

Healing a Broken World

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- This Message is very dear to Pastor Rick's heart. These truths are so powerful that if you get them, it can radically change your life.
- A few truths from past messages that will lead into this one:
 1. You are significant. God designed you. He purposed you. He chose you. When you were born, God liked what He got because He knew what He was getting.
 2. Once you understand how significant your life is, you will understand that God wants to use "you". He wired you the way He did because He has a plan for you that no one else can fill.
 3. Your purpose is fulfilled only when you see your life in the context of God's bigger plan. Ninety years from now, most of us will be gone and will only be a memory. This life you live here is a place where you prepare for eternity. What you do in this life makes a difference for what you experience after this life.
- Once you get these truths, your life and your circumstances can be seen in context to the bigger picture. When Pastor Rick and Pastor Donna were trying to celebrate their anniversary, one thing after another went wrong for two days – wrecking their plans. Finally, Pastor Rick laughed out loud and said, "I am so glad that we get it!"
- "Getting it" keeps you from complaining and pouting about your circumstances. It isn't all about having plans go just right, but about living in such a way that you are joyful in God, no matter what. You will have struggles, but you will be able to rise above them, setting your eyes far above the horizon. Your life will be beautiful if you hook your destiny to God's universal plan.
- When Paul talks about these truths and the message of the gospel, he calls it a mystery.
- **Colossians 1:26 (NKJV)** *"the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints."*
- Until Christ came and died on the cross, this mystery was hidden to almost everyone.
- The mystery isn't revealed to everyone. But it is revealed to his saints.
- Why don't those we consider very intelligent get this? Through their "so called" research, they can actually come up with some crazy stuff.
- **1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)** *"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*
- The natural man, with his natural understanding cannot understand the things of God because the things of God are understood through the spirit and not the mind.
- Man will **never** find God or the meaning of life with his mind alone. It's **impossible** for him to find God that way. Why? Because we are "spirit" beings and have come from God who is spirit.
- Paul calls our body our tent. Because it is a temporary dwelling place for our spirit which is the "real" us. We are not emotions, a will, or a body. We are a spirit.
- We have a mind, emotions, and a soul. But those are to help us live this life. We are not emotions, intellect, or even a body. **We are a spirit.** But sometimes these things are hard to separate.
- **Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow..."*
- This compares the soul and spirit to the joints and marrow. The joint is the hard part of the bone and the marrow is the soft part. But these two things are hard to separate. The soul and spirit are the same way. It is very difficult to discern between the two. Only God can do that.
- This is why we sometimes think we are hearing from God, but it is really our soul or our natural mind. And sometimes we think we are just thinking thoughts but it is really God speaking to us. We can't discern it.
- So what do we do? We must be bold and step out in faith on what we "think" God is saying and He will guide us rightly.

- **God hears my spirit!!** Not the melody of my song, my voice, my jumping, He hears the spirit that is truly engaged.
- This is the same with fasting where God calls people to account for their motives in fasting. They want to be seen and to be heard. This is also the same with prayer. Not just speaking words but it requires us to be connected with God in our hearts and our spirits.
- Prayer is not a blanket rule to “just pray” and then you will get whatever you want. Prayer is a mechanism given by God that operates on a specific set of rules and principles. It requires faith and purity in our heart. It requires passion and love. It requires us to be connected in a relationship with God.
- Being a Christian means we have entered into the kingdom of God. That kingdom operates on just as many rules, principles, and truths as this natural earth (ie: gravity, force, lift, etc). God will hear and answer our prayers if we live according to the laws that he has laid down that govern things like prayer.
- **We are spirit beings so God hears our Spirit.**
- As Christians we love God. But if we continue to live from our head, we will never be able to move on to what God has for us. It is only available to us when we connect with God spirit to spirit.
- **1 Corinthians 1:18 (NKJV)** *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*
- We are not saying that “understanding and seeing” the mystery makes us better or more superior to those that don’t. But rather the difference between those that don’t understand and those that do is that those that do are taking a leap of faith with their **heart**, not their head.
- We can and should investigate things with our head but live from our heart and spirit. Only then will we be able to walk into **everything** God has for us in our lives.
- This is like falling in love. Because of past hurts, some come to a relationship closed and with attitude that love must be “proved”. If you come to the relationship with this attitude, it will never happen. You must take a step of faith and be vulnerable and say “I trust you.”
- This same principle is how you get to know Christ better and better. This is how your relationship with God grows and becomes stronger.
- **1 Corinthians 1:21-25 (NKJV)** *“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks, foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*
- You must understand that all of our intellectual pursuits and being led by our head are still foolishness compared to the wisdom of God. To the man that is led by his head, the things of God seem like foolishness.
- Many accept Christ, coming into the kingdom, but only enter into the very beginning place. Their worship seems dead. They are not motivated. They are content to stay there, and for the rest of their Christian life are led by their head.
- They are not on fire for God and see all of the praying for this sick, casting out devils, God talking to them as radical. They did just enough to get in the door and to be saved, but not to be brought into to full glory of God and all that He has for us.
- **Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)** *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*
- Don’t waste what God has given you. Being full on for God doesn’t make you a sissy. There is nothing more beautiful than a man or a woman bowing their knee at the foot of the cross.