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Lesson 38 – 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.

Why do we come together into a church to worship? We are here with those who are curious about God...we are here with those who believe in Him. What is it we seek? Our God says we are here to grow...First Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verse 7 says...

/1CO 3:7

So then neither the one (the man) who plants nor the one (the man) who waters is anything, but (it is) God who causes the growth (and that is everything).

Even though I have a spiritual gift and even though I am willing to use it on your behalf...we must never forget that it is God, not men, who cause the all things to work together for our good...it is God who causes our growth.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Bible study is a time for the refreshment of RENEWING our thoughts...it's a time to reinvigorate our souls and to nourish our senses...it's a time to turn our bodies over to God as living and holy sacrifices...it's a time to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truths of the Word of God, so we can learn how to be a reflection of our Savior's thoughts to a lost and dying world, as we persevere in the study of the Word of God. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

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/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.

Bible study encourages you to turn away from the world's viewpoint, and to adopt God's viewpoint, taking it into the world as a powerful influence.

Welcome to the place where God the Holy Spirit prepares you to “in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to deliver your souls.”

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

What Held You on the Cross\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...WHAT HELD YOU ON THE CROSS.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Show us how to WOW others with our faith...

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

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper!

/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION

A Picture of Death and Resurrection...the WOW Life

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Before we celebrate the Lord's Supper, let's give you a chance to offer your treasure in service to God as a sign of your gratitude for all that He is doing for you. Let's welcome up Deacon Elliott Clark to give you an inspiring message to shape your thoughts about giving.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Elliott Clark\

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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

He is Exalted

/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION

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The Lord's Supper is a table of fellowship designed by God especially for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a reenactment of a portion of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread...the Passover Celebration. It is a gift to believers from the One who loves us unconditionally, the Lord Jesus Christ. He asks us "to keep on doing this" celebration "in remembrance of Him." Each time we celebrate, we are reminded of just how much the Lord loves us.

During the Lord's Supper Celebration we look back at the Cross...

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

...and when we do, we see a number of truths with the eyes of our soul.

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When we look at the Cross, we see the **INCOMPARABLE**. We are forced to say, “WOW!” No event in divine history compares to the Cross. Without the Cross, we creatures have no hope. Galatians, Chapter 3, Verse 13 says...

/GAL 3:13

(The Lord Jesus) Christ...become a curse for us —

Our incomparable Lord gave us an incomparable free gift...the gift of the resurrection life...and it started with His death on a Cross. In God’s Plan, death precedes life.

When we look at the Cross, we see **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**. The Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles, in John, Chapter 15, Verse 13...

/JOH 15:13

“Greater (unconditional) love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

The Lord has a “no matter what” love for His creatures. To that we can only say, “WOW!” We are always totally acceptable to Him, and always welcome to come to Him.

When we look at the Cross, we see **SACRIFICE AND SUFFERING**. First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24 says...

/1PE 2:24

...and He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) bore our sins in His (own) body (His true humanity) on the Cross, so that we might die to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature) and (and so that we might) live to (the sphere of absolute) righteousness; for by His wounds (on the Cross) you were healed.

The Lord suffered on the Cross so we wouldn’t have to die for our own sins...He lived the perfectly sacrificial life through suffering for us. To this sacrifice we can only say, “WOW!”

Turn in your Bibles to Genesis, Chapter 22. Let’s begin by reading the passage together, and then we’ll study it together.

<READ GENESIS 22, Verse 1 to 19>

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The Lord was causing Abraham to grow...the Lord said to Abraham...

/THE LORD CAUSES THE GROWTH <reveal>

I want you to do something that makes no sense to you

I want to know if you have faith in me

If you have faith in me, it will accrue as blessing to you\

After we enjoy the elements of the Lord's Supper, we will investigate the significance of this biblical passage for our lives.

/THE LORD'S SUPPER
Enjoying the Elements

Following God's request, we keep on celebrating CHRIST and His Cross on a regular basis...we eat to remember who He is...His PERSON...we drink to remember His WORK, the voluntary sacrifice He made at the Cross on our behalf...and we are grateful. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

/1CO 11:23-24

For I (Paul) received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; //and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is (and keeps on being) My body, which is (broken) for you; (keep on) do(ing) this in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me."\

When we eat the bread during the Lord's Supper celebration, we remember THE PERSON of the Lord Jesus Christ.

First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26 say...

/1CO 11:25-26

In the same way He (the Lord Jesus Christ) took the cup (representing His death on the Cross) also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant (testament) in (the sphere of) My blood (through spiritual and physical death); (keep on) do(ing) this, as often as you drink it, in (the purpose of)

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remembrance of Me.//For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."\

When we drink the cup, we remember THE WORK of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you remember the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, please enjoy the bread and the cup. As you do, we'll listen to the Lord's Supper song...GIVE THANKS.

/LORD'S SUPPER SONG

Give Thanks\

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home\

/THE LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION

A Picture of Death and Resurrection...the WOW Life

Welcome back! Turn in your bibles to Genesis, Chapter 22...we'll begin at Verse 1...

/GEN 22:1

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and (God) said to him, "Abraham!" And he (Abraham) said, "Here I am (Lord)."\

What kind of test was the Lord giving to Abraham? It was a test of Abraham's faith. How much faith did Abraham have in the Lord? The Lord doesn't just test the faith of guys like Abraham. He tests your faith as well. When He tests your faith in Him, it illuminates the status of your heart and your faith through the function of your attitude. Mind you, an omniscient God who knows all the knowable doesn't have to test you to know your faith. Therefore we must conclude that the tests the Lord gives you are to let you know where YOU stand. Genesis, Chapter 2, Verse 2...

/GEN 22:2

He (the Lord) said (to Abraham), "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a

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burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

Wow! A picture of death and resurrection...the WOW Life. This request by God makes absolutely no sense to Abraham. But Abraham is obedient. He knows that if the Lord requests something, the outcome is going to be good. That's faith. Do you have the same faith that Abraham has? Do you know that when God commands it, the outcome is always good?

/GEN 22:3

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him (to go).

Isaac is about 33 years old at the time...yet he is referred to in this passage as a “lad.”

/GEN 22:4

On the third day (of traveling) Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

This is either the exact place, or very close to the place where the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on the Cross...and on the third day, Isaac, who was doomed to death would be spared by God the Father...on the third day Isaac would be figuratively resurrected from the dead...

/GEN 22:5

Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I (Abraham) and the lad (Isaac, the 33 year old) will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.”

We will worship and return to you. This is a demonstration of Abraham's faith. He fully expected God's deliverance in this matter. Abraham simply did not believe that the Lord would give him a son after being sexually dead at 99 years old, and then take the son away. That's faith. That's trust in God. That's belief in God.

/GEN 22:6

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on (the back of)

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Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

The burnt offering symbolized the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

/GEN 22:7

Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he (Abraham) said, “Here I am, my son.” And he (Isaac) said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

/GEN 22:8

Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

This was a transaction between Abraham, the father and Isaac, the son...just like the Lord's sacrifice on the Cross was between God the Father and God the Son...and God the Father did indeed provide a lamb for the burnt offering...the lamb without spot or blemish...the Lord Jesus Christ...who washes away the sins of the world. Abraham was being prophetic.

/GEN 22:9

Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

When you have faith in God, what God has to say on a matter is enough.

/GEN 22:10

Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

/GEN 22:11

But the angel of the Lord called to him (Abraham) from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he (Abraham) said, “Here I am.”

/GEN 22:12

He (the angel) said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear (respect the commands of your) God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

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How does God know you have faith? Through omniscience for sure...God knows all the knowable...but God knows you have faith by what you choose to do...by what is made manifest by your actions...by what is made visible to everyone in your periphery...you have faith when people in your periphery know that you count on God for your direction and your blessings. Abraham had faith. He was willing to sacrifice his only son.

/GEN 22:13

Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

/GEN 22:14

Abraham called the name of that place “The Lord Will Provide,” as it is said to this day, “In the mount of the Lord it will be provided.”

/GEN 22:15

Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven...

/GEN 22:16

...and said, “By Myself I have sworn,” declares the Lord, “because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son...”

/GEN 22:17

“...indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.”

/GEN 22:18

“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

/GEN 22:19

So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

In this passage, we witness Abraham’s faithfulness...and we see the demonstration of his faith. Abraham’s obedience to the Lord’s request was instant...it was seen clearly in action. Abraham knew that the future of the

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Jewish race was built around Isaac, and He knew that God's plans would likely not include killing Isaac.

Abraham trusted that the Lord would provide. Abraham trusted that the Lord would deliver him from a situation of death to the WOW Life.

The Lord sees our needs and the Lord meets our needs. We simply do our parts by being active with our faith, making bold requests of God, and He responds. God's requests and God's tests defy logic most of the time.

How much faith do you have in the Lord when He asks you to do something? SOME or ALL?

/HOW MUCH FAITH DO YOU HAVE?

Some?

Or

ALL?\

Let us follow the pattern of Abraham...FAITH. Let's not take the easy way out, and live the lifestyle of UNBELIEF. Abraham's faith makes us say, "WOW!" Let others see our faith in action and say, "WOW!" Abraham was willing to follow the Lord, not sparing his own son, because he had faith in the Lord. Do you? The Lord Jesus Christ had faith in His Father...and the Father had faith in His Son...Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 32 says...

/ROM 8:32

He (God the Father) who did not spare His own Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), but delivered Him over for us all, how will He (God the Father) not also with Him (the Lord Jesus Christ...in union) freely give us (believers in Christ the) all things?

Let's WOW! people with our faith, as they see us move from little deaths to life in our Christian Way of Living.

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/CLOSING SONG

O Happy Day\

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...\

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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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