

Extreme Life Makeover

"Seeing the Big Picture"

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(Combined notes from 9 and 11 a.m. services)

- From last week: We are 'spirit' beings. Just because we can't see our spirit doesn't mean it is not just as real as our body that we can see.
- The spirit world existed first and all we see came out of that.
- **Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)** 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.
- When we are born-again, our spirit is changed, but our mind, will, emotions, and body aren't changed.
- God leaves that as our responsibility to take the power of Christ within us and to bring these other areas (mind, will, intellect, emotions, body) into subjection to our spirit man. Our body, mind and spirit are to be in alignment with God.
- Definition of spiritual growth: applying word of God to bring areas of our life into subjection to our spirit man.
- Meditate on this scripture. It is loaded! **II Peter 1:2-4 (NKJV)** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.
- "exceedingly great and precious promises:" that through these (the promises) we may be partakers of the divine nature!
- The way we tap into and activate the nature of God on the inside of us is to get hold of the promises of God to the point they become a part of us. That delivers us from the junk in our flesh, and activates the power of Jesus Christ in us, and it changes us.
- **John 8:31-32 (NKJV)** Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."
- You can be born-again, a believer in Jesus as your Savior . . . but not be a disciple, making Jesus your Lord.
- Jesus is not looking for just believers, but for disciples! Jesus said, "Make disciples out of all men."
- What is a disciple? Someone who 'abides' in the Word!
- What does it mean to 'abide'? Abide: settle down in the Word; dwell, remain and make your permanent home in the Word. (A disciple is one who takes the Word of God, makes it their permanent home, and reads, studies, and meditates on it daily until it becomes natural to them to react with God's way of thinking.)
- Why should I become a 'disciple'? **John 8:32 (NKJV)** "And you shall KNOW the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- 'Believers' go to church. . . but they are still full of the same junk that was in them before they got saved. They are not free! If you were 'fearful' as a sinner, you will be fearful as a Christian!
- To KNOW is not just accumulated knowledge/facts/information, but means "becoming one with", intimately mingled with, as in marriage. (In Genesis, it says Adam 'knew' Eve, meaning he went into an intimate relationship with Eve, became 'one'.) To "KNOW the truth" means becoming 'one' with God, and His Word.
- When we 'know' the Word, it doesn't just show us 'how' to be 'free', BUT it will 'make' us 'free'! As we live in the 'Word', the Word will change us!
- Make your permanent home in the Word, becoming 'one' with the Word, where you are no longer trying to change yourself, but the Word in you will change/transform you.
- The Word dissolves anger, fear, anxiety, strife, un-forgiveness in our lives.
- The Word will make us a lover, bring the peace, joy, power we need.
- The Word has active ingredients in it as seed, but will do nothing outside of our heart. When firmly planted in us, into the soil of our heart, they bind together and produce the fruit we desire in our life.

- **John 8:37 (NKJV)** (Jesus said) "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you."
- This is the only way to get an Extreme Life Makeover! These people had the right lineage through Abraham but the Word didn't govern. This is why we see people say, "I am a Christian!," but don't live it, acting contrary to the Word of God.
- **John 8:38 (NKJV)** I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."
- When we abide in the Word, we will do what He does. If we don't, we will be like the world!
- **Isaiah 55:6-9 (NKJV)** Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. ⁸ "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹ "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.
- Why do we need to abide in the Word? We must saturate ourselves with the Word so that it is our 'default' position . . . what we fall back on unconsciously! The Word becomes what we are 'thinking' when we are not 'thinking'! It is our 'set point'!
- When a crisis comes and we fall apart with fear in our carnal man, we immediately should feel something rise up, saying, "No, you are not going there flesh, mind, emotions! You will not get out from under the strength of my spirit!" Our spirit man is stronger!
- When people are filled more with fear, doubt, dread, anger, lust than with God's promises, they will have the "BUT" disease!
- "I know God's Word says . . . BUT . . . look at . . ." The thought of the world/flesh are their 'default position'.
- The thoughts of God our subject to thoughts of our flesh or circumstances.
- If we know which way our "BUT" is going, we can get it in gear, and going the right direction!
- BUT GOD!
- Abraham and Sarah were physically unable to bear children, 'BUT' they were strong in faith!
- Get your 'BUT' going in the right direction!
- If we listen to wrong reports, we are worshipping the world's information.
- Where do we live? In God's WORD!
- If we are tormented with fear, we can find an antidote in scripture. **Psalms 27:1-5 (NKJV)** The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I *will be* confident. ⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD, all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.
- This passage is full of enough of the genetic code of confidence and courage to destroy fear.