

9-4-22

MARRIAGE BY THE BOOK

THE SHOES OF PEACE

1. REVIEW: PEACE IN MARRIAGE

A. SONG: "THROUGH IT ALL"

B. NOTE: WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TRYING TO CHANGE OUR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE FORGET THAT WE CAN HAVE GOD'S PEACE IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES!

2. IN ORDER TO OVERCOME SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO OVERCOME.

A. PEACE IS ALWAYS TIED TO OVERCOMING SOMETHING.

1. You won't truly KNOW that you have THE PEACE OF GOD UNTIL SOMETHING GOES WRONG... BECAUSE ANYONE CAN FEEL PEACEFUL WHEN EVERYTHING IS RIGHT.

B. THE SECRET TO COVERING OUR FEET WITH THE PEACE OF GOD IS FOUND IN THE GOSPEL

1. We have been instructed to PUT ON, "THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"

2. The Greek word for "gospel" is "euangelion", which simply translated means "GOOD NEWS."

a. The literal translation of "euangelion" is NEWS THAT IS SO GOOD, IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

b. "THE GOSPEL of PEACE" is PEACE that is "TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!"

3. At the HEART of the GOSPEL is the DEATH AND RESSURECTION OF JESUS as the SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR SINS... BUT there is more to it than that.

a. Most people apply the GOSPEL only to what it takes to get to HEAVEN; however, the GOSPEL also has an awful lot to do with LIFE ON EARTH.

b. Romans 5:6-10 (NASB) For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

c. In other words, we are SAVED FOR HEAVEN THROUGH CHRIST'S DEATH... B U T Jesus is also DELIVERING OUR LIVES ON EARTH THROUGH HIS LIFE, and HIS WORD.

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- d. We are **FAMILIAR WITH** the **GOSPEL OF CHRIST'S DEATH**. What we have **OFTEN MISSED** is the **GOSPEL OF JESUS' LIFE**.
- C. When you accepted Jesus, you were **JUSTIFIED**. **HOWEVER**, the rest of your time on earth, you are being **SANCTIFIED**.
1. **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NASB)** Now may the God of peace **Himself sanctify** you entirely; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- a. **NOTE THE ORDER THAT GOD SANCTIFIES...**
- 1) **SPIRIT**
 - 2) **SOUL... MIND, WILL, AND EMOTIONS**
 - 3) **BODY**
- b. Your **SOUL** has become **DISTORTED** through:
- 1) The **CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR OWN SIN**.
 - 2) The **EFFECT THAT OTHER'S SIN** has had on you.
 - 3) By **THE WAY YOU WERE RAISED**.
 - 4) By **WHAT YOUR PEERS HAVE SAID OR DONE** to you.
 - 5) By the **MEDIA** and **CULTURE**.
 - 6) By the **THINGS YOU LEARNED IN SCHOOL**.
- c. Your **DAMAGED SOUL** is rubbing off on the **BODY**, and the **BODY** is simply **ACTING AS AN EXPRESSION OF THAT DAMAGE**.
- 1) **Everyone** views **LIFE** through the **LENS OF A DISTORTED SOUL**.
- D. **RELIGION** works from the **BODY FIRST (EXTERNAL)**.
- E. **GOD** works from the **SPIRIT FIRST (INTERNAL)**, then to the **SOUL**, and finally to the **BODY**.
1. **Soooo...** if you want your **BODY TO BE VICTORIOUS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE**, **BEGIN** by getting your **SOUL TO BE VICTORIOUS IN SPITIRITUAL WARFARE**.
- a. And if you want your **SOUL TO BE VICTORIOUS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE**, **BEGIN** by feeding and **NOURISHING THE SPIRIT IMPLANTED WITHIN YOU WITH THE WORD OF GOD**.
- 1) **INSTEAD OF NOURISHING OUR SPIRIT WITH THE WORD OF GOD**, many of us go to a **COUNSELOR** or **READ "HOW TO" BOOKS** and try to **UNDERSTAND** what **WE NEED TO DO TO CHANGE OUR SOULS**.
 - i. **NOTE: CHRISTIAN COUNSELORS CAN BE A GREAT SORCE OF HELP**.

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b. **B U T...** GOD GIVES PEACE all by Himself, and He STARTS THE PROCESS right INSIDE YOUR SPIRIT.

F. Here is HOW IT WORKS:

1. **YOU READ, STUDY, MEDITATE, and MEMORIZE PRETINANT PARTS OF GOD'S WORD.**
2. **THEN THE HOLY SPIRIT RELEASES THAT TRUTH — what you might call the DNA of God — into your SPIRIT.**
3. Your SPIRIT then DELIVERS GOD'S TRUTH it to your SOUL.
4. **THEREFORE, you must START by REPLACING THE DISTORTIONS within your SOUL WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD.**
 - a. **THE TRUTH IS THE ONLY THING THE SPIRIT AND THE SOUL CAN AGREE UPON.**
5. The ONLY WAY TO EXPERIENCE TRUE and AUTHENTIC PEACE IS TO SUBMIT YOUR MIND, WILL, AND EMOTIONS... YOUR SOUL... TO THE TRUTH OF GOD FOUND IN HIS WORD.
6. **T H E N YOUR SOUL RELEASES GOD'S WORD INTO OUR BODY, TELLING IT HOW TO ACT.**
7. **ONLY THEN CAN WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE PEACE OF GOD!**

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BEGIN 9.11.22 → 3. **EXAMPLE:** You recently LOST YOUR JOB and you have NO MONEY IN THE BANK.

A. Those are the FACTS and they might CAUSE YOU TO WORRY.

1. **B U T...** the TRUTH of GOD says,
2. Philippians 4:19 (NASB) And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
3. Romans 8:28 (NASB) And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

B. WHICH ONE ARE YOU GOING TO BELIEVE and ACT ON?

1. The FACTS you see, OR the TRUTH that may not be so readily visible to the natural eye?
 - a. Your SOUL is telling you, "Hey, you're broke. They're going to turn off your lights and kick you out of your house."
 - b. Your SPIRIT is telling you, "God will provide for your NEEDS."
2. **Putting on THE SHOES OF PEACE** means aligning your SOUL under the rule of your SPIRIT which is under the TRUTH of GOD.
 - a. **WE MUST EXCHANGE OUR SOUL'S PERSPECTIVE on our CIRCUMSTANCES with what our SPIRIT KNOWS to be TRUE.**

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"JESUS CALLING"

SEPTEMBER 4

IN CLOSENESS TO ME, you are safe. In the intimacy of My Presence, you are energized. No matter where you are in the world, you know you belong when you sense My nearness. Ever since the Fall, man has experienced a gaping emptiness that only My Presence can fill. I designed you for close communication with your Creator. How I enjoyed walking in the garden with Adam and Eve, before the evil one deceived them!

When you commune with Me in the garden of your heart, both you and I are blessed. This is My way of living in the world — through you! Together we will push back the darkness, for I am the Light of the world.

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

— PSALM 32:7

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

—GENESIS 3:8–9

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

—JOHN 8:12

SCRIPTURE

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Philippians 4:6-7 (NASB) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 26:3 (NASB) "The steadfast of mind You will keep in **perfect peace**, Because he **trusts in You**.

Psalms 37:25 (NASB) I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have **not seen the righteous forsaken Or his descendants begging bread**.