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Lesson 37– October 12, 2013

**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
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Good Morning! Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor -Teacher...a gift given to me by God the Father for your benefit...a gift for evangelizing to unbelievers by preaching the gospel of His Son...and a gift for building a church filled with members of the body of Christ to provide them with a sanctuary in Satan's kingdom. Grace to you and peace from all the members of the Triune Godhead and from their manifest member...the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is God...the bible is His exact thinking...it is the absolute truth...it is without error...and it is without contradiction.

Second Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 16 and 17 say...

/2TI 3:16-17

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

The Word of God is PROFITABLE...it is given for your personal benefit and for your personal use.

The Word of God is for TEACHING...it is a series of biblical truths taught to you by a Pastor, made easily available for you to learn.

The Word of God is for REPROOF...it is designed to help you learn things the “easy way”...and it warns you concerning the “hard way”... it warns you about false teachers and about false teaching and about other things that might be harmful to your spiritual growth.

The Word of God is for CORRECTION...it highlights the adjustments you need to make to get your lives operating according to God's plan. It points out when you are going in the wrong direction.

The Word of God is for...INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS...it

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illustrates the standards of perfection that God is using to change us into perfect reflections of His Glory. It edifies.

When we are corrected, we have two options. We can use the world standard of assessment and we can consider ourselves as having been “called out” publically (one of our greatest fears in life), or “thrown under the bus,” or as being “put on blast” as today’s teens say it...or we can value the feedback. As I see it, the Christian is wise who considers teaching, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness ALL to be edifying. Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verses 5 to 11 ask us...

/HEB 12:5

...have (you) forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM...”

/HEB 12:6

“...FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES (He trains you in a character pattern), AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

/HEB 12:7

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

/HEB 12:8

But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

/HEB 12:9

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

/HEB 12:10

For they (our earthly fathers) disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He (the Lord) disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

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/HEB 12:11

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

I think it is unreasonable to expect that you will not get correction from your Pastor...and it is more unreasonable when we bring the world standard of thought about correction into a church, rather than taking the church's standard of correction to the world. We value feedback. We crave feedback. We seek out feedback. And we make adjustments when we get it.

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

That's why we come to bible study...for God's feedback about our lives, not the world's feedback. We have quite enough of that. 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 (the new self)...

Welcome to a place where you can “in humility receive the Word of God 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

How Great Thou Art\

As God prepares you believers in Christ for the RENEWING of your mind, let's worship our Lord in song...the opening song is HOW GREAT THOU ART.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Father make us a channel of peace...that where there is hatred, we may bring unconditional love...that where there is wrong...we may bring a spirit of forgiveness...that where there is discord, we may bring a spirit of harmony...that where there is error, we may bring truth...that where there is doubt, we may bring faith...that where there is despair, we may bring hope, that where there are shadows, we may bring Your light...that where there is sadness, we may bring joy.

Father help us to seek to comfort rather than to be comforted...to understand before we are understood...to love first, then to be loved...

Help us to remember that it is by self-forgetting that we find...it is by forgiving that we are forgiven...it is by dying that we awaken to life...

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans 1 – What is a ministry?

We continue our study of faith...

/Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15
Paul's Prayer for the Purpose of his Ministry\

In Romans, Chapter 8 Verse 1, Paul says...

/ROM 1:8

First, I, Paul, thank God the Father in prayer through Jesus Christ's name for all you believers in Rome, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world, all throughout the Roman Empire.

The desire to “proclaim our faith throughout the world” calls into question a word we hear all the time. Ministry? What is a ministry?

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/MINISTRY

A calling, given to you by God, and centered in service to the Lord Jesus Christ, in which you use your spiritual gift as you choose in service to others\

Turn to Colossians, Chapter 1, Verse 21...

/COL 1:21-22

*And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, //yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach... *

/COL 1:23

*...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. *

As a minister, Paul has a ministry.

/COL 1:24

*Now I (Paul) rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. *

/COL 1:25

*Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God... *

/COL 1:26

*...that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints... *

/COL 1:27

*...to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in(dwelling) you, the hope of glory. *

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Barah Ministries is a ministry...it is God's ministry, and you are called by God in service to this ministry. God calling you to this ministry is His invitation for you to serve within this ministry. What is your ministry?

God has given you a spiritual gift...and He expects you to edify His body, the church, with your spiritual gift...just as Paul was asked to do. Can you imagine Paul, wandering around for years and years asking himself, "What is my spiritual gift?" He didn't. He learned it on the fly. He learned it with an active faith. He learn it by serving. He did not learn it by waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ to fly over him like a pigeon and to dump the gift on his head. What is your ministry?

Here's what a ministry looks like...

<MINISTRY SLIDE>

You have a name...your ministry has a name...and your ministry has a type...and your ministry is centered in Christ.

/1CO 3:16

Do you not know that you are a temple of God (the Father) and that the (Holy) Spirit of God dwells in you?

Here's how my ministry looks...

<RORY MINISTRY SLIDE>

God the Holy Spirit is the power source behind your ministry and your spiritual gift, so there is no need for you to wallow in your own inadequacy when you are asked the question, "What is your spiritual gift?" or the question, "What is your ministry?" Philippians, Chapter 4, Verse 13...

/PHI 4:13

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

You will find your spiritual gift and your ministry through faith in action. In faith, you fully expect God will reveal your spiritual gift and your ministry

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to you. God expects each of us to bring our ministry and our spiritual gift to the others within Barah Ministries who do not have your ministry or gift.

For example...maybe some of you are great at encouragement...you do it...you like it...you are effective at it...so how about starting a ministry to those within Barah Ministries who are experiencing health problems?

Maybe you visit them...maybe you care for them...maybe you bring other congregation members to them who have expertise that can help them...

For example...you may have great organizational skills...organize something! And when you find that you are good at it and that you like it, use that as a forum for discovering your spiritual gift and your ministry.

What is your ministry?

Take a five-minute break and we'll learn more about ministry.

/BREAK

In Your Presence

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

Welcome to the new Barah Ministries where everyone has a spiritual gift and where everyone chooses to discover it and to put it into play. What is a ministry?

/MINISTRY

A calling, given to you by God, and centered in service to the Lord Jesus Christ, in which you use your spiritual gift as you choose in service to others\

Another word for calling is purpose. God gives us purpose. And god is not confused or confusing. But often we are...and often we are content to stay in that state.

Let's get one thing straight. Barah Ministries is not a business. It has attributes of a business, but it is NOT a business. I think it is unreasonable

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for us to expect a church to operate on the world standard of thought, rather than taking the church's standard of operation to the world.

In the world system of thought, it is easy to hide behind the leader's responsibility for the organization and to blame the leader when they don't tell you everything to do. To bring that standard into a church is a mistake. I am not responsible for the identification of your spiritual gift. I don't have a clue what your ministry is. I'm sorry but I have a difficult enough time focusing on my own.

As a leader of this ministry I can set direction...and in fact I have in many areas in many ways. Most of the time it has not worked. Why? Because a church is not a business, and because I don't control you.

"I think you guys should take notes when you are at a bible lesson."

"I think you guys should learn to create mind maps to help your remember."

"I think you should initiate the things you want to do for the church."

Some do. Some don't. That's not the way God wants things to go.

There are several ministry opportunities within Barah Ministries.

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Fundraising

Nursery

Kids

Teens\

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Publications

Finances

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Internet – Website

Translations to Other Languages\

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Evangelism

Pastor –Teachers

Audio

Video\

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Community Outreach

Office of Deacon

Pastor’s Assistant

Service to Those Who are Sick\

These are possibilities. Some are critical some are option. All of these gifts are here within Barah Ministries because if they are needed, God is providing them. Are you awakening to your gift? Turn to First Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verse 1...

/1CO 3:1

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as (if I were speaking) to spiritual men (the mature), but (I must speak to you) as (if I were speaking) to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ (the immature).

/1CO 3:2

*I gave you (infants) milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it (solid food). Indeed, even now you are not yet able... *

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/1CO 3:3

...for you are still fleshly (immature). For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

/1CO 3:4

For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not mere men (immature)?

/1CO 3:5

What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.

/1CO 3:6

I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

/1CO 3:7

So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God (is the One) who causes the growth.

/1CO 3:8

Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

/1CO 3:9

For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

/1CO 3:10

According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.

/1CO 3:11

For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

What is your ministry? Within the new Barah Ministries, it is needed and welcome.

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/CLOSING SONG

What Can Separate You\

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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