**Jesus Answers the Problem of Evil and Suffering….**

**And So We Should Too!**

**Notes**

**10/5/25**

**Intro**

I’m so excited to share this morning. I’ve never shared this content together publicly on a Sunday morning service before. I’ve only ever shared this content in a ministry school, and they were truly blessed by it.

Love never calls you out, love always calls you up

Love is humble and coachable. Be willing to unlearn things after today based on the truth you hear today.

I don’t want you to believe what I say because I said it. I want you to ask Holy Spirit to confirm with you, because it must line up with the Truth (words, actions and life of Jesus).

If we say something you don’t agree with it doesn’t mean we are enemies. When people break relationship over not agreeing on certain beliefs it’s completely immature and not love.

I’m human I could miss it. I’m still growing and maturing.

Sometimes you hear something new you haven’t heard before sometimes it takes time to research it yourself and chew on it and let Holy Spirit bring revelation.

Don’t shut off if you hear something you don’t agree with or have never heard before.

Just because you have never heard something before doesn’t mean it’s not true.

**Proverbs 2:6 AMP** For the Lord gives [skillful and godly] wisdom; **From His mouth come knowledge and understanding**.

**Psalm 119:130 AMP** **The unfolding of Your [glorious] words give light; Their unfolding gives understanding to the simple (childlike)**.

**Proverbs 4:7 AMP** “The beginning of wisdom is: Get [skillful and godly] wisdom [it is preeminent]! And **with all your acquiring, get understanding [actively seek spiritual discernment, mature comprehension, and logical interpretation**]

You know when someone truly understands something when they live out what they learned and they can teach what they learned

**Hosea 4:6 AMP My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [of My law, where I reveal My will].**

**PRAY**

**I’m going to pray this scripture over you today**

**Ephesians 1:15-19 NASB** For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, **16**I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17**that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18**having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19**and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

Have you heard these statements in your life?

God is good “All the time” All the time “God is good”.

God’s love is EVER…….”LASTING”

Have you ever asked any of these questions below?

* If God is Love and Good, then WHY does God allow evil and suffering?
* If God is ALL POWERFUL then WHY doesn’t He intervene and stop evil and suffering from Happening?
* If God exists, why is there evil and suffering?
* Where is God when evil and suffering are happening?
* If God is all knowing why does He allow evil and suffering and tragedy?

Raise your hand if you have ever had any of these questions?

To get the right answer you have to ask the right question?

**Here are some answers theologians, pastors and philosophers have shared.**

I don’t know. We will never know until we enter heaven.

“It can’t be that he doesn’t love then he wouldn’t have come down to earth and gotten involved. It can’t be He doesn’t care because He wouldn’t have gotten involved. I don’t know the reason why He hasn’t stopped it yet, but I know it can’t be a remoteness or an indifference. But whatever the reason it is “-

God ordains everything in your life good and bad. He ordains evil

God’s love is different than our love. His ways are our not our ways. If He doesn’t something evil it’s not evil because God did it and He can do whatever He wants.

Everything happens for a reason.

It’s a mystery!

God is in Control! God is sovereign!

We live in a fallen world.

Free will defense. Consequences of human sin not God’s direct doing.

Soul making- Suffering is allowed by God to develop virtue, maturity, and faith.

God allows a world with challenges and hardships allows humans to grow in courage, patience, compassion, and trust in God.

Greater good defense-God permits some suffering because it leads to a greater good that we may not fully see. Example: the suffering of Christ led to salvation.

Some evils may contribute to a divine plan beyond human understanding.

Mystery of God’s sovereignty- Humans cannot fully grasp why God allows suffering, but we trust His wisdom and goodness. Like Job, Believers may not get a full explanation, but are invited to trust in God’s sovereignty. Often summarized as “we don’t know all the reasons, but we know God is good.”

The only reason we’ve come to different conclusions on truth in body of Christ is because the body has not embraced the head as the standard of Truth. Jesus is the Truth.

The days of finding man’s opinions to prove truth and debating truth with another man’s opinions are over. It’s time to start proving truth through the life of Jesus who is the truth. Truth is already settled. It’s the words, actions, life and life of Jesus who is the exact representation of love.

So many people mad at God. Anyone ever mad at God at least once in their life other than me?

I can guarantee you family if you’re mad at God for any reason you’re deceived and under a lie and there’s a truth that you don’t understand.

That was me years ago. I was mad at God for so many things. I’m going to take you on the journey the Lord took me on today and actually give you my life situations to show you what actually happened and it wasn’t what I thought it was.

**Truth Framework**

God’s Nature + God’s Plan/God’s Will (Intent) + Correct Interpretation/Foundation + The Words, Actions & Life of Jesus + Finished Work of Jesus + Our Choice to Follow Jesus/Receive Adoption into God’s Family + Our Water Baptism/Born Again/Salvation/Saved/Redemption + Our Baptism into Holy Spirit + Our Identity (our Nature)/New Creation/Christ in Us + Ambassadors/Kings/Priests + Our Authority/Dominion/Responsibility/Our Armor and Weapons + Commands of Jesus + Our Obedience/faith/Belief/Grace + Our Renewal of the Mind + Our Maturity + Disciples of Jesus will face suffering/Persecution – satan’s Nature/Works/Sin/Death – Doubt, unbelief, & Traditions of Men=Results of Jesus (Heaven on Earth)

**God’s Nature according to Jesus**

How do we know what God’s nature is? We must look at Jesus.

Jesus dismantles all the horrible images about God we’ve constructed in our head from the lies of the enemy, bad teaching we’ve heard, wrong interpretations of Scripture and lack of knowledge based on our own experiences.

Jesus reconstructs the true healthy image of our heavenly Father.

It is by Jesus alone where we find the truest and only correct image of what our heavenly Father is like.

God is EXACTLY LIKE JESUS. Every aspect of His nature flows out of Love. HE IS ONLY EVER

* LOVE
* LIFE
* LIGHT
* GOOD
* FORGIVENESS
* TRUTH
* KIND
* HEALING
* MERCIFUL
* GRACE
* COMPASSION
* HOLY
* JUSTICE
* PEACE

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NASB** Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. **5**It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own *benefit*; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong *suffered*, **6**it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; **7**it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8**Love never fails;

Take out Love and put Father God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and I

**1 John 3:8 NASB** **The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil**.

**Acts 10:38 AMP** How God anointed *and* consecrated **Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength *and* ability *and* power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed *and* oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him**.

**1 John 4:8 NASB** The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**1 John 4:16 AMP** We have come to know [by personal observation and experience], and have believed [with deep, consistent faith] the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides *continually* in him.

**Psalm 136:1 AMP** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness (graciousness, mercy, compassion) endures forever.

**1 John 1:5 AMPC** And this is the message [the message of promise] which we have heard from Him and now are reporting to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him at all [no, not in any way]

**John 8:12 NASB** Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

**Psalm 100:5 NASB** For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting And His faithfulness is to all generations.

**Acts 10:38 NASB** *You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

**James 1:17 AMP** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of lights [the Creator and Sustainer of the heavens], in whom there is no variation [no rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [for He is perfect and never changes].

 **Hebrews 13:8 AMP** **Jesus Christ is [eternally changeless, always] the same yesterday and today and forever**.

**John 14:6 NASB** Jesus \*said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.**

**Mark 12:27 AMP** He is not the God of the dead, **but of the living; you are greatly mistaken *and* you are deceiving yourselves**!”

**John 11:25 NASB** Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life**

**Romans 8:2 NASB** **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death**.

**John 10:30 AMP** **I and the Father are One [in essence and nature**].”

**John 14:9 NASB** Jesus \*said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? **The one who has seen Me has seen the Father**; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

Yeah but what about OT Shawn. Yeah BUT JESUS.

**Hebrews 1:3 AMPC He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint *and* very image of [God’s] nature**, upholding *and* maintain *and* guiding *and* propelling the universe by His mighty word of power.

**Colossians 2:9 AMP** **For in Him all the fullness of Deity (the Godhead) dwells in bodily form [completely expressing the divine essence of God]**.

You will always represent and demonstrate God in the way you view Him. If you see Him in a distorted way, you will see *you* in a distorted way because you’re made in His image.

If you believe something about the Father that you can’t see it in the mouth, actions or life of Jesus in the gospels you need to throw it out of your belief system.

**Colossians 1:15, 19 AMP** **He is the exact living image [the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible],** the firstborn [the preeminent one, the sovereign, and the originator] of all creation. 19For it has pleased [the Father] that **all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently**.

**John 5:37-40 AMP** 37And the Father Who sent Me has Himself testified concerning Me**. Not one of you has ever given ear to His voice or seen His form (His face—what He is like). [You have always been deaf to His voice and blind to the vision of Him**.] 38And you have not His word (His thought) living in your hearts, because you do not believe *and* adhere to *and* trust in *and* rely on Him Whom He has sent. [That is why you do not keep His message living in you, because you do not believe in the Messenger Whom He has sent.] 39**You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them**. And these **[very Scriptures] testify about Me!** 40And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life.

**Romans 5:8 AMP** **But God clearly shows *and* proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**.

The measuring stick of God’s love is that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us so we could live. Not your circumstances. Jesus told us we would have tribulation in the world but don’t worry He’s overcome the world.

**John 16:33 AMP** I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. **In the world you have tribulation *and* distress *and* suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding**.]

**Philippians 2:9-11 NASB** For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10**so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth**, 11and *that* every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**God’s Plan/God’s Will (Intent)**

God wanted a family made in His nature and wanted to fill the earth with Heaven’s culture

Heaven on earth full of God’s nature with the Kingdom of God expanding.

Satan wants hell on earth with humanity made in his image

**4 x 4 Relay Race (God’s Original Plan)**

God started the race by having Adam start the race with the baton in his hand. Adam starts running then the enemy comes and steals it from him and runs the wrong way. Then Jesus shows up and clothes lines the enemy which symbolizes the head (authority) and picks up the baton and Jesus starts running the right way. The last leg of the race is us and Jesus hands us the baton to finish the race.

God created Framework

**Natural laws**

* Gravity
* sowing and reaping
* breathing
* eating
* 4 seasons
* The elements (wind, fire, water, earth

**Spiritual laws that were set up because of Love**

* Spiritual invisible realm was created first then the earth.
* Love is the greatest law in the kingdom and on earth
* Dominion/authority
* On earth you must have a body

**Example: Baseball analogy (Call up Ely Senior). Ely do you know the rules to the game of Baseball?**

The person most often credited with shaping modern baseball is **Alexander Cartwright**, a New York bank clerk and member of the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club. In **1845**, Cartwright and the Knickerbockers wrote down a set of rules that laid the foundation for today’s game,

From Genesis to Revelation the Scriptures are consistent with the kingdom message of heaven on earth.

**Genesis 1:26-28 AMP** Then **God said**, “**Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness]**; and **let them have complete authority** over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, and over the entire earth, and over everything that creeps *and* crawls on the earth.” **27**So God created man in His own image, in the image *and* likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28**And God blessed them [granting them certain authority] and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over (dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

**Matthew 6:9-13 NASB** “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father, who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name**.
10Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven**.
**11**Give us this day our daily bread.
**12**And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
**13**And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’

**Psalm 115:16 NASB** The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, **But the earth He has given to the sons of mankind**.

**Habakkuk 2:14 NASB** For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.

**Matthew 25:34 NKJV** Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father**, inherit the kingdom PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD**:

**Luke 12:32 AMP** Do not be afraid *and* anxious, little flock, **for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom**.

**Psalm 72:19 AMP And let the whole EARTH be FILLED with His glory**

**Isaiah 45:18 NKJV** For thus says the LORD,
      **Who created the heavens,
      Who is God,
      Who formed the earth and made it,
      Who has established it**,
      Who did not create it in vain,
      **Who formed it to be inhabited**:

**Rev. 5:10 AMPC** And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and **THEY SHALL REIGN [AS KINGS] OVER THE EARTH!**

**Revelation 21:1-3 NKJV** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem, coming down OUT OF HEAVEN from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “**Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.**

**Hebrews 11:10 AMP** For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] **looking forward to the city which has foundations, [an eternal, heavenly city] whose architect and builder is God**.

Many people change God’s will because they don’t experience the truth of His will and distort His will by raising their experience above truth.

Jesus is the talking walking will of God. It’s not a mystery.

The mystery card gets trumped by the Jesus card everyday of the week.

**Correct Interpretation/Foundation**

Hermeneutics are defined is the **theological study of how to properly interpret the Word of God**.

Jesus who is LOVE must be our HERMENUTIC. Jesus is the WORD OF GOD. The Scriptures tell us this.

Only Jesus is inerrant and infallible!

**2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB** *We are* destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and ***we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,**

**1 Corinthians 3:10-11 NASB** According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each person must be careful how he builds on it. **11For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ**.

**John 14:6 AMP** Jesus said to him, “**I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me

**1 Timothy 6:3-4 AMP** **If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ,** and **with the doctrine and teaching which is in agreement with godliness (personal integrity, upright behavior), 4he is conceited and woefully ignorant [understanding nothing**].

**Luke 9:23 AMP** And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross daily [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and **follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me**].

**Ephesians 2:19-21 AMP** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship], but you are fellow citizens with the saints (God’s people), and are [members] of God’s household, **20**having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **with Christ Jesus Himself as the [chief] Cornerstone**, **21**in whom the whole structure is joined together, and it continues [to increase] growing into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, set apart, and sacred to the presence of the Lord].

**Our Water Baptism/ Born Again, Salvation/Saved/Redemption**

Every person that wants to follow Jesus MUST get born again by getting water baptized.

Jesus said Follow Me. He’s the ultimate leader. Jesus has never asked us to do something He first has done.

**Isaiah 9:6-7 AMP** **For to us a Child shall be born, to us a Son shall be given;
And the government shall be upon His shoulder**,
And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
**7**
There shall be no end to the increase of His government and of peace,
[He shall rule] on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness
From that time forward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

**Luke 3:21-22 NASB** Now when all the people were baptized, **Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, 22and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven**: “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased.”

**1 Peter 3:21 AMP** Corresponding to that [rescue through the flood], **baptism [which is an expression of a believer’s new life in Christ] now saves you**, not by removing dirt from the body, but by an appeal to God for a good (clear) conscience, [demonstrating what you believe to be yours] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**Titus 3:5-7 AMP** He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we have done, but because of His own compassion *and* mercy, **by the cleansing of the new birth (spiritual transformation, regeneration) and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6whom He poured out richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior**, **7**so that we would be justified [made free of the guilt of sin] by His [compassionate, undeserved] grace, and that we would be [acknowledged as acceptable to Him and] made heirs of eternal life [actually experiencing it] according to our hope (His guarantee).

**Ephesians 1:7 AMP** **In Him we have redemption [that is, our deliverance and salvation] through His blood**, [which paid the penalty for our sin and resulted in] the forgiveness *and* complete pardon of our sin, in accordance with the riches of His grace

**Galatians 2:20 AMP** **I have been crucified with Christ [that is, in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**. The *life* I now live in the body I live by faith [by adhering to, relying on, and completely trusting] in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**1 Peter 1:22-23 AMP** Since by your obedience to the truth you have purified yourselves for a sincere love of the believers, [see that you] love one another from the heart [always unselfishly seeking the best for one another], **23for you have been born again [that is, reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose] not of seed which is perishable but [from that which is] imperishable *and* immortal, *that is*, through the living and everlasting word of God**.

**John 3:3-7 AMP** Jesus answered him, “**I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless a person is born again [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified], he cannot [ever] see *and* experience the kingdom of God**.”

**4**Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born, can he?” **5**Jesus answered, “**I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God**. **6**That which is born of the flesh is flesh [the physical is merely physical], and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7**Do not be surprised that I have told you, ‘You must be born again [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].’

**Galatians 3:27 AMP** **For all of you who were baptized into Christ [into a spiritual union with the Christ, the Anointed**] have clothed yourselves with Christ [that is, you have taken on His characteristics and values].

**Colossians 2:12 AMPC** **[Thus you were circumcised when] you were buried with Him in [your] baptism**, in which you were also raised with Him [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead.

**Our Baptism of the Holy Spirit/Unity in the Body of Christ**

**Matthew 28:19-20 AMP Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, **20**teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.”

**Luke 24:49 AMP Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you**; but you are to remain in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high.”

**Romans 8:11 AMP** **And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you,** He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, **who lives in you**.

**Acts 1:4-5 AMP** While being together *and* eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Of which,” *He said*, “**you have heard Me speak. 5For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized *and* empowered *and* united with the Holy Spirit, not long from now**.”

**Acts 1:8 AMPC But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

**Acts 2:1-4 AMPC** And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,

**2**When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.

**3**And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated *and* distributed and which settled on each one of them.

**4And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear *and* loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words**].

**Acts 2:38 AMP** And Peter said to them, “Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**.

**Acts 4:31 AMP** And when they had prayed, the place where they were meeting together was shaken [a sign of God’s presence]; and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness *and* courage**.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13 AMP** For just as the body is one and yet has many parts, and all the parts, though many, form [only] one body, so it is with Christ. **13For by one [Holy] Spirit we were all baptized into one body, [spiritually transformed—united together]** whether Jews or Greeks (Gentiles), slaves or free, and **we were all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit [since the same Holy Spirit fills each life**].

**Our choice to follow Jesus and receive adoption into God’s family**

**Matthew 4:19 AMP** And He said to them, “**Follow Me [as My disciples, accepting Me as your Master and Teacher and walking the same path of life that I walk**], and I will make you fishers of men.”

**Ephesians 3:4-5 AMP** **In love 5He predestined *and* lovingly planned for us to be adopted to Himself as [His own] children** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the kind intention *and* good pleasure of His will—

**Galatians 4:3-7 AMP** So also we [whether Jews or Gentiles], when we were children (spiritually immature), were kept like slaves under the elementary [man-made religious or philosophical] teachings of the world. **4**But when [in God’s plan] the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the [regulations of the] Law, **5**so that **He might redeem *and* liberate those who were under the Law, that we [who believe] might be adopted as sons [as God’s children with all rights as fully grown members of a family]. 6And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba! Father!” 7Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond-servant), but a son; and if a son, then also an heir through [the gracious act of] God [through Christ**].

**John 1:12-13 AMP But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name**— **13**who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].

**Romans 8:15 AMP** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading again to fear [of God’s judgment], but **you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons [the Spirit producing sonship] by which we [joyfully] cry, “Abba! Father**!”

**Commands of Jesus**

There’s one thing that very few people talk about when it comes to making disciples. The person desiring to be a disciple must first take personal responsibility for becoming one

Full time ministry is doing ministry full time in everyday life. Look at neighbor and say you’re in full time ministry.

The Kingdom Message was the only message jesus preached. He didn’t preach Christianity, Catholicsim, revival, salvation, himself, the cross, and I could go on and on.

The enemy has done a good job deceiving the church at large. Jesus is not a religious man. He’s a king.

Christianity wasn’t the religion in the garden. Salvation is a benefit of the kingdom message but it’s not the message.

As you go preach the kingdom of God is here. The kingdom of God is like, even when He raised from the dead he preached about the kingdom.

We’ve been preaching the wrong message. We preach Jesus instead of what Jesus preached.

All of the commands of Jesus are rooted in love and reveal the nature of Love.

**Mark 8:34 AMP** Jesus called the crowd together with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], **he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me**].

**Matthew 22:37-39 AMP** And Jesus replied to him, “‘**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for others**].

**John 13:34-35 AMP** **I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another**. **35**By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love *and* unselfish concern for one another.”

This is the greatest invitation of your lifetime, to love like Jesus loved.

**Matthew 10:7-8 AMP** **And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give**.

**Matthew 28:19-20 AMP Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, **20teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.”

**Matthew 4:17 AMP** From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “**Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance**; seek God’s purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**Matthew 5:16 AMP** Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds *and* moral excellence, and [recognize and honor and] glorify your Father who is in heaven.

**Matthew 6:31-32 AMP** **Therefore do not worry *or* be anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted**), saying, ‘What are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ **32**For the [pagan] Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; [but do not worry,] for your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

**Matthew 6:33-34 AMP** **But first *and* most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God**], and all these things will be given to you also. **34**“**So do not worry about tomorrow**; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**Matthew 5:2-12 NASB** And He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

**3**“**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**5“Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.**

**6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**

**7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**

**8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.**

**10“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**11“Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you**.

**Mark 11:25 AMP** Whenever you stand praying, **if you have anything against anyone, forgive him [drop the issue, let it go**], so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions *and* wrongdoings [against Him and others].

**Mark 16:16 NASB** **The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved**; but the one who has not believed will be condemned.

**Luke 6:25-37 AMP** “**But I say to you who hear [Me and pay attention to My words]**: **Love [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for] your enemies, [make it a practice to] do good to those who hate you, 28bless *and* show kindness to those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29Whoever strikes you on the cheek, offer him the other one also [simply ignore insignificant insults or losses and do not bother to retaliate—maintain your dignity]. Whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either**. **30Give to everyone who asks of you. Whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back**. **31Treat others the same way you want them to treat you**. **32**If you [only] love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33**If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34**If you lend [money] to those from whom you expect to receive [it back], what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to receive back the same *amount*. **35**But **love [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for] your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return**; for your reward will be great (rich, abundant), and you will be sons of the Most High; because He Himself is kind *and* gracious *and* good to the ungrateful and the wicked. **36Be merciful (responsive, compassionate, tender**) just as your [heavenly] Father is merciful. **37“Do not judge [others self-righteously**], and you will not be judged; **do not condemn [others when you are guilty and unrepentant**], and you will not be condemned [for your hypocrisy]; **pardon [others when they truly repent and change]**, and you will be pardoned [when you truly repent and change].

**Romans 12:17-20 AMP** **Never repay anyone evil for evil**. Take thought for what is right *and* gracious *and* proper in the sight of everyone. **18**If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19**Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for God’s wrath [and His judicial righteousness]; for it is written [in Scripture], “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. **20**But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for by doing this you will heap [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans%2012%3A17-222&version=NASB;AMP#fen-AMP-28266a)]burning coals on his head.” **21Do not be overcome *and* conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good**.

**Colossians 3:17 AMP** **Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus** [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**Our Identity (our nature)/New Creation/Christ in us**

Our Identity our nature is LOVE.

Everything we do we do out of our identity as love. Our identity is immediate but our maturity is a process.

**1 John 4:4-10 AMP** Beloved, let us [unselfishly] love *and* seek the best for one another, for love is from God; and **everyone who loves [others] is born of God and knows God [through personal experience]. 8The one who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him**], for God is love. [He is the originator of love, and it is an enduring attribute of His nature.]

I’m convinced the root of every problem on the planet whether it’s fatherlessness, poverty, racism, criminal activity, broken families, divorce, abortion I could go on and on is the lack of revelation, lack of understanding, and lack of living out the truth of our nature of love.

You don’t have to try to love people. Love is someone you become. You have to see to be.

You don’t have to bite your lip or grind your teeth to love.

Loving people is the natural byproduct of having experiential knowledge of God.

**Love Definition**-Agape love is the kind of love that is always contending for the highest possible good in every situation and will relentlessly contend until it becomes a present tense reality. -Kevin Weaver, Re\_Orient

**Matthew 23:9 NKJV** **Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father**, He who is in heaven.

Father means come forth from, the source of.

**1 Cor. 14:1 AMP** **Eagerly pursue *and* seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest**];

**Colossians 3:8-11 AMP** But now rid yourselves [completely] of all these things: anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene (abusive, filthy, vulgar) language from your mouth. **9**Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old self with its *evil* practices, **10**and **have put on the new [spiritual] self who is being *continually* renewed in true knowledge in the image of Him who created the new self**— **11***a renewal* in which there is no [distinction between] Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, [nor between nations whether] barbarian or Scythian, [nor in status whether] slave or free, but Christ is all, and in all [so believers are equal in Christ, without distinction].

**Romans 8:29 AMP** For those whom He foreknew [and loved and chose beforehand], **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son [and ultimately share in His complete sanctification**], so that He would be the firstborn [the most beloved and honored] among many believers

**Colossians 1:27 AMP** God [in His eternal plan] chose to make known to them how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, **which is Christ in *and* among you**, the hope *and* guarantee of [realizing the] glory.

**Our Authority/Dominion/Responsibility/Our Armor & Weapons/ Ambassadors/Kings/Priests**

**Story of Rape (Responsibility, Dominion)**

A young woman named Kitty Genovese, was brutally raped and murdered in 1964, in Queens, New York. The most shocking part of the story was that, according to the New York Times report, 38 of her neighbors witnessed Genovese as she desperately fought for her life. Thought the incident lasted more than half an hour, not one of them intervened or even called the police. This report provoked various investigations into what two scientists termed the “bystander problem”. Their studies revealed that if one person witnesses a crime, it is likely that he or she will get involved. But as the number of witnesses grows, the chances of intervention drastically decrease. The apparent reason for this is that “when people are in a group…responsibility for acting is diffused.” Everyone thinks that everyone else has made the call, and consequently, no one does anything.

**Matthew 28:18-20 AMP** Jesus came up and said to them, “**All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19Go therefore and make disciples** of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you;

**2 Corinthians 9:14 AMP** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, **and through us spreads *and* makes evident everywhere the sweet fragrance of the knowledge of Him**.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5 AMP** **For though we walk in the flesh [as mortal men], we are not carrying on our [spiritual] warfare according to the flesh *and* using the weapons of man. 4The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses**. **5***We are* destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted *and* proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought *and* purpose captive to the obedience of Christ,

**2 Corinthians 5:20 AMP So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us; we [as Christ’s representatives**] plead with you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God.

**1 Peter 2:9 NLT** But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. **As a result, you can show others the goodness of God**, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Ephesians 3:1-4 AMP** Blessed *and* worthy of praise be the God and Father of our Lord **Jesus Christ,** **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ**, **4**just as [in His love] He chose us in Christ [actually selected us for Himself as His own] before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy [that is, consecrated, set apart for Him, purpose-driven] and blameless in His sight.

**Ephesians 6:11-16 AMP** Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes *and* the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil. **12**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) *places*. **13**Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist *and* stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]. **14**So stand firm *and* hold your ground, having tightened the wide band of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart), **15**and having strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. **16**Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*.

**Revelation 1:5-6 ESV** To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood **6and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father**, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Revelation 5:9-10 ESV** And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
    and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
    from every tribe and language and people and nation,
**10**and **you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
    and they shall reign on the earth**.”

**Our Obedience and faith/belief/grace**

**Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV For by grace you have been saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9**not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Matthew 21:22 NKJV And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.**”

**John 1:17 NKJV** For the law was given through Moses, ***but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**.

**2 Corinthians 5:7 AMP** **for we walk by faith**, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God’s promises]

**Romans 10:17 NKJV** **So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**.

**Hebrews 11:1-6 NKJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen**. **2**For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. **3**By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. **4**By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. **5**By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. **6But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

**Our Maturity**

The same way there is physical development of a person the same is true spiritually. Spiritual development.

Birth, infants, children, young men and women, adults, mature ones or fully mature, perfect.

1. Nepios-An infant, little child. Metaphor-childish, untaught, unskilled. Ex: Ephesians 4:14
2. Paidion-a young child, a little boy/girl. Little ones. Children (like children) in intellect. Ex: Matthew 2:8.
3. Teknon-adolescent, young adult. Galatians 4:19
4. Huios-a fully mature one. Ex: Ephesians 4:13
5. Teleios-brought to its end, finished. Wanting nothing necessary to complete. Perfect. Ex: Romans 8:19

The goal for all sons and daughters is Teleios

Where are you currently? How mature are you in the fruit of the spirit, and the gifts in the spirit?

The world is waiting for mature disciples.

Disciples are made they are not born. They are not made through praying for someone and laying hands on them. Disciples are made through training, exercising and practicing.

Growing up into fullness

**Ephesians 4:11-16 AMP** And [His gifts to the church were varied and] He Himself appointed some as apostles [special messengers, representatives], some as prophets [who speak a new message from God to the people], some as evangelists [who spread the good news of salvation], and some as pastors and teachers [to shepherd and guide and instruct], 12[and He did this] **to fully equip *and* perfect the saints (God’s people) for works of service, to build up the body of Christ [the church]; 13until we all reach oneness in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, [growing spiritually] to become a mature believer, reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ [manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our spiritual gifts in unity].** 14So that we are no longer children [spiritually immature], tossed back and forth [like ships on a stormy sea] and carried about by every wind of [shifting] doctrine, by the cunning *and* trickery of [unscrupulous] men, by the deceitful scheming of people ready to do anything [for personal profit]. 15**But speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all *things* into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ. 16From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted *firmly* together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the body to grow *and* mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love**.

Disciples need training. Everything in life comes down to training. Imagine if a pro athlete or a musician never trained and only heard inspiring messages about their craft. They would never make it to the professional

**James 1:22-25 AMP** **But prove yourselves doers of the word [actively and continually obeying God’s precepts], and not merely listeners [who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning], deluding yourselves [by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth].** 23For if anyone only listens to the word without obeying it, he is like a man who looks very carefully at his natural face in a mirror; 24for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he immediately forgets what he looked like. 25**But he who looks carefully into the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and faithfully abides by it, not having become a [careless] listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he will be blessed *and* favored by God in what he does [in his life of obedience**].

**2 Corinthians 3:18 AMP And we all,** **with unveiled face, *continually* seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord**, **are *progressively* being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory**, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit.

**The words, actions, and life of Jesus**

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John

Every scripture about Jesus is a scripture of what love is like in mind body and spirit.

Did you notice Jesus never stopped anything from happening (death of little girl, Lazarus etc.) He

Jesus is like a backspace button.

Father God didn’t intervene single handedly.

**Finished work of Jesus**

**John 19:30 NASB** Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished**!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**John 17:4 AMPC** **I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work that You gave Me to do**.

**Our Renewal of the Mind**

**Romans 12:2 AMP And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes],** so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

**Ephesians 4:21-24 AMP If in fact you have [really] heard Him and have been taught by Him**, just as truth is in Jesus [revealed in His life and personified in Him], **22**that, regarding your previous way of life, you put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, **23**and **be *continually* renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], 24and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God’s image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation**].

**Philippians 4:8 AMP** Finally, believers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable *and* worthy of respect, whatever is right *and* confirmed by God’s word, whatever is pure *and* wholesome, whatever is lovely *and* brings peace, whatever is admirable *and* of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise**, think *continually* on these things [center your mind on them, and implant them in your heart]**.

**Disciples of Jesus will face suffering**

**John 15:18-21 AMP** “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. **19**If you were of the world, the world would love *you as* its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. **20**Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, **they will persecute you as well**; if they followed My word, they will follow yours also. **21**But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

**2 Timothy 3:12 AMP** Indeed, **all who delight in pursuing righteousness *and* are determined to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be hunted *and* persecuted [because of their faith**].

**Satan’s Nature/Satan’s works/sin/death**

Jesus spoke about the devil more than any other character in the scriptures.

**1 John 3: 7-8 NASB** Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; **8the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning**.

**Hebrews 2:14-15 AMP** Therefore, since [these His] children share in flesh and blood [the physical nature of mankind], He Himself in a similar manner also shared in the same [physical nature, but without sin], **so that through [experiencing] death He might make powerless (ineffective, impotent) him who had the power of death—that is, the devil— 15and [that He] might free all those who through [the haunting] fear of death were held in slavery throughout their lives**.

The enemy has a strategy and scheme for every person on the planet no matter what the person’s ethnicity, age, belief system, social class etc.

**Ephesians 6:11-12 AMP** Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against **all the schemes *and* the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil**. **12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) *places***.

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**John 10:10 AMP The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy**. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

Jesus is not the destroyer of the world. He’s the savior of the world.

**John 8:44 AMP** **You are of *your* father the devil, and it is your will to practice the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar and the father of lies *and* half-truths**.

**John 14:30-31 AMP** **I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.] 31But [Satan is coming and]** I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know (be convinced) that I love the Father and that I do only what the Father has instructed Me to do. [I act in full agreement with His orders.] Rise, let us go away from here.

**2 Corinthians 2:10 NASB** But one whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did so* for your sakes in the presence of Christ, **11so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes**.

**1 Corinthians 7:5 AMP** Do not deprive each other [of marital rights], except perhaps by mutual consent for a time, so that you may devote yourselves [unhindered] to prayer, but **come together again so that Satan will not tempt you [to sin] because of your lack of self-control**.

**Romans 6:23 AMP** **For the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**1 Peter 5:8-9 AMP** Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert *and* cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour. **9**But resist him, be firm in *your* faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable], knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being experienced by your brothers and sisters throughout the world. [You do not suffer alone.]

**2 Corinthians 12:7 NASB** Because of the extraordinary *greatness* of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, **a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!**

**Matthew 4:1-11 NASB** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness **to be tempted by the devil**. **2**And after He had fasted for forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. **3**And **the tempter came** and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” **4**But He answered and said, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.’”

**5**Then the devil \*took Him along into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, **6**and he \*said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written:

‘He will give His angels orders concerning You’;

and

‘On *their* hands they will lift You up,
So that You do not strike Your foot against a stone.’”

**7**Jesus said to him, “[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%204%3A1-11&version=NASB;AMP#fen-NASB-23217b)]On the other hand, it is written: ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

**8**Again, the devil \*took Him along to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; **9**and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%204%3A1-11&version=NASB;AMP#fen-NASB-23219c)]worship me.” **10**Then Jesus \*said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%204%3A1-11&version=NASB;AMP#fen-NASB-23220d)]serve Him only.’” **11**Then the devil \*left Him; and behold, angels came and *began to* serve Him.

**Acts 10:38 AMPC** How God anointed *and* consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength *and* ability *and* power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were **harassed *and* oppressed by [the power of] the devil**, for God was with Him.

The enemy uses violence, fear, intimidation, and death to accomplish his will on the earth.

**Doubt, Unbelief, Traditions of Men, double-mindedness**

**James 1:5-8 AMP** If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke *or* blame, and it will be given to him. **6But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God’s willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind. 7For such a person ought not to think *or* expect that he will receive anything [at all] from the Lord,** **8*being* a double-minded man, unstable *and* restless in all his ways [in everything he thinks, feels, or decides**].

**Mark 7:6-9 AMP** He replied, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites (play-actors, pretenders), as it is written [in Scripture],

‘These people honor Me with their lips,
But their heart is far from Me.
**7**
‘**They worship Me in vain [their worship is meaningless and worthless, a pretense],
Teaching the precepts of men as doctrines [giving their traditions equal weight with the Scriptures**].’

**8You disregard *and* neglect the commandment of God, and cling [faithfully] to the tradition of men**.”

**9**He was also saying to them, “**You are experts at setting aside *and* nullifying the commandment of God in order to keep your [man-made] tradition *and* regulations**.

**John 16:14 AMP** Later, Jesus appeared to the eleven [disciples] themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and **He called them to account for their unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen [from death].

**Results of Jesus**

1. **Matthew**
2. **Mark**
3. **Luke**
4. **John**
5. **Acts**

**ALL AND EVERY – you’ll see that be the theme in His life. All the books in the world couldn’t contain the testimonies of what He did in regards to healing, raising the dead etc.**

**John 17:14-20 NASB** When they came to the crowd, a man came up to [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew%2017%3A14-20&version=NASB;AMP#fen-NASB-23715a)]Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying, **15**“Lord, have mercy on my son, because he has seizures and suffers terribly; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. **16And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him**.” **17**And Jesus answered and said, “**You unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me**.” **18**And **Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was healed at once**.

**19**Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “**Why could we not cast it out**?” **20**And He \*said to them, “**Because of your meager faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you**.”

Jesus Himself gives us the answer to who the results are up to. It’s not Him.

God doesn’t need to grow and mature in healing, casting out demons, raising the dead. WE DO!

If you believe God is the one who heals I get it I used to believe that too until He started showing me we’ve been given the authority to heal people.

God has never not healed someone just look at life of Jesus.

When you believe the results are up to God now you’re saying God is a liar and now He’s the onenot healing.

How many of you have ever prayed for someone to get healed and they didn’t get healed? You are going to look me in the eye and tell me an excuse that Jesus never gave.

You can look me in the eye and tell me if Jesus was in the room and laid hands on your loved one they wouldn’t be healed instantly? Come on family.

I can live with us as the body of Christ growing and maturing when we don’t see the results of Jesus but I can’t live with it being up to God and Him choosing not to heal.

This revelation is freeing. It set me free. I don’t ever feel guilt or shame it empowers me into the secret place with God to pray and fast and spend time with God train exercise and practice. Get out doubt and unbelief.

This is a pill most people don’t want to swallow but Jesus Himself tells us this truth. It’s not me making it up.

Stop lowering truth to your experience. Raise your experience to truth.

Many times people comfort people with lies at the cost of truth. When the truth is the comforter to comfort us with truth. Lies or lack of knowledge to comfort people but actually causes unbelief, doubt and immaturity

Our loved ones story is not the truth. Jesus’s story is the truth.

**Life events**

I’m going to show you the practicality of this formula throughout my own life for the past 47 years by giving examples of real life

* When I was 5 months old I had something called pyloric stenosis. I couldn’t hold down food. I had to have surgery.
* Anthony Antokivich drowned in river as a 3rd grader I was 2nd grader
* Aunt Ruthy died of breast cancer
* Uncle Brady died of brain cancer.
* Cory Lidle died in plane crash
* Justin Pienta fell off a skateboard and died. It was a freak accident.
* Lost 2 friends to covid. They died and were both pastors.
* My sister had 2 miscarriages.
* My grammar school friend was born with spina bifida
* I was a victim of extortion
* Had friends over the years get divorced.
* Know people who committed suicide

**Other Examples**

Matt Rogers at stoplight

Eric at park

**In Conclusion (Call dad up)**

How many believers have you walked by in your life? How many people have come up to you to tell you how much Jesus loves you and actually love you by encouraging, praying, healing, or being generous to you? That’s a problem.

**Teacher and test (Call Dad up)**

Dad you’ve been a teacher for 51 years.

If you told your students you were going to give them a test next Friday and you gave them the questions and answers on the test on Monday and said it was open book test.

Would you ever do that? Let’s say you did and then after a test their was a student who failed the test.

Would that be your fault that they failed? No. Who was responsible for understanding the test you or your student?

Would you say they perished for a lack of knowledge ?

We’ve come to a point in the body of Christ where it’s like we do everything except follow Jesus and do what He did. We come up with all these things and get so busy doing everything but listen to Him, follow Him, obey Him and demonstrate Him.

It’s quite weird really. I don’t think it’s by accident this happened. I believe the enemy has kept us from the simplicity that’s in Christ and obeying His commands and following Him.

Jesus didn’t do all the things that we do in the western church what we call “following Jesus”. He didn’t have the disciples get together for bible studies, didn’t have worship nights, he didn’t set up programs and start hundreds of different ministries with different topics.

If the military recruited men and women to be soldiers and they didn’t train and equip them before they went to battle would they perish? yes. Do all military go through basic training and boot camp first? Yes. Then they go to a specialty field. But all the soldiers can fire a gun, and defend themselves etc. do they get put in scenarios that they would be put in battle? Yes. So why do we not take the same truth and apply it to disciples of Jesus? To mature in as disciples should resemble more like training in a gym then going to school to learn a topic.

If the body of Christ would actually represent the body of Christ this world would look a lot different.

We need to stop producing confessors of Jesus and start making disciples of Jesus.

We need a true reformation from laying down religion and following the teachings of Jesus and speak, think, love, and do what He did.

The days of Jesus being made known in the world only by a few men and women being highlighted in ministry must end. The days of Jesus being made known in the world by His whole body doing the work of ministry being highlighted in everyday life must start now.

There was a movie called “Vantage Point” with Dennis Quaid. Dennis is secret service agent for the president and they are in spain and the president gets assassinated. The movie shows the movie from different vantage points.

After the president is shot Dennis Quaid and his partner are talking and the partner says, “It happened on our watch”, and then Dennis Quaid says, “I can’t live with that”.

**Police Analogy-Our authority.**

 A police officer has authority. The police officer received his authority from the Chief of Police (Father God) of whatever city/government (Kingdom of God). A police officer can abuse or misuse his authority (speak death, curse with your tongue ex. Peter). A cop can withhold His authority and not do something for a person in need (Paul left guy sick in Acts) you can walk by someone in wheelchair, knee brace, etc.) and withhold your authority to heal them, or embrace His authority and do what He was trained to do. When a police officer sees a drunk driver does the police officer have to call the chief of police personally and ask him if he can pull the drunk driver over? No. Why? Because the police officer already has authority (dominion) to do so and knows the law (God’s will). Does the police officer ask (pray) the Chief of Police to pull over the drunk driver? No. Why? Because Chief of Police already commanded and commissioned and trained the police officer to fulfill their responsibility (assignment-extend God’s Kingdom on the earth as it is in heaven) and commands they have been given. The only reason the police officer can walk in the authority of a police officer is because the city government (name of Jesus) called and appointed the police officer to do so.

Think about this for a second. The religious leaders of the day during the life of Jesus said they loved God and were the go-to people in regards to God and they knew the Scriptures backwards and forwards and Jesus said you don’t know Me and you have never known Me and your father is the devil and you’re keeping people out of the kingdom.

These people were representing a God they did not know and miss representing Him and keeping people from Him through their teachings.

Bad theology keeps the church weak, frail, subdued, confused, and immature.