



***REACHING ~ TRAINING ~ SENDING***

.

***Because Church is More than Just a Place I go – It is Who God Called Me to BE!***

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Key Reminder ~ You were created TO BE! It’s very important we understand this. Our being produces our doing not the other way around. You are called a human being not a human doing! The purpose of the Cross is to ***restore your being*** and free you from need to perform in order to gain God’s approval!

Utilizing the order in which the names of the Patriarchs were born and the definitions of each name it forms a complete sentence. The sentence very clearly gives us the first gospel message that was ever preached in the Bible!

**Name Hebrew Definition Adam Man**

**Seth Appointed**

**Enos Mortal**

**Kenan Sorrow**

**Mahalalel The Blessed God**

**Jared Shall Come Down**

**Enoch Teaching**

**Methuselah His Death Shall Bring**

**Lamech Deep Despairing**

**Noah Comfort and Rest,**

**TO BE!**

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We invite you to engage and to jump head first into everything the Lord has for you! You’ll notice that we have developed a clear path to assist you in the development of your identity, integrating you into the dynamics of the Body of Christ, the development of your gifts and call, and releasing you into your purpose you have been designed and created for.

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***Welcome to Church for the Nations ~ Flagstaff!***

***Genesis 1:26***

***“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man (Believe) in Our Image (Belong), according to Our likeness (Become); let them have dominion (Build)…***

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***CREATED TO BELIEVE IN JESUS***

Here’s point number one: God created us with a purpose!

Genesis 1:26 again – Let us make man… When God created mankind He placed within us the capacity to believe in and know Jesus!

***Ecclesiastes 3:11 – “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts…”***

Genesis 2 goes into detail as to how God made both male and female.

***John 3:27 – says that “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven…”***

God created us first to Believe in Him, to Belong to Him, to Become like Him and to Build His Kingdom!

This may sound like a simple series but remember How the Lord is so good at taking deep, complex truths and making it simple for us! I am telling you this series is going to take us places that we really need to go both as leaders and members!

You need to know that God created us to Believe in Him!

When God created male and female there are two different words used to describe them. When God made man the bible tells us that God formed man out of the dust of the earth. The Hebrew word there means to “Scoop up and to Squeeze.” So God scooped up dust, squeezed it, breathed the breath of life into it and said “OK – here is my new worship leader.” When God made man – squeezed. The Hebrew word used when God made woman is “Fashioned!” I am thankful for that aren’t you men. I like to think that God squeezed man, took a look at him and said, “Ya I can do better than that.”

So God’s purpose is for us to believe. So what happens when we stop believing? Please don’t get me wrong, I am not at all saying that we fall in and out of Salvation, that’s not all supported through Scripture. But what I am saying is that we all at times go through seasons where we simply don’t believe God. We believe ***in*** God, ***in*** His Son, but we don’t believe them. We all have areas in our lives that as we speak are contrary to the Will of God. They don’t have to be evil necessarily but contrary none the less. I could give us tons of examples but probably the most prominent ones are marriage, finances and family. We really don’t believe that if I forgive him, God will do something great. We really struggle to believe that if I give God ten percent then He will cause the ninety percent to cover all of my needs and expenses. We really don’t believe that if I have secrets in my life that it won’t really affect my family… So what happens when we don’t believe – here’s great news for you. Did you know that God’s faithfulness is not dependent on your ability to believe. While He has given you the capacity to believe, His goodness does not depend on you nor your abilities! When preparing for this message I found this great picture that shows us what happens when we don’t believe and what the Lord does for us in those moments or seasons!

Peter’s perspective picture.

Look closely – Jesus is standing on top of the water reaching down into unbelieving Peter’s life. Again – God created us to believe, but His faithfulness is not dependent on our belief! That’s such good news! God Created us with a Purpose!

Point Number Two: God Created us to Believe Him First!

If you are still in Genesis one then you can turn easily to Genesis two verse 15- 17

***“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you shall surely die.”***

I don’t want you to look at this as a set of rules as much as a loving warning from a Father. He was trying to give Adam a heads up that there was a tree or an opportunity was going to be given to him that God wanted to give Adam the advantage over. God created us to believe Him first. Here was God’s desire in that moment as well as God’s desire for you today – that we simply believe Him First! His desire when He told Adam if you eat of this tree you will die, was for Adam to believe Him. This is every parents desire – you want your children to believe you! Theres a long standing statement that I have come to somewhat disagree with – the statement is “experience is a great teacher…” I don’t think so – I think experience is a cruel teacher. The best teacher we can have is faith. When God says something, we need to exercise faith. We don’t want our children to learn all the lessons in life through experience… When we tell our kids about the certain dangers in life we don’t want them to experience it to validate what we are saying – we simply want them to believe. God created us to believe – and to believe Him first! The primary fact of our being created is that God created us for relationship and that relationship is a reality because of faith – or our believing Him! He wants us to believe!

I was asking Allison about a time she can remember when she didn’t believe her parents about something and did something wrong – much to my amazement, she couldn’t recall anything probably knowing that is she could I would talk about it publically and use it as an illustration. But what it boiled down to was that she simply believed her parents when they told her certain things in life were dangerous! She told me she did this out of respect and love for her parents. That is precisely what God desires from us. To love Him and to believe Him!

God has always wanted us to believe Him first!

Look at Numbers 14:11 – The the Lord said to Moses: ***“How long will these people reject Me? And How long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?”***

***Deuteronomy 1:32 – “Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God.”***

***Deuteronomy 9:23 – “Likewise, when the Lord sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you’ then you rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God, and you did not believe Him nor obey His voice.”***

The reason we don’t obey is because we don’t believe!

***2nd Chronicles 20:20 – “So they rose early in the morning and went into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, ‘Hear me O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord you God, and you shall be established believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.***

***John 3:12- – “If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from Heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!” For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”***

***John 3:36 – “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”***

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When I have had intimate times with my sons there have been certain times I have felt the need to share bits of my past with them. Not going into horrible details as many of you know I have quite the checkered past, but I felt I needed to share some of it because I wanted it to lead to a point that I would try to drive home with them. I told my sons, “I want to tell you my greatest concern for you as well as my greatest prayer for you. It’s simple – that you will believe me, especially when I tell you how destructive sin is.” And that you won’t ever try it yourself to validate what I am trying to tell you about sin.” The point I am trying to make is that more than anything I want my kids to believe me.

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Point Number 3: God created us to believe Him last!

***John 20:31*** - ***“…but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name!***

***1st John 5:13*** - ***These things I have written to you who believe in the Name of the Son of God, that you may know you have eternal life, and that you continue to believe in the Name of the Son of God.”***

Here’s what I want you to get – we believe in order to receive Salvation. You can’t add works to it, you can’t perform good enough to get saved, it is simply a matter of believing in what Christ did for us on the Cross! You would have to go against so much of the bible to come to the conclusion that we are saved in any other way but by the Grace of God and us believing in that. It’s Grace not Works.

***Ephesians 2:8*** - ***For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast!”***

Why does the bible encourage us to “continue to believe?”

Hear me on this – We believe for eternal life, we continue to believe for abundant life.

There are believers who are not experiencing abundant in certain areas of their lives, because in those areas, they don’t believe. In other words, you believe IN Jesus, He’s your Savior, but walking with Him as Lord is still a work in progress!

There are always things in our lives we would like to believe in but haven’t taken the step of Faith in order to experience what Faith results in! I run across people often that tell me they believe in certain things they just don’t do them yet. Using that rationale I respond with “I believe in taking a shower, I just don’t do it.”

The truth is if you believe in something you do it! I have been preaching the Word for almost two decades now and the three greatest areas of spiritual and soulish warfare is one: Salvation, two: Finances and three Marriage!

If you’ll do the right thing – Jesus will do the right thing for you! God created you to believe Him last!

A simple way to put it is who has the last Word as to how you will handle your finances, who has the last word about how you will respond to or treat your spouse. Who has the last word about how you will spend your time.

Remember this – there was two people who were wanting to be heard in the garden. God first said – “If you eat of that tree you shall surely die…” and the enemy came along and said the exact opposite. No you wont die, you just become like God… That’s exactly what is happening today. We frequent the tree to determine what is truth for us as individuals as well as society. That is exactly what the tree produces – the responsibility to determine what is right and wrong concerning very complex issues!

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My trip home from Haiti and I was working on a message when the enemy bombarded me with my past.

***CREATED TO BELONG TO FAMILY***

So, the preacher was invited for dinner and she showed up at little early at her congregant’s front porch and heard the television running and knocked on the door.  No answer.  Worried that something might be askance, she tooled around to the back door of the house, past the family’s garden and knocked again.  No answer.  Becoming irritated, she took out her calling card and left it by the door with the note, Revelation 3:20.  A few minutes later the congregation member answered the door, found the note and looked up the verse to find, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.”

Embarrassed at having missed her, he quickly jotted off a note and slipped in the mail to the church.  It read simply, “Genesis 3:10.” When the preacher received the note, she quickly opened her bible to read, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

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This morning we are going to dive into what it is to Belong to Family. While I don’t want to take a large amount of time, I do want to make the point that it is incredibly beneficial for us to belong to a life group. To be a part of community is crucial. Science has proven that is healthier for your body, your physical health, when you are involved in a small circle of close relationships than eating healthy or exercising. Isn’t that a wonderful statement, it’s better to eat a twinkie with friends than to eat broccoli alone! It helps increase your life’s expectancy, it helps fight depression and anxiety. We are going to be launching FIVE NEW LIFE GROUPS here in the next month and we want you to be a part of one or more of them!

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Belonging to a Family is one of the most desired aspects of human life. As a matter of fact some of the craziest things that have ever been done were because someone didn’t feel like they fit in so they did something stupid. Most trips to the emergency room for teenage boys was preceded with a statement, hey guys, watch this! God knew this because He is the One that put that desire in us and He also had already put together a plan of action for that desire to be satisfied!

***Ephesians 1:5 – The Living Bible – “His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!”***

Why were we born with a deep sense of wanting to belong, but not really feeling like we do?

***Genesis 3:7 - 10 – “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ So he said ‘I heard Your voice in the Garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’”***

The text is preceded by what is commonly treated as the account of ‘the fall,’ - we might call it the fall, but the Bible does not. It is important for us to understand this because it shapes the way that we are willing to view the entirety of Scripture. The Biblical view of the history of humankind and each individual man or woman is contained in the first three chapters of Genesis.  We are created to believe God and choose to love Him and to belong to Him as well as each other in freedom, cooperation and joy, to become like Him by allowing the Power of the Cross and Holy Spirit to sanctify us and ultimately to Build His Kingdom. Invariably we choose self and the captivity selfishness and determine them as prices not too high to pay for own independence.

The Bible is not trying to tell us what bad people we are and how we got so bad, it is trying to present us with a story, a love letter. It is God’s way of sharing the story of making a creation and falling so in love with it that God remains transfixed by the creation itself and unwilling to let it be spoiled.  If there is a deeper story of what we’re getting wrong here, it’s not that we’re getting the rules wrong that God gave us but rather that we’re getting God wrong.

And I’ve made this point many times before, but it remains: if we get God wrong, it is impossible to get ourselves right because it is God who created us and made us to be who we are.

***1st John 4:17b – “…because as He is, so also are we in this world***

According to the text in Genesis immediately after they chose not to believe God, they felt and sensed that they no longer belonged. That they didn’t belong where they were, that they didn’t belong to God and that they didn’t belong to each other. The text says that they sewed fig leaves together and covered themselves because they were naked and ashamed, afraid and disconnected. In Genesis 3:11 God asks them a great question – ***“who told you that you were naked?”***

***Prophesy that people are no longer needing to feel shame. People are tired of putting of fronts, tired of working so hard to seem ok. Today I declare that you are blessed and that you belong. God has undeniably chosen you to be His very own. He has set His seal upon your heart, you have been anointed with Grace and an Overcomer’s Life is your inheritance. You are not forsaken, You are not forgotten, you are not defeated, you are not broken, you are not insignificant, I decree that you are healed, you are whole, you are ahead, the blessings of God are chasing after you. Your assignment is in place, the resources are gathered for you and ready to be distributed into your hands! You are an administrator of Grace and Hope! Your marriage is not strange it’s strong. Your children are highly favored of the Lord and walking in Kingdom Authority – DO NOT FEAR, DO NOT FEAR, DO NOT FEAR! Do not fear the fig leaves being removed, they are giving you a false and inferior sense of being – Come out from your hiding and do not be afraid! You are powerful, you are perfected in your position, you are accepted and you belong!!!***

It is funny and it is sad at the same time. God came walking right beside him while he was hiding behind a tree and asked – “Adam, where are you?” The most heartbreaking statement a parent can ever hear – “I heard your voice, and it scared me, I became afraid.” God had never done anything to His children that would cause this, that would cause them to be afraid of Him. Sin immediately gave them a sense of not belonging.

Two points I want to make concerning belonging!

Point number one is that we were born rejected!

This is what lots of people don’t understand. In my years of working with people, I have never once dealt with someone who didn’t fight rejection. Most people don’t recognize where this comes from and therefore what to do to solve that problem. So they sew fig leaves on themselves and live with an inferior identity afraid of authenticity.

David said in Psalm 51:5 – “***Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.”***

***Isaiah 59:2 – “Your iniquities have separated you from your God.”***

***Romans 3:32 – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”***

The greek word for sinned here is hamartia – which means to miss the mark. Its like shooting at the bullseye and not hitting it every single time. Every single thought, every single word, every single action and behavior. Its called being perfect!

Not only were we born rejected, we have to be perfect in order to accepted by God. Now don’t check out just yet… stay engaged and stay with me because God came up with a perfect solution to this problem so that we could be accepted by God!

***Leviticus 22:21 – “And whoever offers a sacrifice of a peace offering to the Lord, to fulfill his vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle or the sheep, it must be perfect to be accepted, there shall be no defect in it!”***

How in the world can we ever be accepted by God knowing, if we are honest that we will never, ever become perfect. Well here is the good news, God sent us the perfect solution!

***Hebrews 5:9 – “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”***

Last week we talked about we believe for eternal life and we continue to believe for abundant life.

***Hebrews 10:14 – “For by one offering He has perfected forever (eternal life) those who are being sanctified.” (abundant life)***

Because of the sacrifice of Christ we have been perfected! Listen closely to me – I am not at all saying that I am perfect in my life. I am far from perfect in my performance, I am not perfect in my practice and I am not perfect in my progress! I am perfect in my position before God because the perfect One gave His life for me.

***Hebrews 12:22 – 23 – “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect.”***

Because a perfect God, gave us His perfect Son, who offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice – we have been perfected.

Right in the middle of the sermon on the mount, when Jesus is teaching people if someone asks you to go one mile with them, go two. If someone asks you for a coat, give them your shirt as well. Love your enemies and do good to those who persecute you. You know all of these things that require “doing.” Right in the middle of all of that Jesus makes this statement – ***Matthew 5:48 – “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”***

If Jesus is talking about being perfect in my performance, then I am in trouble. If He is talking about being perfect in my progress, then I am in trouble. But He isn’t! Here is what He is talking about – He is telling them about all these things “to do” but He is referencing by saying “shall be” that there is an awesome moment of Grace when He dies and we will be given the opportunity to be perfect in the sight of God! He is going to wash away all of my sin, every single one of them.

I struggle with this thing called perfectionism. Now I try to mask this with a cool word called excellence but at the root of it is a spirit of performance. I try to preach a perfect message, give perfect counsel but it is simply impossible to be perfect in my performance, so I have to settle in my heart that perfection is in position and my position allows my imperfection to be covered with His Love and Grace!

I said this was a good news bad news message – we started with the bad news – we were born rejected. But here is point number 2 – We were born again, accepted!

***Ephesians 1:6*** - ***“…to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved!”***

The New Living Translation says it this way - **Ephesians 1:6 (NLT)** - ***“So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son!”***

Because He has perfected us we belong! We are supposed to be in His family!

I took the word belong and looked throughout Scripture for it and I realized that I have preached on certain aspects of Scripture that have the word belong in it but I have missed the bigger picture of what the Scripture is saying.

***Mark 9:41*** - ***“For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward!”***

I’ve talked about giving a cup of water before in Jesus’ Name, I’ve talked about not losing your reward, either of salvation or what God has reserved just for you. But here is the most important part, the part that connects all of our doing to all of our rewards – The bible says because you belong to Christ! We have been chosen, adopted and accepted to belong to the Family of God. I want every single one of you to know that you belong to Family of God around the world and you belong, you fit in, you can flourish at this family called CFTN.F! I want you to jump in, I want you to engage at your own pace, I want you to know you are needed and necessary. I want you to feel at home!

If you have never participated in our “Salt Covenant,” we want you to know that you are a difference maker and we need your gifts in our life! We want you to know what is available to you, where you can serve etc.

As I close I have to make a couple of Theological points here. The reason that you and I are accepted into the Family of God is because Jesus was rejected in our position to we could be perfected and accepted into His! He fought the battle for significance for us, He overcame the spirit of an orphan for us so that we could BELONG to God and to Joyfully to each other! Jesus was rejected, first by men,

***Isaiah 53:3 “He was despised and rejected by men!***

***Mark 8:31 – “And He began to teach that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and after three days rise again!***

***Psalm 118:22*** - ***“The Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”***

This Psalm has been quoted often in the New Testament, once by Jesus, once by Peter and here in the book of Acts 4:11 referring to Jesus – *“****This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.”***

Jesus came to His own creation, not just the Jews but the creation that He loved with His life and we did not receive Him as King.

Not only was Jesus rejected by men – but He was also rejected by God.

***Mark 15:34 – “My God My God, why have You forsaken Me?”***

There has been great discussion about this portion of Scripture, many people wonder if Jesus knew that this was going to happen so this question was unnecessary. Others debate that He didn’t know God would forsake Him and this was a surprise to Jesus. Personally I believe that Jesus knew that He was going to be rejected, He was going to be despised, He even knew He was going to be rejected by God the Father, but here is what I believe He didn’t know – How it was going to feel when the Father turned His face away from Christ.

So when it happened it was worse than He could have ever imagined. Let me give you the Greek definition of this word forsake – To completely abandon, to totally turn away from and to reject!

I grew up with a thought of never amounting to much, being rejected

There really is not a reason for God to do what He did for us and for Jesus to do what He did for us. There really isn’t a reason, only an explanation.

***Romans 5:8*** - ***“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!”***

You belong to Me!

***Signed, God***

***CREATED TO BECOME A FOLLOWER***

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You can turn to Mark Chapter 9, Chapter 10 and John 13

We started the series with ***“believe”*** and I want to show you a Scripture that carries both believe and become in it. It is crucial that we understand the point Holy Spirit is giving us that we Believe for Eternal Life and we Continue to Believe for Abundant Life!

***John 1:12*** - ***But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to BECOME children of God, to those who BELIEVE in His Name!***

So when you believe you become a child of God and it becomes important for us to continue to believe so that we can become.

***Mark 1:17*** - ***Then Jesus said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you Become fishers of men.”***

Many of us may have never noticed that become is actually in this verse. Jesus is very clear to them, that following Him has an expected outcome. The expected outcome in this passage of Scripture is that we become. More specifically is that we become concerned more about the needs of other people than we do our own.

***Philippians 2:3 – 4 – “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others!”***

We are going to “become” as we continue to believe and follow Christ.

I am going to follow last week’s message in the fact that I will first reference the nature we are born with and then I will talk about the Nature we are Born – Again with. Last week I said we are born rejected but that we are born again accepted. So we are going to follow that theme just with different words. What I hope you will notice is the progress of growth here. Remember it is not about perfection, but progress, we will never achieve in perfection in our progress or our performance, but we are perfected in our position!

Point Number One – We are born self centered.

Ok – I want to take a little test this morning, it’s a true or false test and I need everyone’s participation. Ok true or false – #1, Human Beings for the most part are self centered. True of False? #2, You and I are Human Beings, true or false?

So we are all basically self – centered…

Mark 9 is actually a very humorous passage of Scripture as it will illustrate for us the point made in our test.

***Mark 9:33 – 35*** - ***“Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house he ask them, ‘What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest.” And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.’”***

So here we have witness of the first pastors conference ever held. But really let’s think about this, they are not just having a conversation here, they are having a dispute about who was going to be the greatest. When Jesus calls their attention to go back to that discussion, “What were you guys talking about back there?” I’ve got a magnet on my little refrigerator that says “When in doubt – mumble.” Can you imagine the mumbling that must have gone on for a minute. Well we were talking about how hungry we are, we were talking about how dusty the roads have been, if you are from Flagstaff you would make statements like, “we were wondering if winter was ever going to end and if the potholes are going to be fixed…”

Jesus gets their attention and makes some pretty pointed statements concerning and addressing their selfish nature. This is where He begins to talk about “***maturing***” or “***becoming***” as a follower of Jesus Christ. He says listen – “***whoever desires to really be great must position him or herself to be a servant of anyone who needs to be served!***”

I can imagine God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit all sitting around together and talking about a plan to address selfishness in the human race. The conversation may have gone like this “So you know that sin is going to the world and people are going to be by nature, self – centered, so what shall we do to address this.” One of them chimed in and said “I’ve got a grand idea – let’s have them live with another human being.” Another One said, “That’s a great idea, that will at least exploit selfishness, great idea. And if that doesn’t do it, let’s give them children.”

Think about this – a phrase I would use to describe this is Me, Myself and I’ism. We are plagued with it, Me, Myself and I’ism is the primary condition that hinders the cause of the Kingdom really moving forward. In marriage counseling, I hear this all the time…

I hear things like – “she doesn’t meet MY needs.” Or “He doesn’t listen to ME.” How about “I just don’t love her like I used to.” Now it doesn’t sound much like selfishness on the outside but in reality that is what is at the bottom of most human conflict.

“I just need My Space,” “I need to do what’s best for me,” or the big one, “I really need to look out for number one!” Here’s one went through culture, the statement has changed a bit but the truth remains still – “I need to find myself!” If that is you – let me help you, you are right there. Right there in front of me. Let me say this – that’s a recognition that we are born rejected but use selfishness means to address it. It is exactly why God asked Adam in the Garden “Where are You?”

Unfortunately this condition has crawled into the church as well. “I just don’t like the fill in the blank” I had a conversation with a middle aged mother a few years back, I was inquiring about how they are dealing with the transition of leadership and the exciting things that were happening in the church. She said, “I like most everything about the church but there are two things that drive me crazy.” I told her, I bet I know what those two things are.” She looked at me and said, what are they? I told her you don’t like the lights and you don’t like the first song we play!” Her son who was standing with her, got a huge grin on his face because he had listened to his mother complain about that lights and primarily first song for weeks! When I said you know why I know you don’t like it? Because I am not to fond of it either! But I want to help you understand why we do what we do. I turned to her son and asked him, what do you think about the lights and the music? He said – “I love it!” I told the mom please don’t think that there is not a reason as to why we do most everything around here. If we selfishly refuse to create a favorable environment for people then we will continue to lost the next generation at an increasing rate. There is a “why” we do most everything we do. Over the next few weeks I witnessed this woman begin to appreciate and engage the in something she first didn’t enjoy.

Did you know the key to advertising is all about Me Myself and I’ism. We hear things like, “Have it YOUR WAY.” Or “You deserve a break today!”

You know your right – I deserve to eat some of the stalest, saltiest, least nutritional fries right now because I deserve a break today! I want to take this just a bit farther. We were in Mark 9 and let’s look at Mark 10. We ended in Mark 9:35 so if you need a way to remember this we begin in Mark 10:35. Listen to this story and think about what these two disciples said to Jesus, watch it closely.

***Mark 10:35*** - ***Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, Teacher, we want You to do whatever we ask.”***

# Wow – who wouldn’t! Sovereign Lord of the Universe and Ruler of All, I want you to be my servant! I want you to do whatever it is I want you to do for me. While there are Scriptures that support this, they are most always pulled totally out of context. One of the famous ones used is found in James:

# *James 4:2-3 “You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”*

We want you to do for us whatever it is that we ask you to do! Isn’t it amazing what Jesus responds with? Now I know that Jesus knew how this conversation was going to turn out but none the less His response is so amazing to me:

***Mark 10:36 – 39*** – ***And He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” They said to Him, “grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your Glory.”***

Ok Lord – we have come to the conclusion that you are number one here but could we please but right under you so that we are over everyone else. He then goes onto the price He is going to have to pay and asks them a question – ***But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him,*** what is quite possibly the most arrogant statement in the bible ***“We are able.”*** Now Jesus does go on to tell them that they will indeed drink the cup that Jesus is going to drink in the form of persecution but I believe they were listening with wrong motives. Jesus in Marks gospel warns us to be careful “How we Listen.” How we listen more times than not sets the tone for how we will be heard. That’s another message but for this morning I have felt like the Lord wants to take burdens from you that aren’t yours to carry and allow you to take His yoke upon you for His burden is easy and His yoke is light. Proverbs 16:3 in the amplified

**Proverbs 16:3** ***Roll your works upon the Lord, commit and trust them wholly to Him. And He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable with His will and so shall your plans be established and you shall succeed!”***

I want you to stand and if I am talking to you for a moment. Lift your hands and offer to God whatever it is that is weighing you down that He hasn’t asked you to carry. Your success is one shift away – it is one transfer away. Your Great God loves you so much and today wants to set you free from heroically carrying something that simply isn’t yours. He’s seen your weariness, He’s seen how tired you’ve become and He says today is your day to be free!

Ok back to the story – I can’t hardly imagine the turn this story takes. The disciples, have the nerve to go to their mother and ask her to go to ask Jesus the same thing! The sons of thunder, the fearless disciples, the strong and mighty have to get their mom to talk to Jesus. Here is a serious problem that this prayer request contains.

The entire story is in your notes with no fill in the blanks because I want us to see how generous Jesus is when He doesn’t answer some of our prayers.

He says when I come into my Glory I am going to separate things, people. I am going to put the sheep on my right and I am going to put the goats on my left. The sheep will be the ones that “BECAME” the goats will be the ones the didn’t. They remained intoxicated with selfishness and personal pursuits and desires! Jesus will say to the ones on His right – “COME” listen this is the crux of this message – when you “BECOME” you will receive the invitation to “COME.” And that invitation is to come into the everlasting Kingdom prepared by our Father in Heaven. However, to those on His left, He is going to say to them ***“depart from Me, into everlasting fire…”***

When Jesus was confronted by this mother, Matthew’s gospel lets us in on the conversation and Jesus gives her a response that probably shocked her.

***Matthew 20:22 – “But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask!”***

This mother un-renounced to what Jesus had already eternally set in place literally asked for Jesus to send her son to eternal punishment. I wonder how many times we have asked God for things that simply or terrifyingly go against His eternal plan for our lives or the ones we love.

Trey’s story about being the boss when his dad is out of town and what Grandma did!

We are born Self Centered but here’s point number two – we are born again Christ Centered!

Ok just like that – like last week we talked about being born rejected and born again accepted. You are born self–centered and you are born again Christ-Centered. You cannot get saved until you remove YOU from the throne and put Christ there. Remember you are not perfect in your performance and you won’t ever be but you will be more and more Christ Centered.

Look at Mark 10 once again –

***Mark10:41 – 45– “And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. 42But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”***

The disciples God wrong and that is why they couldn’t get themselves right. Remember last week I said if we get God wrong, it is impossible to get ourselves right because it is God who created us and made us to be who we are.

They were under the notion that Jesus was coming to set up His Kingdom and overthrow the Romans. However Jesus was more interested in setting up His Kingdom in their hearts before setting His Kingdom in the Earth! Even when Jesus starting explaining to them the total plan of Redemption they were unable to accept it.

A growing, maturing Christian will become less and less self-centered and more and more Christ Centered!

It’s a process of becoming a follower of Jesus Christ. When we talk about being verses doing, I want us to quickly look at the way Paul from the bible looked at things.

***Romans 1:1 – Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle.”***

Heres what he does – he says if you want to know about my being, it is found in the role of a bondservant. A bondservant is one who filled his time as a bought slave, however at the end of the seven years that slave could make a decision to voluntarily stay. That was Paul’s being! His doing was Apostolic. He was saying that the most important thing we do is choose to become and choose to serve!

That is what CFTN.F is all about! We have tons of people who know their being and are not at all insecure about their doing.

Story of helping a family in our old facility who didn’t know I was the senior pastor but how it became apparent that I was not just a pastor but the senior pastor!

We are born self centered, born again Christ Centered, and here is **point number three**, We BECOME like Jesus!

***John 3:30 – “He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.”***

Now he is not saying at all that God needs to become greater because we know that God is the greatest and has no need nor capacity to become greater so what John is saying is that as far as HE WAS CONCERNED Jesus needed to become greater in him and he needed to become less in himself at the same time!

John 13 Jesus had just finished washing His disciples feet listen to what the Bible says happened and the discussion that followed:

***John 13:12 - 14 – “So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash (first read it as MY Feet) one another’s feet.’”***

He said if I have washed your feet you should serve each other. He very easily could have said because I did it for you I want you to now do it for me. Such a powerful re-focus He gives to His disciples concerning the outcome of “BECOMING.” Our focus really does turn towards other people!

I said point number three is We Become Like Jesus, another way to put it is to say We Become Other’s Centered… Now please understand I realize that this has to be in a healthy way and Jesus gives us the clue as to how remain “Others Centered” and Personally Extremely Healthy.

***John 2:24 - “But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men…”***

That is BECOMING LIKE JESUS! People say all the time that I am called to serve God – well my friend, serving God means serving others. You cannot have a deep love for God and remains disconnected from other’s and have a healthy compassion to see people BECOME whole!

***1st Peter 4:10 – “Each one of you has been given a gift, employ (provide a favorable environment) that gift for SERVICE OF OTHERS faithfully administering God’s Grace in its various forms.”***

Listen Jesus washed their feet – we don’t quite understand the depth of what this means. When it is incredibly dry and dusty or when it rains and its muddy, imagine the streets with no asphalt and parking lots etc… When people would enter into a person house they would be greeted by the lowliest servant of the house and they would enter into what is now called the mud room, but it was called the foyer where the servant would take and wash their feet. While the guests were eating the servant would then wash the shoes of those invited. It was the lowest job of all, the lowest in all of Jewish culture. Jesus dismisses the person in that role and says I just want it to be you twelve, oh ya and Leonardo Davinci because he needs to paint this scene, anyways, so just you twelve and what amazes me here is that this Jewish custom and not one of the disciples offers to wash their master’s feet. So Jesus gets up and washes their feet signifying two things – ***you are clean from where you have been and you are empowered for where you are going!***

Story of the dad that was asked if he was Jesus.

***CREATED TO BUILD GOD’S KINGDOM***

A few key reminders here – reference the baseball diamond and how it is the desire of CFTN.F for each person to have the opportunity to experience their personal Kingdom Home Run.

have each person say it before it appears on the screen, \*\*media will have to press the space bar in order for each one to appear\*\* how it is the desire of CFTN.F for each person to have the opportunity to experience their personal Kingdom Home Run.

God created us first to **Believe in Him, to Belong to Him, to Become like Him and to Build His Kingdom**!

Key Reminder #1 – You were Created to Be! Genesis 5 gives a clear presentation of the Gospel and that is attached to Hebrews 4:10

***Man is appointed mortal sorrow, but the Blessed God shall come down, teaching that His death shall bring those in deep despair comfort and rest from doing in order TO BE!***

***Hebrews 4:10 “For the one who has entered into His rest, has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His!”***

We firmly believe that in each person is a dynamic and unstoppable gift, a deposit made by God to empower each one of us to accomplish His Will in the Earth. When Jesus comes back for his Church, His Bride, He is certainly not coming back for a broken, depressed, inadequate, barely getting by Church! Again - YOU are so necessary for this to happen.

Key Reminder #2 – You were Created to Believe!

***John 6:28 – “Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”***

Key Reminder #3 – You were Created to Belong!

***Psalm 92:13 – “Planted in the House of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God!***

***~ Flourish ~***

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***1) to grow and develop in a healthy or vigorous way, especially in a favorable environment***

***2) to develop rapidly and successfully***

***3) to attract the attention of others***

***Ephesians 1:5 – The Living Bible – “His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!”***

Key Reminder #4 – You were Created to Become – a Follower of Jesus Christ.

We were born self-centered and we are born again and become Christ-Centered!

***1st Peter 4:10 – “Each one of you has been given a gift, employ (provide a favorable environment) that gift for the SERVICE OF OTHERS faithfully administering God’s Grace in its various forms.”***

You are Born to Build His Kingdom – This is the last message of CREATED. I hope you have enjoyed this series but more than that I hope it has given you a compass as to what God has created you for, delivered you from and saved you for.

Turn in your bibles to Genesis 1 as well as 1st Chronicles 29

In Genesis 1:26 for the past few weeks we have read only the first portion of the Scripture but today I’d like to complete the verse simply because it shows us that from the very beginning God has always been busy building!

***Genesis 1:26 - “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man (Believe) in Our Image (Belong), according to Our likeness (Become); let them have dominion (Build) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle over all the earth and over every creepy things that creeps on the earth.”***

Point #1 – God is always building!

He built the Universe and Absolutely Everything You see, God Built! Now some are the result of how He built things to re-produce after their own kind but at the end of the day – God Built Everything!

***Genesis 2:7*** - ***“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being.”***

***Genesis 2:22 – “Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.”***

Remember the word formed here in Scripture – it literally means to scoop and squeeze. So here is what God did, He scooped up the dust and He squeezed out a man. However what He did with women is quite different. The word “made” literally means to fashion or to build. God did a good job with women and I am very glad He did so. He did especially good with my wife. If you are seated next to your wife look at her and tell her God did a great job with you!

***Romans 11:36 - For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.***

So when you see a beautiful sunrise or sunset, God built it! When you see the ocean, God built it, when you see an eagle flying up against the crystal blue sky, God built both! Apparently, according to science, God is still building because they say that the universe is always expanding. God is always building.

God also built everything with a purpose. When He built something He spoke to what He wanted to build it from, where it would be sustained and be fruitful from and where it would return to.

When He built the trees and the plants of the earth – He spoke to the earth, deposited into the earth everything necessary to sustain the trees and plants as well as give them the ability to be fruitful.

He did this with the fish of the sea, the stars of the sky etc.

You need to notice that when He made you and I, as our key verse throughout this whole series has shown, He spoke directly to Himself and provided within Himself a favorable environment for you and I to flourish in.

***Genesis 1:26 - “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our Image’***

***Ephesians 2:10 -*** ***“You are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus with good works prepared in advance that you should walk in them.”***

I love the language used here – it shows us that God went into great detail to ensure that we were designed with everything necessary to flourish in our lives. He designed everything we encounter to simply be a tool to show off His masterful work in your life! Now our bodies are formed from the dust but our spirit is formed from our God. So our bodies are from the dirt, sustained by dirt, you know plants, animals and ice cream. You know cows eat grass, cows produce milk, so because cows eat grass ice cream is almost like salad. It’s actually processed salad.

***Romans 8:28*** - ***“And God can cause all things to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose!”***

Because God created all things – He can cause all things to do whatever pleases Him.

***Colossians 1:16 – “…for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see--such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him and for Him.”***

People who are in the midst of deep despair, trying times, moments of hopelessness, feeling overlooked by God, overwhelmed by life, I want you to stand and allow me to Apostolically prophesy and declare what I hear the Spirit saying, first let me remind you that the enemy doesn’t mind if you get the rules right if it causes you to get God wrong!

***I am building you my beloved! I am building you! I am building you bigger than your problems. Your problems will never be able to outgrow you. You are mine and nothing by any means shall be able to snatch you from My Capable and Strong Hand! I am also accelerating My building process in your life so don’t be mislead by the size of the difficulty – it is MY PROPHETIC SIGN THAT I AM MAKING YOU BIGGER says the Lord! The Lord is increasing your capacity to LOVE and to BE LOVED! He has promised that no weapon formed against you can prosper and mighty one – He has held true to His promise. What has come against you in this season would have destroyed you in your last season but BECAUSE GOD HAS MADE YOU BIGGER you are still at the head and not the tail! Lift your eyes up to the hills, you will find your help, you will find your helper!***

***I declare to you this day that weeping has endured for the night, but the dawn of a new day is arising over you beloved, the bright and morning star is breaking through your darkness! So arise and shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Darkness has covered the earth and a deep darkness the people of the earth – God is telling you to not own the darkness – it’s not yours, it’s not yours – He has placed you and made you to be bigger than the fear of darkness! You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, shine bright and break free from your fear, break free from your defeated thoughts – you are deeply loved and complete, thorough victory is your only option! You are His workmanship and He made you well, He left nothing out and is proud to call you His own!***

Point #2 – Jesus is always Rebuilding!

When God told Adam, the day you eat of the tree you will surely die… Our bodies didn’t die because our bodies came from the ground, sustained by the ground and return to the ground. David understood this when he said in ***Psalm 119: 25 My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.***

***Ephesians 2:1 - “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”***

God not only built us in our original condition and position – Jesus re-built us and re-established the perfection of our position in Christ.

***2nd Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.”***

That is why the last couple Sunday’s I said we are born this way, but we are born again this way. We were born a certain way by God and we were born again in Christ another way.

George Washington story of his dad planting cabbage.

So we have a designer and a builder who is also our God!

***Hebrews 11:10 – “…for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”***

In Matthew 26:61 Jesus is being quoted by an accuser in court as having said – ***“Destroy this temple and in three days I will re-build it.”***

Point Number 3 – Holy Spirit is using you to continue to build!

***1st Corinthians 3:9 – “You are God’s building…”***

***1st Peter 2:5 – “You also, as living stones, are being ­­­­­­­built up a spiritual house…”***

***Ephesians 2:19 – 22 – “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.***

Ok so if the Spirit of God is continuing to use as God’s Building and to continue to build, then why do we need buildings? The bible tells us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together… It is a place where we can meet together for people to get saved, set free and delivered, disciple and empowered and set in place for service. Our three keys at CFTN are Reaching, Training and Sending and it requires bricks and mortar to do such things.

The primary reason we build buildings is to reach more people. The reason Mighty Holy Spirit is continuing to build you and using you to build is to only reach more people. We also build buildings so that we can corporately meet together with God. Scripturally we are the House of God but did you know that actual buildings in the bible are also called the House of God?

***Exodus 25:22 – “And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you.”***

***Genesis 28:16 – 17 – “Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, ‘surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.’ And he was afraid and said, ‘how awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’”***

Jesus referring to a building, an actual building that Solomon had built said this in the New Testament,

***Matthew 21:13 – “and He said to them, ‘It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves…’”***

1st Chronicles 29

David had it in his heart to build a place for God to freely and unhindered be able to meet with His people and for the people to get to know the greatness and goodness of God. Now unfortunately for David it wasn’t God’s master plan for David to build the temple but that Solomon, David’s son would actually build it. I love what David did – the posture of his heart was one that showed he had truly “Become” because it took him setting his pride and personal desires and placing his affection completely on the Heart and Will of God.

***1st Chronicles 29:3 – “Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver.”***

***1st Chronicles 29:5 “…the gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?” Then the leaders of the fathers’ houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds with the officers over the king’s work, offered willingly.***

***Verse 9 – Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also rejoiced greatly.***

***Verse 14 – “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.”***

***Verse 17 – “I know also, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You!”***

***Exodus 35:5 – “Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord.”***

***Verse 22 – “They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart***

***Verse 29 – “The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the Lord, all the men and women whose hearts were willing…”***

***1st Chronicles 29:18***

***“O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You!”***

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