

See how the Good News transform you from INSIDE Out

I am the Good shepherd
How may **struggling** – habit –

weakness - depress – how you can be transformed – inside out

John 8:34

I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

Addict: **Addictus** – slavery

Know him ... to be Light

John 8:12

12 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."

Key to change – right seeing

2 Cor 3:18

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. NKJV

Notice in the **storm**,

To see him as he **REALLY** is, see how **God sees** us

– kind of a mini series within a series

Remember going to – funfairs – **fun** mirrors – some **no fun** – weird **distorted** picts

Any weird and distorted pictures

Why is it imp't not to see ourselves as victims?

Growing up – all kinds of weird picts – **how peo sees us**: Peers, parents, teachers (**call**)

Many good – most good – some just work not a calling -

Could find better pay – but remain – call

Prob: often see ourselves as **victims**

I **beat** up that guy - My parent not caring – friends beat me up

I commit **adultery** – wife – one old Sarai - domino

See **victim** – will **victimise** others – - - be **victimised** rest of life

Hurting peo **hurt** others, process – hurt himself **more**

See failure – be failure

Lincoln:- mum died – sch – run – business – love – 6x – O yes

1. God sees you as infinitely precious

How much you think you are worth?

In what way you are sure of your worth?

How do you measure **worth of thing** – house or **belt** – not **you think**

How much your **house** is worth – not what you think – how much someone willing to pay

What you are **really** worth - not what you **think** you are worth

Sometimes, think – **more** - less

Oh pas – I have **no** gifts, talents, nothing, junk – I am **worthless**

You are redeemed (purchased) with the very life of Christ !

Ransomed

1 Cor 7:23

23 You have been **bought** and paid for by Christ, so you **belong** to him. TLB

What Jesus did - cross – **proves** – how much you are worth

People that tell you – useless, failure, good for nothing – **not** speaking **truth**

Another key to measure worth - Who **owns** you?

Michael Jordan – sport shoe

Mardona – car – big issue – adopting

Some like to boast

– my dad so and so – uncle, friend, husb, know so and so – why? Realize how imp't – proper connection

Bible: ...

You belong to God !!!

Why is it imp't to know our worth?

John 10:14-15

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me- 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-and I lay down my life for the sheep.

You don't get bigger connection than that.

Fred **Craddock** – holiday in Tennessee

Seated at table – old man – vacation? What do you do? Rid – preacher – story

Born illegitimate child, never knew – hard – sch make fun, names, felt peo staring

One day, new pas – town – everybody say good

Never been – one day decided to go – like – always late and early

One day – so caught up – forgot to leave early- caught with a peo jam

Suddenly, felt strong hand on shoulder – tall pastor – name – whose son?

Bef – I know who your fam is – distinct resemblance – child of God

That changed my life – waitress – Ben Hooper

Learned child of God – precious – valuable – changed his life,

all the depressions, hurts, rejections – eliminated

No longer let peo – force us to be **victims** – see victors

Problem – we don't feel loved – even - mum and dad do love – esp Asian background – w are not so expressive

Psalms 68:5-6

5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation. 6 God sets the **solitary** in **families**.

He brings out those who are bound into **prosperity**; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land. NKJV

Solitary yachiyd: one and only, unique, darling, beloved

Oh – **IF** I find perfect mate – I will be **happy** - **complete!** I am only one **Half**

...

Already complete - Don't let anyone tell you – **MUST** be married to be happy

It is **ONLY** when you are whole that you are **ready** for marriage

I am not complete – looking for the other half – will be complete

If - married – **heal** all my **hurts** - **don't** – exchange - suck

Don't get ma – more hurts

Exchange - Exchange one set – with another

Expectation: **suck** drain life out of any human being

So **priority** – if feel incomplete, not to look for a spouse, but to **let**

Jesus love us to wholeness

Genesis 17:15

Genesis 18:10-12

Acts 20:24-25

24 I only want to complete my mission that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the **Good News about the grace of God**. TEV

– good news of Jesus Christ

Sarai received hesed (grace) →

Sarah – princess – secure and **relax** → beautiful

2. This Good News of His Grace changes you from INSIDE OUT

Heb 7:19-22

19 for the law(OT Torah) made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. 22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. NKJV

Not 17 laws of success

– 16 keys of leadership – latest fad or technics, if ...

Why is Christ the surety for radical transformation in our life?

Focus – law – never **SURE** – why?

SELF EFFORT
Rid - H a b i t ?

Take away the H, still got 'abit', take away the A, you still got the 'bit'. But if you take away the 'I' – you got the cross – the cross is the ans – not your self effort

Galatians 3:10

For as many as are of the works of the law (Torah) are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." NKJV

10 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

If law can solve the prob – **Christ needs not come**
Galatians 2:21

21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law (Torah), Christ died for **nothing!**"
What are the purposes of the law?

Mirror – restrain but not transform

Romans 7:7; Gal 3:23

7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under **guard** by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.
NKJV

Romans 7:5; 1 Corinthians 15:56

5 For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions **aroused** by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.

56 ...power of sin is the law (Torah).

The major purpose of law – **BRING us to Christ**

Rom 7:4

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married (belong) to another -- to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear **fruit** to God. NKJV

No body can change your live like Jesus

Why is GRACE so powerful - Grace is a personal! Jesus didn't come – give more laws. His life – person – His righteousness

Put his law – life in our heart

Set Christianity apart –

UNCOMMON –

DO - do this that – DONE

Rom 1:16-17

16 I have complete confidence in the gospel; it is God's **POWER** to save all who believe, first the Jews and also the Gentiles. 17 For the gospel reveals how God puts people right with himself: it is through faith **from beginning to END**. As the scripture says, "The person who is put right with God through faith shall live." TEV

Romans 5:17

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

The **last** word in the OT is a curse ...

but the last word in the NT is grace. Grace is the final word.

Mal 4:6; Revelation 22:21

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

What are the differences between the 'work of the law'

and the 'fruit of the Holy Spirit'?

John 21:3-11

Peter – reed – denier → bold preacher – 3000 saved
OVERNIGHT? – no – process –

Law – result can be **instantaneous** –

Diff: **WORK** the law – **FRUIT** of Holy Spirit

PROB: only surface

– **Husb** – kids behave- room not studying – book in front, but behind the book is comic book – done that hence, Jesus – r **EXCEEDS** that of Pharisees – not surface
Grace – **inside out!**

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Ps, my boy, girl, husb attended - Kingdom series – 5 lessons already – still same - process
Jacob, Moses, Abraham, Paul (20,30,13 yrs)

Mushroom – ACACIA

Why is it imp't to learn to tolerate imperfection in others and ourselves?

God not only **forgive**, accepts ... **while imperf** – he still can **use us!**

Was Peter transformed when he preached and 3000 saved?

No cf. Gal 2:11; 2 Pet 3 15

2 Peter 3:15

our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

If perfect – don't serve

Perfectionist - takes the fun out of serving

Don't **judae** bef time.

Learn to **LIVE** with a bit of imperfection - **happier**

If **all** my spouse's **weaknesses** are gone, I will be happy .. never

If - all promises, prob, hurts, burdens, kids

If all my **Promises** fulfilled – happy – hey – gone home

If all my **problems** resolved –rest

All **pain** gone, I will be able to rest
All **debts** paid, rest

Kids got their edu - rest

Some ladies: All the **dust** of the house swept, I able to rest

What is the normal way the God transform us?

How Peter transformed?

Consistently receive Goodness and grace of God

Two boats (Peter No John Baptist – NO drink, eat, typical rugged vulgar fisherman)

Rock – see what can be

Friend – breakfast - 153 large fish – feed my sheep

– Jesus still believe in him – entrust him w task

5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." 11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

Why Some peo was not change?

God respects – will – not robots

Always be peo like that – anywhere, 0.1%,

law focus **MORE!** Arouse sins, power of sin - law

Why don't you speak against such sin?

Why add, 0.1 when 99% have diff needs

Have the guts to confront them individually – Mat 18

Matthew 18:15-17

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Give them time and grace
to change

Let them be fed with the word
and let Jesus love them to
wholeness – yachyd first

Even operation – doc check
– blood test – ready – die –
given vit first – build up body
first

Same – give up **Isaac** –
Abraham did that 30 yrs
walking w God

Pict substitutionary
redemption

Receive grace – always
change - seen

Seen people coming with all
sorts of wrong rel – time –
gradually set right

Judas not changed? God
releases – he didn't receive

Look closely didn't receive
grace but set limit on himself –
by setting limit on others -
critical, judgmental

TV Ev – fall from grace?
Into grace

Grace & Blessings
releases the anointing to
change

Blessing – now - peo always
think \$, **include** ... more imp't
things – health – rel **harmony** -
40 yrs

Peo spend first 40 yrs
earning all the money they can
and next 40 years spend all the
money they have to gain back
the health they lost

Know how – blessings
flow ...

Ps 133 Blessings and
anointing flow top down

Church can only go as far
as leaders go

Leaders had **breakthrough** –
easier rest to follow
Geese V?

*The one in front - breaks strongest
wind current – honk cheers*

*A way to cheer your leader, your
pastor is to pray for him – praying for
yourself*

*Pray for pas – you actually
praying for yourself*