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"LIVE GOD'S VIEW OF YOU IN CHRIST"

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EPHESIANS 4:23-24 (ESV) "Be RENEWED in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God."

1 CORINTHIANS 2:16 (ESV) "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST."

ROMANS 8:1 (ESV) "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."

Three emphases from now till Easter:

1. Do the Word by RENEWING OUR MINDS.
2. Do the Word by RENEWING OUR MARRIAGES.
3. Do the Word by RENEWING OUR MISSION.

*My motivation behind this series: "I believe with all my heart that God isn't done working through 'The Hill.' Because He has led you here, for this time and season, God has a plan for you, and God's not done with you."

TRUTH: God is a God of second chances.

TRUTH: Because you're breathing right now, it means your story isn't over. The last chapter isn't written, but you use one key to unlock your future: faith.

INSIGHT: You can't become what Christ died for you to become till you see yourself like God sees you in Christ.

I. RETHINK YOU.

INSIGHT: The goal of rethinking you is to have the mind of Christ.

REALITY: When you have the mind of Christ, you know exactly who you are.

Three truths about you if you don't know who God made you to be:

1. People all the time are forcing you into a predetermined mold of who they think you ought to be.
2. If you don't know who you are in Christ, you'll end up living a phony life, always pretending life is fine, but always wearing a mask.

3. You are going to waste your life.

QUESTION: Parents, are you preparing your kids for God's purpose for their lives even at an early age?

II. THINK WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST.

INSIGHT: Our brains are like computers—what we put in them is what we get out of them.

TRUTH: We must be people of the Word. We must do the Word, hold the Word in thought, so we will obey it in deed.

III. IT'S TIME TO BREAK SOME CHAINS IN YOUR MIND.

Here's what's true about some of you who are in Christ, and today is about you changing your thinking:

1. You have regret for things you should have done but didn't.
2. You have things you want to change in your life, but you can't pull it off and you feel like a "life failure."
3. Your days repeatedly rehearse the "I'm not enough" chains that hold you down.

TRUTH: Every time you say, "I'm not enough," that's shame, and shame is from Satan, not Jesus.

INSIGHT: Jesus Christ came to set you free from the lies of shame.

Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION for those who are in Christ Jesus."

INSIGHT: Trusting Christ for heaven and a changed life is so significant, Jesus asks every one of us to do something to put this truth on display: baptism!

INVITATION

TRUTH: The pathway to life change isn't in your promises to God but in God's promises to you.

10 FAITH CONFESSIONS:

1. I BELIEVE Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again from the dead on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
2. I am a new creation in Christ; the old life is gone, a new life has begun (2 Corinthians 5:17).
3. The Son has set me free. I am free indeed! (John 8:36)
4. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).
5. God is faithful. He will not let me be tempted beyond what I can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13).
6. Nothing can ever separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39).
7. He is able to do immeasurably more than all I ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within me (Ephesians 3:20).
8. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13).
9. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).
10. God is for me! Who can be against me? (Romans 8:31)