior when He asks us what we did with the unconditional love we received. Frankly, He deserves better than we are giving Him. Please don't hear this as I am not please with you...I am. But I think we are an undeployed weapon. I'll take the blame. Maybe you're just a reflection of me.

I think it is time for us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We've done enough sitting. I think it's time for us to live our creed...

/1CO 13:13

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

God gives us His unconditional love, and He expects us to pass it on to others. Let's get busy.

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/CLOSING SONG

Faith, Hope, Love \

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 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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