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Lesson 40– October 20, 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 spiritual gift given to me by God the Father for your benefit...a spiritual gift for evangelizing to unbelievers by preaching the gospel of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...and a spiritual gift for building a church filled with members of the body of Christ to provide them with a sanctuary in Satan's kingdom. May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you. The Lord Jesus Christ is God...the bible is His exact thinking...the bible is the absolute truth...the bible is without error...and the bible is without contradiction.

First Corinthians, Chapter 2, Verse 16 says...

/1CO 2:16

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD (Jesus Christ so well), THAT HE WILL (be qualified to) INSTRUCT HIM? But we (believers in Christ) have the (benefit of the) mind of Christ.

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

We are here to let God rehabilitate and RENEW our mental condition so we can deal with the cares and worries of life from a state of contentment. God gives us His Word for our benefit and for our use. The Word of God helps us learn how to do things the "easy way." The Word of God warns us to avoid doing things the "hard way."

God gives us the Word of God to solve our human problems well in advance of need. Welcome to bible study for the refreshment of RENEWING in 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)...

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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

He Remembers to Forget\

As God prepares you believers in Christ for the RENEWING of your mind, let’s worship our Lord in song...the opening song is HE REMEMBERS TO FORGET.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

Make obvious to us our spiritual gifts...

Give us the courage to step forward into the abyss of the unknown to express our ministries as ministers in this lost and dying world under the direction of your enabling power...

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

/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans 1 – The Ministries within a Ministry Proclaim Faith

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...

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/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 for Barah Ministries to “proclaim its faith throughout the whole world” brings to mind a word we hear all the time...ministry. 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.\

The ministries within Barah Ministries are the entities that proclaim our faith throughout the whole world. You are a minister. What is your ministry? Within Barah Ministries, we know that everyone has a spiritual gift and we know that God gave us the gift to be used...you have a choice to ask God to make your ministry known to you so that you can deploy it in His service. God gives each of us a calling. Another word for calling is purpose. God gives us purpose. God is not confused or confusing. God is not hiding from us. He wants us to know our spiritual gift. He wants us to know our calling. He wants us to know our ministry. But let's face it...often we are content to stay in a state of ignorance about our spiritual gift and about our ministry.

There are several ministry opportunities within Barah Ministries. Each ministry, to my way of thinking, since it is centered in Christ, is in the pursuit of WOW! When anyone comes into contact with a ministry, they should experience the WOW of that ministry. Here are a few ministry opportunities that are available within Barah Ministries.

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Fundraising

Nursery

Kids

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Teens\

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Publications

For Evangelism

For Spiritual Growth

Translation of Publications to Other Languages

Finances

Internet – Website\

<GOOGLE ANALYTICS>

Marc Pomeroy compiled the analytics on the Barah Ministries website for the last two years.

/BARAH MINISTRIES' UNITES STATES OUTREACH

Fifty States

The Top Ten

50,703 Visits\

/BARAH MINISTRIES' WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

Twenty-Five Countries

The Top Ten

56,135 Visits\

All of these results come from a few people not trying very hard. Imagine what it would be like if all of us did this on purpose!

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/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Evangelism

Elders (Pastor –Teachers, Deacons, Administrators)

Audio

Video\

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Refreshments

Community Outreach

Pastor’s Assistant

Service to Those Who are Sick\

/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Music

Prayer

Biblical Material

The Building Project\

These are just a few of the ways that you can serve the Lord. None of these are particularly unique or creative. I’d love to see the expression of your own creation.

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Awesome is the Lord Most High
When I Think About Home

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Welcome back!

What is your ministry within Barah Ministries?

<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?

How does your ministry look?

There is no owner's manual to a ministry. There is no set of guidelines. There is no way it is supposed to look. For many of us, especially those of us who have wired up a lifestyle of unbelief...that idea is paralyzing. Why? Because we want approval before we act. I'd rather you ask for forgiveness than for permission in the creation of your ministry.

Here's how the development of a ministry works.

/DEVELOPMENT OF A MINISTRY

FORMATIVE STAGE

Trial and Error

10 Units of Energy = 1 Unit of Result

NORMATIVE STAGE

Patterns

1 Unit of Energy = 10 Units of Result

INTEGRATIVE STAGE

Patterns Stop Working

100 Units of Energy = 0 Units of Result\

Where is Barah Ministries right now?

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Our pattern, Systematic Theology, is no longer viable. We are in the formative stage of development as a Christ centered ministry. We can look back at the first six years of our development and call it the “assembly of the called.” God has brought us together. Now we can take this core and start doing something with it. God is going to show us His purpose for us. In faith, we follow. In faith we listen. In faith we act.

Walt Whitman inquired this way...

/WALT WHITMAN

DAREST thou now, O Soul,
Walk out with me toward the Unknown Region,
Where neither ground is for the feet, nor any path to follow?

No map, there, nor guide,
Nor voice sounding, nor touch of human hand,
Nor face with blooming flesh, nor lips, nor eyes, are in that land.

I know it not, O Soul;
Nor dost thou—all is a blank before us;
All waits, undreamed of, in that region—that inaccessible land.\

As you are discovering and developing your ministry, here are some helpful thoughts...

/MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Act your way to success...don't wait.

Interact with others...tap expertise.

Create your own manual for the ministry as if you were handing it off to others\

/MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Consult with others, but don't copy others

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Remember that a ministry is not a business

Think ridiculously!\

/MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Bring all of Barah Ministries to your assistance\

I'm looking forward to seeing what we can create together as we develop the ministries within Barah Ministries.

/THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Good News to Unbelievers Concerning Jesus Christ's Sacrifice on Your Behalf

We dedicate the opening moments of this bible lesson to anyone who is without a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The central issue for angelic and human creatures, during all of divine history, is detailed in Matthew, Chapter 22, Verse 42...

/MAT 22:42

"What do you think about the Christ (the Messiah)?"

Have you ever been loved? It's pretty special to be loved, and it is pretty special to love. Love colors our whole viewpoint toward life. I have good news for you today. God loves you. There is nothing you have to do to earn His love. There is nothing you have to do to maintain His love. There is nothing you can do to lose His love. This is the most special love you will ever have in your life. Every day, somewhere in your periphery, there is a reminder of God's love for you...it's always somewhere in view. It's a Cross.

<CROSS WITH CHRIST HANGING FROM IT>

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8 says...

/ROM 5:8

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But God (the Father) demonstrates His own (unconditional) love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners (as unbelievers), (the Lord Jesus) Christ died for us.

No matter what you think of God...and there are many things you have been influenced to think about God...that He doesn't exist...that He can't be known...that He is off duty...that He left us here to fend for ourselves...that He is arbitrary, waiting to come down on you...that He frowns on you... anything but the truth...no matter what you think, He loves you unconditionally, with a love so powerful and so unbelievable that we can't even relate to it in our humanity.

The good news is that no matter what you think of Him, God the Father proved His unconditional love for you by sending His Son to a gruesome death on a Cross on your behalf...the Father DEMONSTRATED His love. God the Son voluntarily took on the form of true humanity, becoming the God-man, and laid down His life to make a relationship with God a possibility for you. John, Chapter 15, Verse 13 says...

/JOH 15:13

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

The Lord Jesus Christ DEMONSTRATED His unconditional love for you by dying on a Cross. As a result, He opened the possibility of a permanent and unbreakable relationship with God by eliminating the sin problem, the problem of your spiritual death at physical birth. First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 22 says...

/1CO 15:22

For as in (union with) Adam all die (spiritually)...so also in (union with) Christ all will be made (spiritually) alive (born again).

At physical birth, you were unable to have a relationship with God, because a barrier existed between the two of you. The good news is that the God who loves you unconditionally died on a Cross to remove the barrier between you and Him. Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 14 says...

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/EPH 2:14

*For He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is our peace, who made both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall... *

Because of Christ's sacrifice at the Cross, all of your sins have been forgiven in the past with the established and irrevocable fact that they are forgiven forever. Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 13 and 14...

/COL 1:13-14

*For He (God the Father) rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), //in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *

The good news is that the God who loves you unconditionally and who died for you at the Cross wants a relationship with you right now. Second Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 9 says...

/2PE 3:9

*The Lord is not slow about His promise (of a chance at salvation), as some count slowness (as some accuse), but (the Lord) is patient toward you (unbelievers), not wishing for any to perish (in the Lake of Fire) but for all to come to repentance (a change of mind about the Lord Jesus Christ). *

Right now, you can take advantage of God's unconditional love for you by simply believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Here's the invitation, in John, Chapter 14, Verse 6...

/JOH 14:6

*(The Lord) Jesus Christ said, "I am the way (to salvation), (I am) the truth (through the Word of God) and (I am) the (eternal) life; no one comes to the Father, but through (believing in) Me." *

Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...

/ACT 16:31

*Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and (everyone in) your household (who also believes). *

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36 says...

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/JOH 3:36

“He (anyone) who believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life...but he who does not obey (the command to believe in) the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) will not see (eternal) life (in heaven) but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”

The good news is that when you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ at a single moment in time, you are saved forever. John, Chapter 10, Verse 28 says...

/JOH 10:28

And I give eternal life to them (believers in Christ), and they (believers) shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them (believers) out of My hand.

The good news is that you can't work for salvation...it is something God does for you, free of charge, by means of His grace. Romans, Chapter 11, Verse 6 says...

/ROM 11:6

But if (1) it (salvation) is by grace (and it is), it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace (a free gift) is no longer grace (a free gift).

So right now you are invited to have a conversation with God the Father and to tell Him you are believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the good news is that will be the moment the eternal life begins for you. Here's how a thief on a cross being crucified next to the Lord Jesus Christ asked for salvation...Luke, Chapter 23, Verse 42...

/LUK 23:42

And he (the repentant thief) was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!”

Nine words and the thief was saved... Luke, Chapter 23, Verse 43...

/LUK 23:43

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to him (the repentant thief), “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

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Salvation is a choice you can make, and God takes it from there. No one can make you do it...no one can convert you...it's a private matter between you and God...no one can make the decision for you. What's your choice?

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/CLOSING SONG

Whosoever\

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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