The History and Purpose of God

- Culmination of Scripture: All nations worshiping before the throne of Jesus.
- Key questions of Scripture: How do all nations come to know and worship God? What does this mean for me?
- Problem for modern Christians: We know what we believe, but we do not consider it implication in our lives
- "If Jesus is God and He died for me there is no price too great for me to pay for Him!"
- I live compartimentalized
- What you believe and living out the implications of what you believe
- One way or another we have to live for the salvation of the nations
- Our actions hurt God and hurt other people
- To be effective as a missionary I only have to be filled by the Holy Spirit
- It's not about your ability it's about your availibility
- ★ God called the smart people and the talented people and they said no
- The vision for the nations is expressed through Gods promise to Abraham
  - promise of blessing = promise of salvation if you say yes, promise of the opportunity for relationship
  - Jesus is the fulfilment of the Abrahamic promise
- Tema Pricipal de la Biblia: Promise to Abraham.

- Understanding the central theme of the Bible brings unity

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3. Covenant with Moses — Deuteronomy 6:4-5
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The Seed of Eve → The Seed of Abraham → Israel → The Seed of David → A stem from trunck of Jesse → Jesus → GO

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renewed, not destroyed

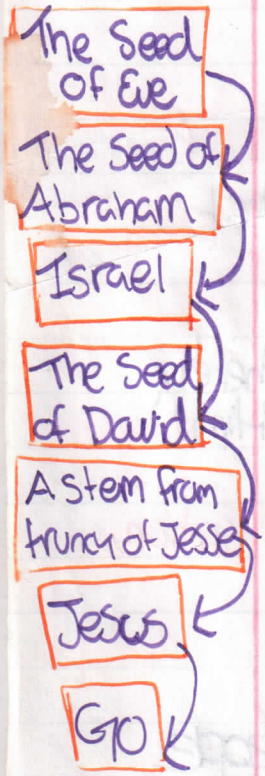
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- We don't go to heaven, heaven comes here we spend eternity in the renewed Earth, the changed Earth
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- Paul says that the renewal of this world is the centerpiece of the Bible

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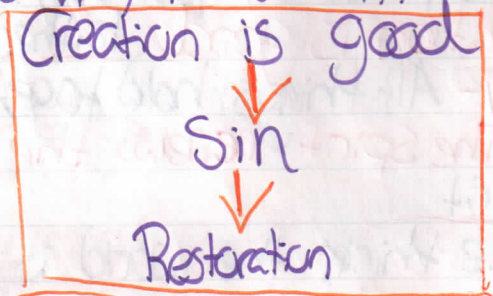
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- Can you get excited about something ya have never experienced before?
  - Nobody is really excited about heaven because they don't really know what to expect
- Heaven is this Physical world, but perfect ~~there~~ the way it is ment to be.



- Salvation is not just spiritual → Salvation should heal every aspect of our lives
- Salvation is about God restoring the world to the way it should be.

Psalm 8:5 You have been made a little bit lower than God

- Psalm 8 Symbolism
  - Beasts of the Field → Physical World
  - Birds, Fish → Spiritual World

1. In the Beginning
   1) Man in the image and likeness of God
   2) Man has authority
   3) Creation is good
- After the first sin all of this is damaged
  - but not lost completley
- Through our sin we gave our authority over this world to satan
  - Man was once able to do all that

Satan can do, We should have this power

② • After the Fall
1) Man's likeness is diminished
2) Authority belongs to Satan
3) Conflict, death, darkness, out of control and all is futile

• A loss of control is a consequence of sin
• Sin has put this world in the state of chaos

– Things happen that God doesn't want

• Bad things happen as a result of sin. God doesn't like sin and He doesn't use sin for his own purpose
• There is no reason for the tragedies of this Earth

– They are not Gods will

• But God can take terrible things and redeem / bring good out of them
• Not everything happens for a reason
• We lost it, but we are going to restore. The Bible is a guide to restoration

③ • Salvation is the restoration of the world to the way it should be

④ Genesis 3:15 → First Gospel Reference
Zerrah: Seed

④ • The defeat of satan/sin is the undoing of everything that Satan/Sin has done
• Restoration of all things, Retoracion de todas las cosas

- Phase One: Genesis 3:15
- First 11 chs of Genesis are just an introduction to the real story (Story of Abraham)
- Genesis was not written to give us answers
  - it provides a general picture
  - it is not ment to prove or disprove Science
  - We dont know / Genesis doesn't have all the answers
- God's call to sacrifice Issach doesn't make sense, but Abraham obeys because he doesn't think that Issac will stay dead
- Abraham the father of faith is the first person to believe in resurection
- Genesis 22:17 Not people enemies, but spiritual enemies → Genesis 3:15 The enemies of all the seed of Eve

Seed (Ge3:15) of Eve → Seed (Ge22:18) of Abraham → Satan's head bruised → all nations blessed

- Abraham is the next link in the chain
- Gods promise ~~for~~ Seten in Eden is clarified for Abraham but how are these promises going to be fulfilled
- The Law is ment to bring blessing to Israel
- Vision of the Torah: Joy, Peace, Justice
  - Strong families
  - Just laws
  - Economic prosperity + fairness
  - Pure Worship
  - Health

Lots of rules, but good rules

- Following the law will make Israel the

Greatest nation of the Earth

- The Mosaic Covenant
  1) Monotheism: There is only one God
     Deuteronomy 6:4-5, YHVH, God is one
     Love God with all:
     Our heart → Desire/Will
     Our "Nafesh" → "Neck" the soul, what makes you alive
     Our Mood → More than what you have, everything and then some
  2) Election: The Chosen People
     The Isrealites were ment to be the example guiding the rest of the world back to relationship to God Dt 28:9-10
  3) Torah: The law
     Guides the Isrealites to become the most amazing nation on Earth
  4) Tabernacle: Forgiveness through Sacrifice
     If you break the laws of the Torah you deserve death, but through sacrifice you can be forgiven
- The Davidic Covenant: The son of David will be King forever 1 Chronicals 17: 12-14
  - Says forever 3 times
  - God doesn't talk to people like this
- 2Sam 7:19 → Is this the Torah of all mankind
  - David realizes he is the next link
- Charecteristics of a blessed nation Psalm 72
  1) Just v.1-4
  2) Universal v.5-11
  3) Compassionate v.12-14
  4) Prosperous v.15-17

5) Glorious V. 18-20
- Verse 17: Reference to Abraham's promise
- David holds on to the vision that Israel will become a model nation

- Israel failed to maintain the Mosaic Covenant
  - Monotheism, Election, Torah, Tabernacle
- The downfall of Israel begins with David's son (Solomon)
- Solomon starts out well and becomes a powerful King
  - but He had a problem with women
- Solomon married many woman from different tribes in order to gain political power
- 1 Kings 11:4 He didn't stop worship God He just began to worship other Gods along side of His wifes
- The Jewish people practiced syncretism
- The story of Hosea serves as an allegory a demonstration by God of Adulterous husband and faithful Lord
- Malachi 1:6-8
- Issaih 11:1, Issiah 9:6-7
- Jesus is the fulfilment of everything God has promised
  - John 24:25-27
  - John 24:44-45
  - Acts 13:22-23
  - Acts 13:32-33

- The gospel doesn't start with Jesus it ends with Him. Acts 13:32
- The Good News: God fulfilled His promise in Jesus
- God has brought a savoir to Israel
  - God does not give up on Israel
- Jesus didn't come to save the gentiles, He came to restore the nation of Israel
- The Ministry of Jesus didn't work as Planned John 1:11
- Did God's word fail?
- Romans 9:6
- Abraham becomes the father of people not because they share His blood, but because they share His faith
  - Faith > Flesh
  - All followers of Jesus become Israel
- Jesus is the second Adam → He creates a new human race
  - Romans 5:12-21
  - 1 Cor 15:45
- Jesus defeats Satan
  - Col 2:13-15
- Jesus retores our authority
  - Matthew 28:18
- But does Jesus redeem the physical world.
- Why is our resurrection important?
  - 1 Corinthians 15:12
  - It is the heart of the gospel message
  - When something goes bad God doesn't destroy it. He restores it.

Everything lost in Eden is restored

Romans 8:18
- We are suffering in this world
- Creation is waiting for our resurrection

Romans 8:24
- Jesus undoes the works of satan and renews all things
- He uses us and our resurrection to renew creation
- Jesus is the fulfilment of everything God was promising, but the nations don't know that yet

Fred Market:

World Missions

Luke 12:56
2 Chronicals 12:32 } we have to be aware of what season of mission we are in

- We have to reinvent the church, our religen to make it relevent in the 21st cent.
- God speaks to us in the everday faithfulness of life
- It's a problem of perspective
  - don't messure challenges according to my power, measure them according to God
- Leadership should be from the front-lines
- Connect with God everyo single day so that who He is infuses with our spirit
- We need a spirit like David to face the giants in our generation
  - Communism → humbled
  - Islam → humbling
  - Hinduism
  - Buddhism
  - Materialism → humbling
- Three point message:
  - Who God is: Isaiah 9:6
  - What He wants to do: Isaiah 9:7
  - How He wants to do it: Isaiah 9:7 **Zeal**
- Our God is an applicable God, a relational God, an expansive God

We become like the God we worship

- We need to get the world to worship the Prince of Peace

1 Corinthians 2:9

- It doesn't depend on us to spread God's Kingdom → It depends on God's Zeal

- I just have to be faithful and pursuing
- It's more important that the lost hear the gospel than I get a degree
  - do I believe this
look this up
- Evangelism in Hawaii → Was it glorified??
- Growth rate of Evangelicals
- So why are we leaving the US for missions?

God is back → Atheism is declining in the world

God's Century → resurgent religion and global politics

Global poverty rate → 21%?
  - Am I going to celebrate that 1/4 of our world lives in poverty?

- Wind in the House of Islam
- The church now has a variety of believers a variety of missionaires, a variety of worship
- Freedom doesn't come from the outside and how I am treated. Freedom come from the inside

Obey God one step at a time and He provides

- So often God fulfills our promises in way we don't understand
- God works through us even when we don't feel worthy even if we are faithless, even if we don't understand

1 Timothy 2:13

Psalm 46:10

You feel like your drowning because your still trying to swim. Lay back and let Him carry you. You did the hard part, you stepped into the water, ~~deeper~~ but now you have to trust Him. ~~The deeper you go the~~ As you go deeper, as you can no longer touch you have to trust in Him, you can only tread water for so long...

Let Him Carry You.

It feels like a double edged sword... Youth in missions. Yes there is a vigor, a purity, an energy, an optimism, but there is also a crippling arogance, a lack of experience, a need to prove ourselves, an insensitivity to the feelings and needs of others

But should we make light of other peoples stories, of other peoples walks?

Gods highest value is obidience

Lord thank you for being faithfull in My faithlessness

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- We aren't saved from Hell, we are saved from our selfishness
- ~~God's~~ highest value is obidience
- My highest value is understanding

- God wants global access to the Bible and to it He promises global response
Revelation 7:9 → God's end goal
- God wants a second Protestant revolution
- No one can actually predict end times
- Instead of focusing on nailing down every point of theology we should focus on love, embracing the mystery
- Maybe Jesus won't come back because there is more work to do
Zeph 2:11
- God uses us when we are willing vessels

Be Radical for Jesus

- Where sin abounds grace abound
Iran: ministry through skiing / snowboarding
- Iranians are hungry for Jesus, but no one is going
- God chooses the weak people of the world to build His kingdom
- Oswald Chambers quote about "why are we trying to be so strong"
The best way to predict the future is to create it
We are immortal until our work on earth is done.

What is My obidience tonight?

Parents have dreams for their church that aren't God dreams

Healing the Gospel

- Protestantism is a reactionary movement and as such it is not holistic
  - the problems we have today are a result of things cut out by the reformation
- 4 Missing Theologies
  - Theology of self-sacrifice and suffering
    "I have never made a sacrifice, because God has blessed me more
  - Theology of Celebration
  - Theology of Beauty
    How do we express the beauty of holiness
  - Theology of community
- Protestantism is wearing down
- Joy > Happiness
- Jerusalem cross: 5 crosses represent His 5 wounds We are bought by a price

Christus Victor

- Gospel: Good News → Does what I preach sound like good news to unbelievers?

Galatians 3:8 All Nations will be blessed through you

Hebrews 6:13-17

- The gospel is the unchanging nature and message of God Nature/character
  - I will bless you Gen 12:2-3
    7 God gives, God blesses, God creates

Bear & Lion

but I'm not ready to face Goliath

God,

I feel like there has just been so much anger. like all the anger I had pent up all the anger towards this religon towards my family towards myself it suddenly rushed over me and I just took it all out on you. You and the people around me, the people who are just as broken as I am, who are searching just as much as I am, who are just as lost as I am. Forgive me for my doubt for doubting that you are good for doubting that you can work through these people, for doubting that you work in this way. For placing you, the infinite God, the creator and the father of all things into a box of my own understanding, a box sealed by my fear. Because Lord, I can't go everyday fighting them, because Lord I can't go everyday fighting you. I want to walk in relationship with you. Clean heart, trusting you, loving you, knowing you. How do I express my anger without being consumed by it? I feel like all I have ever seen is full consuming rage, Lord teach me how to be mad. Where do I find community, Lord. Do I just need to hold out, waiting to find a place where I am understood, do I just ignore them, put all of my needs, all my desires into relationship with you? Am I just hiding in fear, do I not make community because I never bother to

Get over the hierarchy of pain

You will never see a miracle if you don't take that first step in faith

You are never alone

Reach out and you'll feel your hand in mine

Whatever you do do it With love.

Step up, is it not actually about them but instead about me? God I want to serve you joyously every single day I want to genuinely light up for you the way Darlene did today Lord show me what that means, Lord show me what that takes every single day

Rest in me and they will come.

but sometimes you do have to go first Mariya take off your mask if you ever expect them to take off theirs you are so good at pretending not to need anyone but you need them and you need me, so drop the act, and accept my love in whichever way through whichever soul I choose to pour it into you. There can be joy in this experience what happened to the girl who smiled through the pain, not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. You were right this morning it's a beatiful day, you are a beatiful person how could it not be it's all my creation, so find joy in it this will be a trying experience but it can't always be painful, enjoy worship, enjoy fellowship, enjoy relationship all of it is bringing us closer. Keep pursuing keep hungering keep loving even if it seems like no one else sees it I do. Rest in me, they will come

You make me come alive

Stop comparing your gifts and you will understand them

Stop comparing you will walk and you will love

Thanks for your honesty. Stay this open come to me for answers, I want your questions, I want your feelings, I want your intimacy

I'm closer to you than I have ever been. Is that not something to celebrate?

Will you lay it all down even if you recieve nothing. Can you come before me in surrender without expecting anything in return. Give yourself to me b/c of who I am, not b/c of who you want to become

Tammy's vision: Me falling into a giant green leaf, but its not a painful fall.

My reaction: I guess Ive always seen surrender as like jumping off a cliff, an absolutley terrifying step that I have to take in faith and yes, it is a step I have to take in faith, but does it have to be scary? Why have I built surrender up in my mind as something to be feared? Have I built God up in my mind as something to be feared?

It's not enough to come into contact with Jesus. We have to reach out to Him

Surrender is not about you feeling badly about yourself, its about reaching out to be a part of this, of His body, of His mission, of His family

2 Kings Story: Bring me vessels and not to few. What do I have to bring? What's my obidience tonight? How much effort am I willing to put in?

What's My Obidience Tonight

Everything and nothing less, my best, my all

Being honest in everything means being honest about your motivations. I know them... do you?

Stop analyzing me, Stop over-processing me, trust that this is me

Free your future. Give it to me with no expectations and I will transform it into something beyond your imagination here

My calling brings you no glory, but My glory is great.

It's a choice, God this one is for you, What do you want me to do

You will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and soul. Your God is a merciful God He will not abandon or destroy you. Deuronomy 4:29

Thank Tommy for his humility,
Thank Angelica & Christian for translation

Reflect on Tod

"The greatest obstacle to the growth of the church is the timidity and cowardice of Christians" -Pope Pius X

- Acts 3:26
- Romans 2:4

- Why do we treat sinners roughly when God is being patient and tolerent with us?
- Why am I so shaked at peoples falleness?
- Falleness is what the Bible is about, Come talk to us
- We are no different than you, but everday we chose to walk towards god and be conformed to His image
- Jesus told us to catch fish, not clean them.
- Relaxing Gods laws are not the answer

Gospel Atttude

- Loving without limits
- accepting with accountability
- Embrace but not Embarrase

- It's our actions (not our words they wont listen to) that will change the 21st C.
- We are blessed so that we may be a blessing to all of the nations
- The only reason we exist

What does Revival look like?

The church has to turn from its sin

- Personal fire of God
- Take care of our own in need
- Take care of social needs outside of our church
- Evangalize our cities
- Send 100,000? missionaires from the U.S.

Galatians 3:28 Rev. 5:9-13

- The Church is ment to embrace diversity, everyone will be gathered around the throne of God. We are ~~members~~ servants of the Kingdom before we are citizens of a country of members of a culture.
- However, culture is intrinsic to any ~~gathered~~ group of people YWAM has a culture and that culture is different from the church Mexico has a culture and that culture is different from the U.S.
- Revelation shows people gathered around God in distinct groups of tribe nation and tounge, unified by a common service to God, but still different.
- The Church should not only retain different cultures, but also allow different cultures to elucidate our own understanding of the gospel

Cultural Differences

- Appriciate: The ability of the warm culture to get really close really fast. You guys were so friendly and comfortable within a few days
- Dons understand: Invitations we want to be invited

God 1 C

My future to you

I know Im not supposed to be at Rhodes
I come to prayerfully pursuing your plan
Considering the Sky ministry

To coming before you without entitlement,
without expectation If you want to speak to me Im committed if you don't Im committed
To embracing your body
To being completely honest in my brokenness
To evaluation the motivation behind everything
I do, purging those things that dont come
from you

Mercy + Justice

Colleen Milstein

Mercy and Justice: Service to the Most Vulnerable

Matthew 28:18-20

- Justice sounds good in isolation but how do you disciple nations?, What do you do in the real world?
- How is my desire for justice different becaus I have God?

Am I desperate enough to get gut honest

- We are called to be people who know the word inside and out, and also rely on the power and spirit of God.

Am I willing to pursue knowing God and His word? Am I willing to pursue being filled by the spirit and led everyday

- You can't serve God, you can't follow your life call if you don't know the scriptures

Am I convinced of who my God is because I can't make it through the dark places in this world if not

- Fear of God comes in reading His word
- Justice is intrinsic to the nature and character of God
- With every reality we have an opportunity
- What if we had done something?

We cannot sit in intersection and pray if we are not willing to act upon the call of going

- We need to see a generation plugging in for the long term
- God is brilliant

Do I respond to the pain that I see?

- We no longer look at the issue through society through a biblical grid.

How Biblical is my brain

- I have the privilege to follow Jesus, I have to give up my life
- It's not an issue of if Im called, It's where?
- In reading the Bible we have to engage our brain, get into Gods thinking

What if normal christianity was laying down our life, what if everyone followed their call to go?

Do I have the courage and faith to put the time and preperation into my call?

- There are different kinds of injustice
  - Structural Injustice
  - Personal Injustice

God cares about all | Isaiah 58 |

- You can rescue a kid, but you have to change the culture

I want to be the kind of christian that people can't speak out against

How am I called to represent you to nations?

What is the best way for you to

Use me Lord?
Church where are we?
Do we see Jesus?
Genesis: The Book of Firsts
Creation → Fall → Murder → Violence → Flood → Table of nations → One nation
Genesis 16: How does God interact with Hagar
+ Hagar shows how God feels about human trafficking
+ God sends her back against our western fantasy

- Justice is a human being made in the image of Jesus
- Where is the line between walking in the spirit and zeal
- Go but go wisely
- Life in missions is a good life because He looks after you

Exodus: Political Intervention
- Now the Israelites are oppressed
Ex 1:11 hard labor
Ex 2:23-25 God heared, looked, and was concerned
Ex 3:7 God heard, saw, concerned, acted
— liberation of a people
- When you search for Him with everything you will find yourself
- All of us are caught in my culture
— there are strengths and weaknesses
- God where can I go?
- God I don't know but I'm willing to take

We Sing Hallelujah

a Step

Forever glorified

Exodus 18: Social Law
Ch. 20 v.8: rest for all
Ch. 22 v. 22-27: Don't take advantage of widows & orphans
Ch. 23 v. 2-6: No favoritism to poor, don't deny justice to poor

Do I care?

Do I see them?

- Going through scripture reveals the nature and character of God
- Wage war for the minds of this generation
- I give you the full force of my intellect
- When you cry out for understanding you will no the fear of the Lord
- If you will pursue me it will become clear

Deuteronomy 6:5

God I want to get ahold of you

- Justice: Sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it
- Break my heart for what breaks yours but our heart can only break for the things we value

Gentle boldness

- Justice: Conduct in relations to others, especially with the rights of others

Daily-involved in establishing rights

- We study the law to understand what God values
- Everything in the Bible is important even if it's not directly applicible to me

What is the best way for us to

What does my obidience look like in this?

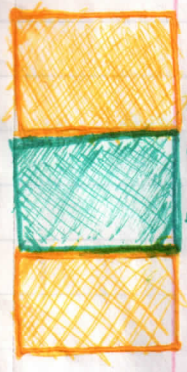
- I'm feeling drawn to, colorado Springs
  - Barbara / New Life / DLA
  - Interest in Ted / discussion of him last night
  - I'm missing Colorado, but I'm not homesick
  - I don't want to stay in Ft. Collins, I'm not sure I want to be in Boulder
- The Heros program seems to line up with what I want
  - love history / want to learn from history
  - There is the ~~world~~ understanding of and humility of experience mixed with the vigor and excitment of inexperience
  - I want to honestly analyze history and react to it / learn from it
- The Iranian Shi ministry
  - ~~other~~ Hes having a hard time finding people to do something that sound amazing to me
  - This is a way to use something I love isn't that what we are being called to do?
- Last nights message
  - felt like He was responding to my rage poem
  - felt like He was responding to the frustrations I have shared with Jose

- Other random things
  - feeling strongley drawn to math
  - Lune nudged me
  - I asked for confirmation / interaction and Caleb talked to me... I don't remember where he is from

Where do I go from here

- We God wants to use you, you dont neccesaraly get special feelings

"I'm Smart... You're learning"



- If you start with the beginning God is good, good, good. God is smart, you won't ask questions
- Who am I to think I can outsmart God?
- Who am I to think I know what should be in the Bible better than He does?

Honesty Time: Matthew 25:31-46

The minute Colleen started talking about this passage I began to think about how I can fill my quota of poor feeding and clothing in order to obtain my salvation. I think this is probably why the protestants focus so much on salvation by faith rather than works, because as men it is very natural to try to earn things our culture is one that focuses on working to earn what we want or think we deserve. ~~We don't deserve salvation so~~ I want salvation, so I read this passage and then begin to plan what I am going to do in order to get it. So I guess that's what I don't understand how we could earn salvation when it is something we could never deserve. And I don't know maybe that's just my prostent upbringing but it just doesn't feel like the right kind of attitude to have towards my faith. I felt like I was being guilted into going to help the poor kids in Africa like that was the worthy calling, like nothing else I could do would truly be service to God. I think we have to be saved by grace, because if salvation is something we earn by helping the poor than what was the point of Jesus's death and resurrection was he nothing more than a good example of how we should live? The righteous have eternal life, but I cannot make myself righteous no amount of mercy ministry, no amount

no amount of evangelism, no amount of abstence can make me righteous. Rather I am made righteous by relationship with God, and I think from this God given righteousness stems an intrinsic tie to the least of these because when we come into unity with God we get His spirit dwells within us, so we have His heart for the needy we see someone suffering and we have to do something about it, not because we think thats what a christian should do, but because Gods compassion and mercy and love are woven into the very fibers of our being. ~~So the fact that I think that~~ So the fact that when I first read this passage I saw it as an ~~great~~ obstacle to my ~~foundation~~ salvation says something pretty scary about my faith. It says that right now Im a spiritual goat. ~~Someone with enough~~ ~~witness abo~~ Im aware of the Lord, definitly enough to call out to Him by name, but I dont have His spirit living within me bc I dont have His heart for the least of these. So where do I go from here, what does this mean for someone who has always been saved by grace, good to go? I think for one it means I need to stop worrying about my calling? Ive always seen my calling as a one time thing, like there is one way, the way I am supposed

to serve God and I constantly having to be searching for it waiting for God to tell me "Ok Mariya this is it, this is how you will serve me for the rest of your life" so then Im frustrated because Im not hearing God and Im scared because I ~~thought~~ don't want to somehow miss my calling. I dont think thats how God works, Ive been spending all of my energy looking for my calling when I should be relying on a prompting, a prompting to share Gods love in whatever Im doing, a prompting to care to the orphan, to feed the hungry because I live with Gods spirit in me. And honestly right now I dont feel this prompting and up to this point its been a source of constant frustration for me, but Im ready now, ready to pursue a true relationship with God, ready to have His love, His words, His joy, His heart break pour through me. I am ready to steep myself in His word, so that I can see the world the way He does. Im ready to ~~can~~ surrender my false idea of a calling and pursue a true relationship, surrending my thoughts my words, and my pride, so that my mind may be united with the one true God and His spirit in me can prompt me to truly live my life with love as all believers are called

Father Heart of God

II Peter 1:2 When we grow something changes

- Spiritual growth should be as important and as noticable as physical growth
- Why do I think what I do about God? Is it Biblical?
- We do alot of things that have a lot to do with religon and not a lot to do with God.
  - Religon can damage our relationship with God
- God is not interested in you getting better at your religon → God is interested in having a relationship with you that is fresh and alive
  - religon: what you do
  - relationship: how you feel
- We can never satisfy religon
- What makes Christianity different then any other religon
  - Our God loves us
  - We can have a relationship with our God
- Why am I still trying to get to God religously
- Our time alone with God is for the purpose of forming a relationship with God
  - if you do the same thing everyday I'm just fulfilling a religon.
- Our walk with God needs to be real, not religous

- Would I expect a person to just talk to me in 15 minutes?
- Would a person be happy if I were pursuing a relationship with them in the way I am pursuing a relationship with God?
- What is God's heart for me?
  - You can't get to know God without knowing His heart
- Religon is something that you can measure
  - If you can measure it... be careful
- How much I do something should not be the measure of my relationship with God
- Religon uses guilt and condemnation as a tool
  - There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- Religon is your enemy relationship is a joy
- God I just want to be with you today
- God wants to have fun with His children
→ Our best memories are what we do for fun
  - Why do we leave God out of this?
- I will never leave you → so where do we think He goes
- We compartmentalize our lives
  - What part is God in?
  - God should be involved in everything
- Is God apart of my life every moment of everyday or is He coming in and out

- Do I ask God for help when I don't know what to do?

Ephesians 5:10 Find out what pleases the Lord

- ★ God wants our relationship to go deeper
- If I only do what I like I don't have real relationships
- Our culture reinforces our own selfishness
- Relationship is about us together
- I don't understand it, I don't like it, but I'll do it for you.

If I only worship when I feel like it, I'm only worshiping for me

- If your motivated by rules you will become legalistic
- Relationship brings about adjustments in our choices because of love
- Relationship is not all about me, but it includes me.

Good Morning father, what can I do to please you today

- God has provided every single time in every Don't let money be your guide
- Have correct another person until you stop and pray first
- God is more concerned about my heart and my motives than about my wisdom and my actions
- When God has your heart He has all of you.
- Men look at the outside apperence, but God looks at your heart

- When your heart is right, God will cover your lack of wisdom
- We've gone about getting to know God in the wrong direction
  - get to know God so that you want to talk to Him. So that you want to read His word
- Do I believe that God hears my voice?
  - Your cry came into the ears of God
- We often think God is angry at us, not for us Psalm 18:17
Psalm 18:19
- God delights in me simply because I am His child
- God's after my heart
- Religon is a performance thing, relationship is a heart thing
- If your experiences and the word of God do not seem to agree which will you chose to impact your life more?
You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free
- Only the truth you know can set you free.
- God is not limited by my experience
- The truth cannot set me free if I chose not to believe
- My experiences do not change God
Am I going to choose to take this truth today and believe it?
Each day I can believe one more thing
- We start developing a process of believing

one little thing at a time.
I can take little steps of faith at a time
Dare to believe that this is true even
* if you haven't experienced it
- Don't let your experiences prevent you from learning the truth

Goal: See my past come to a condition where it no longer has a negitive effect on my present and future with with God

- What are the sources of our concept of God?

Have any of these told me the truth about God?

1. Family → especially the father
   - Our father cannot accuratley show us who God is → God is not limited by humanness
   - Our family tells us that we really aren't ok until we are perfect
   - I'm messed up and I come from a really Good family
   - We come to God with our experiences and assume that He too demands Perfection
2. Education
   - The smartest people in the world are so stupid
   - Peo → the missing link
3. The Media
   - The media is powerful because it shapes how we think
   - Goal of the Media: to desensatise us to sin
4. Religon

Showing up to class is not enough → Am I ready to fight

Fight passivity

Knowing God as Father

- Knowing God as father does not take anything away from Jesus
- To only know Jesus is to understand Jesus in an incomplete way

Matthew 16:13-17 → This was not revealed to you by man, but by my father in heaven

- We do not need more information (head) We need revelation heart
- Personal revelation from the spirit of God is the only thing that will change me
- If I'm open to it God has something for me
- I don't want the world to define God for me I want the Holy Spirit to reveal God to me

John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled

John 14:28 The father is greater than I → There's more to it than me

- God is a rock → Unmovable, unchanging
  - But how do I talk to a rock?
- All that God is, is greater than any portion of what God is
- All that God is comes out of His heart
- Set aside your experiences and recieve from scripture

Salvation did not complete God's plan in my life, Salvation began God's plan in my life

Genesis 1:27 → God created out of nothing, we cannot create.

- God created out of nothing, you

- Did He do a good job?
- The worlds priority on physical appearance is an attack of Hell to take us away from God
- When you get your value from what other people say we become slaves to other
- you don't get your value from yourself, you get it from your God
- The standard of the world keeps changing so ~~don't~~ stop trying to keep up with it and accept God

Psalm 139:14

- If you look a certain way you're not better
- You can change to meet the worlds standards or rest in Gods because you already satisfy
- I want you to like me, but I'm strong in God so its ok if you dont
- Walk in everything God anointed you for
  - have no doubt because anointing comes only from God

Genesis 2:18 Gods ultimate purpose is to have a relationship with you

- I have a longing for God
- He longs for me so much that He put within me a longing for Him.
- The innermost need of my heart cannot be met by anything other than God
- Trying to fill this desire with something else seems like it works for a little while
- It's hard to walk this out

Jeremiah 3:19

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- Why does God do what He does? He choses to, He wants to, He's glad to
- It is His heart to bless me
- We hold God off because we don't let God be who He says He will be
- Do I dare to trust God?
- I have the ability to bring joy to the heart of God
  - My joy brings Him joy
- Am I living to thrill God?

Zephaniah 3:17

- It isn't about the song, it's about the singer
- Do I dare take a step of faith to believe what the word of God say
- Only God gives life, life is God's plan

Isaiah 49:16

- Stop trying to bring God down to your human limitations
- Everything I planned and purposed, I planned and purposed with you in mind, My love I will never enjoy anything throughout eternity unless I can share it with you. I only ask that you enjoy nothing unless you can share it w/ me

What fulfills the heart of a father?

His work

- Simply having children is not enough
- A father wants to love His children
  - > love always has a target

My response

- The children have to return that love

Relationship

- God created us with needs
  - Our greatest emotional need is: to be loved

- We don't want to have needs → our world is based upon strength
- Our world is based upon strength, the Kingdom of God is based upon weakness
- To grow you have to continue to be weak
  - His strength is made perfect in our weakness
- My independence is out of rebellion
  - God never intended me to be independent → I should depend on Him
- We have been trained to do it on our own

John 14:1-3

- I have a place in the Kingdom of God, the family of God, and the heart of God

Psalm 22:9

- If I don't fill my place in the heart of God it will be empty

John 14:8-9 Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

John 14:18

An orphan spirit is when we have not been:
Loved unconditionally
Nurtured
Taught truth without condemnation
Free to be me
Free to make mistakes
Provided for financially with joy
Spent time with w/o having to accomplish anything
Feel like I had to perform to do well
Shown affection
Able to hear: I am proud of you

- What we need to hear
I love you with all of my heart
no matter what
forever and always
- ~~Reject~~ Every orphan wants to be ~~accepted~~ adopted
Romans 8:15 The orphan spirit is replaced by the spirit of adoption
- Adoption is always a choice
- Am I free to call God daddy?
- Am I quenching the spirit of God within me?
- Top to bottom → heaven to man, not man to heaven
Matthew 27:51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom
- We are welcomed into the presence of God
- We get to pray, we get to be in His presence and it cost a lot
- Not only did it give us access to God, it gave God access to us
John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans
John 14:23 We will come to Him and make our home with Him
- We want to feel our way to God rather than believe our way to God
- My feelings do not change the truth
John 16:25 God has chosen this time to tell us plainly
John 16:26 We can only come to the father

Through Christ

John 16:27 The father Himself loves you

- The provision is through Jesus, but the love is direct.
- Do I trust more in Christ's relationship with the father than my own?

John 17 Last recorded prayer of Jesus)

Verses 1-5 Jesus

Verses 6-19 Disciples

Verses 20-26 All believers

- Do I have a heart for unity?
- I have never doubted the love of God for Jesus, but I constantly doubt the love of God for myself John 17:23
- God's love is the foundation of everything we believe
  - do I believe it?
  - do I receive it?

Why God?

- Many people base their relationship with God on what they don't understand about Him
- Love God because of what you understand about Him
- I'd like to have an answer for those questions, but until I do I will focus on you and what I do understand about you
- God doesn't promise an explanation even if He did we could never understand
- Don't let that prevent me from understanding

What I do Know
• Use what you know to maintain faith in what you don't

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Where was God when I was hurt?
• If you believe God should have done something diffently than He did you're going to have a hard time trusting Him
• God did do something, but it's different than what our human minds understand
• Anger towards God is really just a type of arrogance
God didn't do it the way I would have done it
- but we are evalvating from our own understanding
• You cannot have a relationship without a choice
• We have free will, but we do not have unlimited free will
• Two things I can chose
- my actions
- my attitude
• Relationship is based in an attitude
• God's ultimate purpose is to have a relationship with man
- this can't happen without free will
• How much involument does God have?
• Does God ever take away our free will

Zane Andrew Eliot James

Adaya Lou Caiden Grace

Zane Andrew
Eliot James
Zeke Matthew
Adaya Lou
Caiden Grace

- God has never said yes to sin
  - Sin is never what God plans, wills, or wants
- All things are working together for our good → Present tense
- God finds a way to redeem the most horrible situations but they are not a part of His plan
- What does God allow?
  - permission, endorsment, His ok

Psalm 72:18 God only does wonderful things

- God never planned for you to go through pain
- God using something doesn't mean He brought it about

Jeremiah 29:11 Plans to prosper you and not to harm you

- What about Job?
  - but Job lived before the cross
  - So did God change, no but the world did
  - We live by the benefit of the cross
  - Satan was defeated → you can't have them
- All pain originates in sin
  - if you want to get mad at something get mad at sin
- The free will of others really hurts me
  - but He can't take it away without sacrificing His ultimate purpose
- My pain was a lot harder on God than it was on me
- Why don't I believe God loves me as much as

my earthly father does.
- God does not take my struggles (no matter how small) lightly.
- God makes a permanent provision, not a temporary one
  - but it doesn't necessarily look the way we imagine
- Saul why do you persecute me → but Paul never did anything to Jesus
Matthew 25:40 If you did it to the least of this you did it to me
Matthew 25:45 If you didn't do it for the least of these you didn't do it for me
Isaiah 53 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows Past tense
- God's promises all came true and not one person's free will was compromised
- He carried my griefs and sorrows, so I don't have to
- He already paid, why am I trying to pay it again?
- He carried them so I don't have to carry them now

Joel 2:25 I will restore you
- as if one negative thing never happened
- Jesus was the permanent provision for every situation
- God doesn't hide sin, He erases it
- I will restore to you
- He carried it all, so that I can be free today

• God is not a father by position, He is a father by His heart
• Gods love is the foundation
• Gods love is extravagant, Gods love is lavish

So what is my responsibility to God

-Keep you heart open, Mariya

Goal: To see that our past comes to a position where it no longer effects my present or future.

Pardon ~ Forgiveness

• Dude def just took responsibility for the economic stability of Post-USSR Pro Poland ::

Matthew 6:14-15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your father will not forgive your sins

-Speaking about Spiritual maturity not Salvation.

• I need to walk in forgiveness
• I am responsible to walk in this teaching
• Knowing Gods expectation brings me great responsibility
• 5 things forgiveness is not

1) A feeling: I will never feel like forgiving, and it wont make everything feel better
2) Pretending you were not hurt: form of pride
3) Saying the people that hurt you were not wrong: Understanding does not bring healing, Knowledge cant heal, Jesus does
4) Not necessarily being able to trust that person again: Trust depends upon them, trust is a

result of appreciation for someones character, the only person that God asks you to trust is Him
-if youre offended to prove youre trust worthy youre probably not

5) Alleviating responsibility from anyone:
They will be required to respond to God
• unforgiveness in the church → the number one reason there is not a large movement of God in the U.S.
• Forgiveness is not an act or event → its an attitude choice that must be maintained
-not a one time thing
-am I still walking in it?
• There are layers to forgiveness
-We have to constantly go deeper
• If I choose not to forgive I am saying that what happened is more important than my walk with God
• Forgiveness is not a suggestion, its a commandment
• If I repeatidly walking through the same issue its because of unforgiveness
Psalm 66:18
• Im not responsible to walk in something I don't know exists
-Im not responsible to find it I am responsible to obey
• We never come to the end of forgiveness
• Forgiveness should be as common as breathing, blinking, and swallowing.

- When you live in forgiveness you don't get irritated because you get rid of it.
- You don't blow up without a build up
  - it's not hard to forgive one thing
- I can do this if I choose to
- My two things:
  1) Forgive them
  2) Bless them
- God's two things:
  1) The irritation is gone
  2) The situation improves
- God has a way for me to walk in victory in the midst of my situation
- Start slowly and it gets easy
- Unforgiveness brings
  - resentment: I respond by sending something back to you
    → ignoring something is resentment, we never have an excuse to act ungodly
    → what's in my heart?
  - bitterness: A bitter person cannot be blessed
    → blessings are choked out by root of bitterness
    → What is my root of bitterness?
      Am I grateful for the small blessings I recieve

Deuteronomy 26:13

- The situation got worse, but I got free
- Forgiveness takes the rope off of my neck → I regain control
- Freedom is having the perfect thing to say and choosing not to say it
  - this takes character
  - check your attitude

God, I want in that building

- Forgiveness doesn't excuse their behavoir
→ Forgiveness prevents their behavoir from destroying your heart
- When we forgive we release the other person to God
  - God can work on them
- Forgiveness is not between me and another person, it is between me and God
- Anybody can be nice to nice People
- Our goal is to let God's love flow through

Lyndon

Unlocking the Bible

Goal: Learn and interpret scripture so that it is both understandable and relevant

- We struggle to read the Bible because we don't know what we are reading
- Why should we study the Bible and know it deeply
  - to know God's story
  - to understand what God wants
  - Apologetics
  - So that we can properly interpret and apply scripture
  - So we can teach others and help them grow
  - Our attitude towards reading the Bible = Our attitude towards our relationship with God
- Reading the Bible should ~~not~~ be a religous thing
- Inductive v. Deductive Bible Study
  - Inductive: Starts with minimal outside influence. You study all the factors before making a conclusion. "Ex. Gesis" Facts > Conclusion
  - Deductive: Start with assumptions and doctrinal beliefs and then study the Bible in order to support what you believe Conclusion > Facts
- Study inductivly first so that you can find the truth for yourself and be confident to communicate the truth to others
  - Start objectivly

Goal: Heart transformation and intimate relationship with God

- More knowledge is helpful in understanding God's character but head knowledge does not transform a person, heart knowledge does
- We can believe two completely different things in our head or our heart
  - We haven't experienced what we believe or we have chosen to ignore/rationalize it.
  - The evidence of our heart knowledge is how we live our lives
- Experience moves us from head to heart knowledge
- The purpose and meaning of the Bible: To communicate to us God's plan of redemption for mankind
- But what is redemption?
  - Signified that we screwed up
- The Bible is for broken people, the Bible isn't for God
- Redemption: Going and paying a price to bring something or someone back to you
- Everything we read in the Bible has to do with redemption
- Each book of the Bible serves the big picture
- Progressive revelation: God revealing His plan of redemption for his people little by little over time as the are capable of understanding it.

- God has to enter into each culture/society and speak to them/work with them in the way that they understood
  - Don't think that God approved
- In our evangalism we enter into cultures & we do and say things they understand
  - met them where they are at
- God uses cultures to teach people, but cultures are sinful
- God speaks and acts in a way that ~~code~~ will bring us closer to Him

The Flood

- God's first major redemptive act
- God saved one righteous man and His family and then purified the world of evil
- God started anew with a "Chosen man" Noah
- Genesis is a compacted overview/summary

Abraham's Destiny

- God used a nation to bring redemption
- Gen 12:2-3, Gen 17:4-6
- God's plan not just for Israel → All the nations
- Abraham's blessing fulfilled in a spiritual nation, not an ethnic nation Gen 15:6
- The faithful will be blessed → Not a new testament idea

Genesis = Birth of a Nation

- Focuses on 4 men: Abraham, Issac, Jacob, and Joseph → The Partiarchs
- Moses is showing the Israelite:
  - How their nation came into being

-how they became the chosen people

The Covenant and Exodus

- After 400 years in slavery God raised up Moses to lead His people into the promised land of Israel
- God's covenant with the jews = the law
  - but it was temporary
- God made a covenant with His people to be their God
- He made laws for His people so that:
  - they wouldn't be like their idolatrous neighbors
  - they would be an example of a Holy People set apart by God
- The Covenant was a foreshadowing of Christ's kingdom

Deuteronomy 28

- Most important chapter in the old testament
- Obidience → life
- Disobidence → death
- The rest of the old testament shows the consequences of the Israelites choice to disobey
- We look at the OT law from the wrong point of view → The law was made to bless the Israelites Just obey

The Conquest and Establishment of Israel

- God gave the order to drive out the people of the land
- The 12 tribes received their inheritance from God

- Why would God do that? It doesn't seem fair?
  - Joshua 23:4-13: The nations would be a snare and a trap
  - Judges 1:27-36 →
  - One time in history and it served one purpose

Important Questions

1) Why did God use a people group to bring about His plan of redemption?
   - To show nations what Gods kingdom looks like
   - Be a righteous example of how to live out the principles of God as a whole society
   - A group of people can be different together
   - Much more Powerful in a group
   - humans long for Community → we are all looking for a group
2) Why did God place them where He did
   - All major roads went through Israel If Israel would have lived righteously, all nations would have seen it and would have wanted to worship Israels God

- God had an amazing plan → Isn't it sad to see how His people rejected it

Judges

- Descent into Sin
- The nation completely falls away from God into idolatry

- God used charismatic leaders with supernatural anointing to save the Israelites
- Written to show how sinful Israel had became
- God wants His people for Himself
- I have to be different from everyone else in the world

The Kings

- Did God want a king?
  - God made provision for a king, but it wasn't necessarily His choice
- Samuel briged the gap between judge and king. He was judge, king, priest, and prophet
- After Samuel, the people asked for a king like all the other nations
- They were rejecting being different for God
- So Israel got a king like all the other nations
  - tall and handsom → focus on the external
- There are points in our lives when we are rejecting God and He lets us
- The problem:
  - The people thought their problems were caused by not having the right form of government like the other nations had
  - The truth was that their problems were caused because they were rebelling and rejected God

Understanding it.

- The deeper issue: They put their faith in man, not God, causing them to be just like the other nations, forgetting that they were set apart to be an example to the other nations
  - Fear in man? Fear in God
- Israel settled for man and missed this huge opportunity
- Sin is so mediocre
- God rejected Saul and chose David. Why?
  - 1 Sam. 16:7 - God was looking for a righteous leader
- David became the template of what a king should be
  - He had complete commitment and allegiance to God
  - He hated idolatry
- The greatest sin: Idolatry, to reject God when He has shown Himself to you
- Solomon became the template of what a king should not be
  - Divided loyalty between God and other gods
  - Tolerance and support for idolatry
  - Many times a society of tolerance is driven by selfish motives
- The wisest man in the world was taken down by pride and ambition
  - Probably started trusting in His own ambition
  - Does my knowledge make me arrogant
  - Is my knowledge my God

Repent of your arogance at your ambition of trusting in yourself and your wisdom over me. Repent of your disbelief of your desire to explain away my presence, to rationalize my work. Don't come to the end of your life and think I missed it, I missed the chance to serve God Don't come into my presence & reject me

- When you have knowledge of something always let God check your heart
- I don't want to come to the end of my life and think I missed it, I missed the chance to be faithful to God and as such I screwed up my life

The Consequence of Solomons iddatry

- God divided the nation into two: Israel and Judah
- 10 tribes break off from Israel; God leaves Solomon only 2 tribes
- Rehoboam ruled over 2 tribes, only because of God's love for his grandfather David
- Northern Kingdom (Israel)
  - idolatry throughout its entire history
  - many dynasties but never a good king
- Southern Kingdom (Judah)
  - Idolatry was a major problem throughout history
  - only one dynasty with some good kings that would temporary lead them out of idolatry
    - Jesus comes directly out of this line

The Consequences of Israel not driving out all other nations

A. Because the Israelites didn't drive them out, they were influenced by the other nations, especially in idolatry

B. God was unable to convince the nation of His greatness and character to the degree

He desired because His own people were not loyal to Him.

The Prophets

- God's mouthpieces to Israel and Judah warning them to change their wicked ways, return to God and avoid punishment.
- The only ones courageous enough to speak out against the evil of the kings, the people, and the priests even it it met death
- The spiritual watchdogs/policemen of the land
- God pursued the people of Israel for 500 years, He warned them and waited for them. He was not impatient
  - it doesn't even fit in my mind how patient He was
  - Read with context
  - The old testament shows God's forgiveness repetidly but it also shows that our actions have consequences
- The prophets were the only people courageous enough to speak out the truth

The Exile

- The people never listened to the warnings and broke God's covenant and rejected ~~Him~~ Him, so He sent them into exile
- He did this to purify them

Israel → Assyria in 722 BC → Never returns
Judah → Babylon in 586 BC → Returns 70 yrs later

- God's Plan: Israel was to influence the nations
- The Reality: The other nations influenced Israel

So God put the Israelites in a place where they would once again have the opportunity to influence the nations

Deliverence

- Over 100 years before it happened, God promised the deliverence by Cyrus Is 45:1-3
- Babylon was overthrown by Persia in 539 BC
- Cyrus made a decree in 583 BC to let all captive nations return to their homeland and rebuild their temples
- Only some returned

Big Question: Why did Jesus come when He did and not right after the fall?

- If the Jews, in their idolatry didn't even know who God was, how would they even recognize that Jesus was God?
- After the exile was the first time in their history that Gods people were not idolatrous
- Gods redemtion story never changed - we are in this story
- The jews knew their Messiah was coming but they had to wait for 400 years The prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 even pointed to the exact year

FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS

¡Happy Birthday!

- If you tell yourself something long enough, you begin to believe it
- The jews were expecting a certain kind of messiah
  - Judus Macabeus
- 3 things that paved the way for the Gospel in the Roman Empire
  1) Good Roads
  2) Peace
  3) One language
- Jesus fulfilled God's plan of redemption
  - Is. 53, John 1:29, Rom. 5 → He healed mankind and reconciled them to God by taking their sins upon Himself
  - Rom. 5:9, 1 Thess. 1:10 → He appeased God's wrath over sin, making those who choose Him justified by Grace
  - Acts 3:22-26, Romans 4, Gal 3:16-29, Heb 6:13-20 → He is the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Promise
  - Heb. 9-10 → He fulfilled the law, no need to make sacrifice for sin
  - Jn 14:6 → No one comes to the father except through Christ
- Jesus as prophet, Priest, and King
  - Prophet: Matt. 13:57, Luke 24:19, Mark 10:33, Matt. 21
  - Priest: Heb. 7:21-28
  - King: Matt. 2:1-6, Matt. 27:11,37, John 4:25-26
- Christ: The major revelation in God's only plan
  - Matt. 7:2, Mark 16:16 → Revealed that redemption is internal, by faith and Gods mercy not rituals/works

- Luke 2:30-32, Matt. 12:18-21, John 4:21-24 → Revealed that God's plan is for all people, not just the Jews
- Matt. 28:18-19 → Revealed that his people were to share the gospel with and disciple all nations and people

• Jesus left and the Holy Spirit took over so that we could all experience God at the same time

• God sent the Holy Spirit
- John 15:26, 2 Tim. 1:14 → To guide His followers from the inside
- Rom. 5:5, 2 Cor. 13:14 → To have an intimate/personal relationship with his people
- Acts 2:17-18, Heb. 2:4 → To continue Christ's work by giving all believers spiritual power to bring His kingdom to earth
- The only thing that hold us back from experiencing the spirit is ourselves

• The Goal of God's plan: Rev. 21:1-4
- To live in perfect love and unity with His creation in a new heaven and new earth
  → Christ's victory over spiritual and physical death give the believer the promise of eternal life with Him 1 Cor. 15

Each Book is one unit of thought

- The author intended their book to be seen as a whole
- Read a book right through a few times before you start picking it apart
- Each book had a purpose and a pattern of thought / main idea

The Bible was not written to us but for us

- Each book had a real audience
- Each author had a specific:
  - purpose / theological Point
  - recipient
  - cultural / historical situation in mind
- Each book was written to solve a problem

Steps of Inductive Bible Study

1) Observation: What does the text say?
2) Interpretation: What did the text mean to the original reader
3) Application: What does the text mean to me today? How can I apply it to my life?

Translations

1) Formal Equivalence (Literal): Translate word-for-word from the original language
   Pros: God for inductive study, no interpretation, keeps context
   Cons: Doesn't flow well, hard to understand in historical context
2) Functional / Dynamic Equivalence: Stray a little from the original text, but convey the idea to the modern reader making it easy to understand

Pros: flows well, easy to understand
Cons: Sometimes translators interpret for you, not best for inductive study

3) Free translation: paraphrase from the original language, loosely tied to the original text

Pros: Modern, easy to understand
Cons: Everything is interpreted for you

How to read the Bible book by book
How to read the Bible for All its Worth

Tyndale Bible Dictionary
Vine's Complete Expository Biblical Dictionary

Habbakuk

- Prophet: The message is literal but the language is figurative

Structure

- Questions / Complaints → Answers
- Atmosphere: Frustration, desperation, confusion
  → Worship even without understanding
  → Somber resignation
- Poetic language
- Context: about to be conquered by a Kingdom
- Chaldeans → Babylon
- Injustice → 2nd most important theme
- Habakkuk was complaining about injustice among the Jews and God responds that He will conquer the Jews using the Babylonians
- We build up our faith by remembering all that God has already done

- Remember what God has done → Remember that God is good
- If you are righteous you will have faith in me I don't understand you but I am going to trust you
- God allowed Habakkuk to ask Him questions
- Islam: Submitted to God
- Israel: Struggling with God
- God allows us to struggle with Him
- Righteous people come to a point where they stop asking questions and accept God's goodness even without understanding
- Habakkuk would likely never see the justice he wanted

Habakkuk is the perfect example of how someone who loves God can wrestle with Him.

- God wants us to bring our struggles to Him
- If you pursue God long enough He will answer you maybe not in the way you want.
- How can I ask questions without them breeding unbelief

Reflection

- "For I am doing work in your days that you would not believe if told"
  - Habakkuk says Lord I do not understand + God responds you never could.
- Even in their frustration the Righteous people never stop worshiping God

Hab → How Habakkuk fits into the redemption story

I think I came into reading this Book in the same way I come into relationship with God. I just read it over and over again wanting to understand every passage, every word. And I came out of it feeling filled but not satisfied I wanted more I wanted ~~to~~ to read again I wanted to go into my study Bible and look things up. I didn't come out with answers just fragments of revelation and many more questions.

In being so concerned with reading and understanding did I rob God of the opportunity to Speak to me?

or Does God Speak to me through my questions?

Is my ~~Bible~~ hunger for God ~~benefiting~~ my relationship a blessing?

or Do I rather have a hunger for my own understanding that is hindering my faith?

Epistle Structure
Theology → Application
Identity → This is what you do

Colossians Study

Structure
- exhortation
- letter to Colossae
- Epistle: direct, literal teaching
- Theology → Application

Theme
- life of a Christian
- identity of a Christian

Atmosphere
- letter of encouragment, Positive, caring

Plot
- Paul is in jail

Repeated Words / Ideas
- death (2:12, 2:13, 2:20, 3:3, 3:5
- authority (1:18, 1:25, 2:10, 2:15,
- thanksgiving (2:6, 4:2, 3:16, 1:3, 1:12, 2:6
- servant (4:12, 3:22, 3:10) H:7) H:1
- wisdom / understanding (1:6, 1:9, 1:10, 1:25, 1:28, 2:2, 2:3, 2:23, 4:5) 3:10
- fullness (2:10, 1:24, 2:9
- Struggle, Affliction, asceticism

Background
- Colossae: in the middle of Asia Minor / Modern day Turkey, between Ephesus and Tarsus
- Greeks, Jews, and indigenous people all lived in Colossae
- Colossae was destroyed by an earthquake shortly after Colossians was written
- When written: 57-64 AD
- Author: Paul
- From where: prision, likley in Rome
- Church Founded: 53-55 AD
- Problem: Religous syncretism
- Spiritual climate similar to the U.S. today

- Mystery religons/cults
  - Cults based on acquiring secret knowledge of the universe
  - These cults promised:
    - > to reveal the hidden mysteries of spirituality heaven, the universe
    - > that their guilt would be taken care of
    - > deliverence and unity with their god
    - > immorality
  - Crazy worship services
  - heavy eastern influence
- Asceticism: People who purposely endure suffering to achieve spiritual knowledge, transcendence, or obtain salvation

Two things the Colossians learned

1. Ch. 2 v. 9 for in Him the whole fullness of diety dwells bodily →

Christ took on flesh not to endure it, but to elevate it
With the cross and the empty tomb the pshyce and the soma are unified
- The law was ment to show them their sins so that they could change their hearts

Debreif Questions

Most Enjoyable Thing: Team time and getting to form relationships with new people. I didnt have any idea I would come to love these people this much. Sitting in worship during the last service in Gtorinca and reflecting on how we had learned to live together to watch for eachother, to lift eachother up. Laying together in the hotel room crying and realizing haw much I am going to miss seeing these people every single day. I never expected to form relationships with these people, to have that team be the thing I loved most about outreach, but they did it all with me and they loved me and made me laugh and watched me cry and I am infinitley greatful to them for that.

Most Difficult Thing: Lack of leadership, mentorship, guidance Such an amazing group of students, under the right leadership had the potential to do so much. Lack of leadership created a lack of discipline, of respect, of trust, of unite and of productivite. We needed to be sheppared, to be guided, to be lead. No one knew what to do, so we did nothing many times. No one knew how to handle situations, so we just didnt many times. Youth in missions have to be less, we aren't naturally disciplined, we struggle to focus on

others we don't adress conflict well or know how to forgive. We needed to be guided and at times we probably wouldn't have liked it, but we don't always know what's best for us. We needed to be led

Outreach Debrief

Finish in obidience without regret forgiven

How have I changed in these last five months?
- I have to take time to answer this question
- Organize my experiences in my mind to understand what they mean / the affect they had.

How do I keep DTS from just being an experience
John 15:1-8 We have to cultivate the fruit that DTS has begun to bear
How do I produce fruit that lasts?
- I have simply made myself available to encounter God

Cultivate the fruit so that it begins to grow, so that it will last
What does it look like to finish well?
1. Take care of unfinished bussness
   With God... have I been obident to His voice?, have I been honest with unmet expectations
   Forgive offenses... Who do I need to forgive?, What am I holding on to?
   - Students: Apologize to Josh, Emily, Keila?
   - Staff: Kristoff
   - People or groups of people on outreach

God, What do you want to teach me?
I have to take action on what I have experienced or felt.
I have been given truth
- About God
- About Myself

I have to choose to act on it.
Listen to God and dont be afraid if He calls

for radical change.
Why do People want change?
- ~~Stress~~ Unsatisfied > are these my
- Want to feel better > highest goal?

I have to decide which road I am going to follow before I come to the fork
- Following God v. feeling God

★ What honestly is my highest Goal? ★
Am I taking the decisions I am making now seriously?
When I seek to please God first even the little decisions should be submitted to Him

Live Unoffenable by letting things go

The forgiveness of my own sins depends on my forgiveness of others
Choose to release your offenses

Mindset for Positive Change

1. Thankfulness
   - I have not gone through this experience without help
   - Be specific
   - Who did God use to get me here
   - Thankfulness is a choice
   - Fight entitlement
2. Communication
   - Feb. 26th: Thankfulness and communication done.
   - Make a plan

Seek God Now

How seriously do I take hearing God's voice

3. Serve
- Serve don't fix
- Don't start talking until you have spent time Serving
- actions 7 words
- Set an example to build trust
- Don't call attention to it.
- Be intentional about not slipping back into old patterns

4. Be ready for change
- Am I ready to release relationships
- Pray before you go home
- Lordship

Ruin You for the Ordinary

Am I going to settle for the ordinary?
How do I hold on to what God has put in my heart?

1. Keep listening to God → 1st step in falling away from God
2. Don't do it alone → Seek out a community of believers
3. Choose to obey and take risks → We stop obeying when we stop taking risks
   - God wants me to give Him control
   - God will meet us in ways we can't imagine
   - My relationship will deepen

Challenge: Believe in God's guidance for a specific next step. Don't go home without a plan

Thank:
- Dad/Mom
- Gma
- Kris/Steve
- Tina
- Jeremy

Communicate:
- Sutherlins
- Wests
- Wagners

Serve:
- Community → Serve @
- Family → cook/clean @ home

Connect:
- London
- Lynn
- Joe
- Timia
- Brandi

Maintain:
- Susan
- Betty → Mex?
- Jacob
- Ana

Open my eyes to opportunities
then
you have to obey

- The enemy will use my weaknesses to keep me from serving out God's Plan
Thankfulness puts our focus on what we have → It is the choice to focus on the gifts we have been given.
God waits untill we are ready to obey before He shows us opportunities

Commitment

We fear commitment because it feels like we lose our freedom
We dont make decisions out of fear so somebody else makes them for us.
Your destiny is only going to be found out of commitment
☆ God reveals Himself as we choose to commit ourselves to Him
Ruth → Commitment not to what my culture says is smart but according to what God Puts on my heart
- Her destiny was fulfilled because she made a commitment

destiny
decisions
destiny

Don't get Stuck trying to keep all your options open.
It's hard for God to direct us if we don't make a commitment
We discover our commitment only as we connect and listen to God.
Dont commit according to what is logical
I'm I willing to take necesary risks to discover my destiny

Covenant v. Compact
Contract: limited commitment
Covenant: I get all of you, you get all of me

Fear

What is fear?
When fear is not dealt with properly it will control our decisions
Fear: Intense respect

Fear of God is respect God and His power and His Word to the point where it defines my life and my ~~decisions~~ choices
Am I respecting what God has told me?
Fear of man traps us. We stop being obedient to God. The fear of man is not natural
God wants to teach us proper respect
What am I afraid of:
failure, losing my family, not being strong enough, being alone, not being understood, losing my ~~ability~~ to hear God, making the right decision

There is power is acknowledging our fears → They lose their control
What if I'm not strong enough to fight the battle waiting for me at home?
What if my faith isn't strong enough to stand against this world?
What if I actually haven't changed?
What if

I think I've always thought that the best way to be obidient to God and His plan was to keep my options open and wait for very obvious direction from Him, basically wait for God to make decisions for me. As long as I didn't make a decision I wouldn't make the wrong one. But its not about me waiting for God to choose to use me its about God waiting for me to choose to be used by Him. Waiting for God's guidence has been more than anything an excuse for passitivity a sanctified justification for me not to take a risk not to make a decission. God is waiting for me to step out in Obidience. Im not recieving guidence because Im choosing not to commit. I have to step out live in action believing that God will guide me, trusting that He is calling me. There is freedom in saying no to an option, there is freedom in allowing doors to close

We're Doomed!

Being courageous, Being people of faith, doesn't mean we will never be afraid.
Courage is a choice
God wants me to choose what is good, right, true
Luke 1:30 2Chronicals 15:7 Deuteronomy 7:17-18
When you fear, remember what God has done.
This may be different but God is the same
You will live in the world that you believe you are living in.
What are going to be the hardest things for me to apply in belief
How badly do I want God?
We get what we really want
our lives are driven by our desires
A deep desire for God was stirred in BTS, am I going to pursue it?
Do I want to be like God?
Mathew 5:6: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
Hunger and thirst for God
John 15: Stay connected to Jesus to bear fruit
Am I hungry for the wrong thing
Am I afraid to step into the unfamiliar
Am I trading unfamiliar glory for familiar pain?
Comfort V. Comfortability
God is more interested in your character

than your comfort
Difficulties push us
to go deeper
to cry out to something beyond ourselves
to grow into better strong people
An opportunity:
to grow
for God to shape my character
Am I ready?
Mark 4:1-20
Seed: Word of God
Soil: my heart
hard: unreceptive, choosing not to respond to God
↳ we avoid this by doing what God asks of us
Rocky: Things we don't see that prevent
a growth of real faith
↳ pride, hurt, resentment, unbelief, mechanical religion
Thorny: attitude, worries, priorities
Good: cultivated, cared for, right environment
God provides the growth if we make our
hearts the right environment for the seeds he
plants to grow.
The seed of God has been thrown
out → Is my heart going to allow
for growth?
How do I stir up desire?
Focus on God
Put myself in a community that is pursuing God
What is my plan to focus on God?
How am I going to stir up my desire for God?

What did God do in me?
What did God do through me?
What did God do through my team?

A Good Story has
1. Problem
2. My responce
3. Resolution

Thank Yous
- Jose
- Tuns
- Rebecca
- Yulma
- Cristian
- Alyssa
- Martinez's

~~What I learned about outreach doesn't.~~
We experienced a lot in Argentina, miracles that going into outreach I'm not even sure I believed were possible, we watched God heal people from physical suffering and deliverance people from spiritual bondage. We also saw suffering beyond what I had expected, ~~[illegible]~~ families who had lost everything coming to us in desperation, kids dying before they had the chance to live. Despite all of this, I often saw God work most in the smallest things; like a seemingly insignificant interaction between two teammates something I ~~[illegible]~~ not sure anyone else would have noticed that brought me to my knees
Our team struggled ~~a little bit~~ with unity, I my guess is every outreach does. Bringing we were people from 5 countries on 3 continents speaking two different language trying to live and work together 24/7 after

Knowing eachother barely 3 months. We had been in Argentina about a month and I was starting to feel really frustrated by the lack of unity, I had started calling out to God begging Him to teach us how to love. Our team also wasn't