

## Called to Belong

### Power to overcome SELF- limitations

How to experience **Fatherly**  
Care in a Troubled world –  
look at Jesus

Simple – **look** at Jesus – exp  
Father

1. See Him in His GREAT  
**Giving**

Giving to **get** – main cause  
of rel problem

Generous to friends –  
disappoint - frust

Giving out of love – never  
frust – pleasure in the act of  
giving

Give out of love – looking to  
God to satis deepest need

Power to **enjoy** life in the  
midst of hurts

Psalms 23:5

5 You prepare a table before  
me in the presence of my  
enemies. You anoint my head  
with oil; my cup overflows.

**Eat** in midst of enemy –  
what they say or do - **why**

**Oil** – God honours, God  
sees us as beautiful – no  
matter what man says

**Cup** overflow – great  
abundance

Job 18:4

4 You who tear yourself to  
**pieces** in your anger ...

If you don't let go, you can't  
**enjoy** the present – hurting self  
- loved

You are only hurting  
**yourself** with your anger –  
and the **people** that you love

**Easier** to forgive others –  
realise **how much** you have  
been forgiven

**LET GO CONTROL** –  
enjoy in midst - realise  
**cannot** control people's  
**choice**

but you **can** control your own  
choice! - **hinge**

Don't – **hinge your happiness** – to  
the day he return & changed – hinge  
your happiness – fact - **doing** right  
thing

God's eye – **success**

**Enjoy** – God's greater purpose  
NOW – eat in the midst of enemy –  
oil – cup overflow!

Why do kids of **godly** parents  
also **choose** astray? Friends  
disappoint?

Ans: born in sin

**Let go** – let him suffer – like  
the American Teen

**But** don't give up

One **char of old nature** – **self**  
centred

**PICT** – large group of people –  
who notice first

It doesn't matter – others – **red eye**  
– **cross eye** – **no eye** – first thing  
notice – how you look

**WHY MA?** Oh he so attentive –  
she so gorgeous – book look  
Why adopt?

David Livingston

Eph 4:22-24

22 So get rid of your old self, which  
made you live as you used to--the old  
self that was being destroyed by its  
deceitful desires. TEV ... 23 and be  
renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24  
and that you put on the new man which  
was created according to God, in true  
righteousness and holiness. NKJV

Being destroyed – main **cause**  
of rel prob

**How does self centeredness**  
**damage relationship?**

**Self centred** – needs not  
**sensitive** to needs - **couple** –  
counselor kiss wife

A couple were seeing a counselor  
for marriage problems. The wife  
refused to talk to her husband. Week  
after week, the counselor tried to get  
the wife to open up, but nothing  
worked. Finally on the seventh visit,  
the counselor walked over to the

woman and gave her a kiss on the  
cheek. She lit up, reached over  
and hugged her husband and  
began to tell him all of the stress  
she'd been going through the past  
three months. The counselor said,  
"Mr. Jones, that kiss represents the  
kind of treatment your wife needs  
every day." The husband said,  
"Doc, I can bring her in on  
Mondays and Wednesdays, but I'm  
not sure about the rest of the week.

Becos peo tend to be self  
centred – **needs are** not met

More time polishing car on  
Sunday – than in maintaining your  
wife or kid

When drive car – little sound  
– detect something is wrong –  
sent for service

When wife – honey stop it – can't  
sleep

Bef ma: **dating** – what can I  
do –

please you

After ma: do it yourself –  
American way

How to satisfy – deepest need  
in midst of self centred world?

Bible – brings out – most  
radical truth !

### 1. Focus on the needs of **others**

Philippians 2:4

4 Each of you should look not only  
to your own interests, but also to  
the interests of others.

80% rel prob can be solved  
this verse:

Becos root of any rel prob:  
**selfishness**

Rebecca

**Amazing** thing – we focus on  
– your own needs met

**Joseph** – own dream not  
fulfilled –

keep intp dream for others

Romans 7

Times – I **don't feel** like giving

– dry – tired – just want to be alone –  
nothing to give – how do I give

Prob – **rely** own stength

### 2. Rely on Christ's **power** to overcome your old self and your natural **limitation**

Philippians 2:13

13 for it is God who works (energise) in  
you to will and to act according to his  
good purpose.

**How does God energise us to will**  
**and do the right thing?**

**To will and to do** - some peo –  
use your **will** power

"Where there is a will there is a way," –  
true?

You may have strong will power – can  
carry you some dist - **limit**

**Moses** can sit in front of Red Sea –  
army – tremendous will to cross - shout  
and scream

Open sesame

If God didn't intervene – nothing  
happens

He didn't just **die** for our sin – He  
put us **IN HIM**. That means:

**ABILITY** – plane- pen

How many can fly? I can! – when I am  
in a plane

Put in pen in parcel – send to Paris

Where pen go - Paris – NZ?

**VALUE** - Old violin – 50 – no one  
will buy

Used by Bethoven – cost 1 mill

Pick up his worth

Not our self worth

D wants you to – find your goodness  
**apart** from Christ – on own

Deut 11:18

Fix these words of mine in your hearts  
and minds; tie them as symbols on your  
hands and bind them on your foreheads.

19 Teach them to your children, talking  
about them when you sit at home and when  
you walk along the road, when you lie down  
and when you get up.

20 Write them on the door-frames of  
your houses and on your gates,

21 so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Like the days of Heaven on earth – **how** many – exp?

**MEANS** of grace – 1.

**Word**  
**FEED** on His Word not TV's news

Read **Word** – don't focus on asking what you **must do** – this law or that precepts

Mark 9:14

Focus on law – prin – miss the **MIRACLE**– prin OK – **LIMIT** human effort

Key – what does this passage tell me abt Jesus

Gen 45:10-11

10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be **NEAR** to me, you and your children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. 11 **There** I will **provide** for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine." NKJV

**Presence** – Entp meet

1 Corinthians 1:21-24

God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

23 but we preach Christ crucified: ...24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Gal 3:5-6

5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law,

or by the hearing of faith? NKJV

See Jesus – know and have the **power** to do the right thing – solar energy

**HOW** can just words do such great things – I tell you - I don't know

Mark 4:26-28

26 Jesus went on to say, "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. 27 He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens [without his help or anxious thoughts]. 28 The soil itself [Gk:automa] makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the head, and finally the head full of grain. TEV

How do I **know** I am using my self effort

– cares – worries

Mark 6:13

13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

2. **Anointing oil** 9<sup>th</sup> largest ch – **Tiberias** – called not even a believer

Saw – sky - **TOTO**

Riot – grp axe – just bounce off – not even a hairline crack

Home – bees – straight line – dead bees

Isa 10:27

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the **anointing**. KJV

... the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil. NKJV

**Any** yokes – not just sickness  
Wai Luen .....

A week ago, my car battery ran flat while on the way home at night due to a faulty alternator. So, I had to drive home without my car lights. Once I reached home, I popped the hood to check the engine. I then found out it was overheated and

steaming. While attending to it, the radiator suddenly burst, and the hot water spurt on me and it hurts. My mum came with the bottle of **anointed oil**. She applied the oil on me. We prayed. Without being even conscious, the pain was gone. Burn marks or scars? No where to be found - **NOTHING!** A **Vibrant Youth Service member**.

Psalms 105:37-38

37 He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold, and from among their tribes no-one faltered.

38 Egypt was glad when they left, because dread of the people had fallen on them.

3. **HC** - First **Passover** – darkest time – nite – blood – on door

Not just deliverance – but greatest **transfer** of wealth!

HC – not just forgiveness – but also **Blood of the New Covenant!** Promises !

**Ask** - Entp prayer

Exodus 3:21-22

21 "And I will make the Egyptians favourably disposed towards this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed.

22 Every woman is to ask her neighbour and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

Exodus 11:2

2 Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbours for articles of silver and gold."

Exodus 12:35-37

35 The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.

36 The LORD had made the Egyptians favourably disposed towards the people, and they gave

them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

Amazing – so many worried pros – **destroy** a man - **JP**

Oh – he can't handle such pros – or the min is too great for him to handle – do this that – wont get too proud

**Rel** prob: they just **projected** their **weakness** on him – just projected their **corrupted** pract on him

Peo – always **critical** – chances are – **expressing** – what they themselves would do in **similar** position

What they are **criticising** – they are actually **talking** about themselves

Miriam – why was God angry when she seems to be speaking the truth

Ans: if God can accept Moses' weakness, who are we to reject or speak against Mose

Moses was God's servant not her servant – Moses is accountable to God – His master

**Prov 1** – pros only destroy fools – don't ack God

Great **judgment** on peo of world – great blessing - world darker – ch brighter

This ch pas in **INDO**

– great man of God – great ministry – greatly blessed -

The goal of this man is to see sick healed – people blessed in home – business ...

Exp great oppositions – heart broken

**Heart broken** – not he was hurt – saw see how people got hurt when opp God's work – terrible things happen – ... happen to ...

A man make fun of HC and anointing oil

– walk out angry – car stop – traffic light – timber truck happened to pull over, chain happened to break, happened to crush car

Another – wrote **terrible** things

– the pastor forgive him, but one day – he and family – multi storeys mall – happened to be on wrong side – reverse

car, car happened to crush barrier - crush down  
many other heart breaking stories – the pastor does not seek evil for those that oppose the work of God but  
God of grace – **protect** flock – Ananias – deceive – divide – church, God has to protect the flock.

**Don't und** – don't speak  
End up hurting self –  
opposing God's work don't understand

Why such **simple** means?  
Why does God use such simple means to release Grace?

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not-- to nullify the things that are,

29 so that no-one may boast before him.

**God's way – simple**  
things to shame wise  
**Trumpet - Sling – dirty**  
river

Act on what you **ask** to do, he does the **impossible**

James 5:14-15

14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up.

How to keep the Means of Grace from becoming magical or ritualistic?

Not **magical** – prayer of faith

Don't take the anointed oil as something magical. It is has

to be administrated with the prayer of faith.

Leviticus 14:14-18

14 The priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

15 The priest shall then take some of the log of oil, pour it in the palm of his own left hand,

16 dip his right forefinger into the oil in his palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of it before the LORD seven times.

17 The priest is to put some of the oil remaining in his palm on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, on top of the blood of the guilt offering.

18 The rest of the oil in his palm the priest shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed and make atonement for him before the LORD.

Why do you think that the priest anoint the ear first?

Why **ear** first?

Hear right – do right and walk right – mind right

Oil anointed after blood? – not magical

Why the oil is anointed after blood is applied. The power release is not based on the magical power of the oil but the work of Christ on the cross – his blood shed.

**Mazuza**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength

Deuteronomy 11:14-21

14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil.

15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

Notice – Bible – **grain** is mentioned with **wine oil**  
HC and the anointing oil  
All – one common feature – **bruised** crushed  
The means of grace are nothing without the work of Christ on the cross – always focus on Christ – not he means