

November 28, 2021 thru December 4, 2021



*"Rejoice in the Lord always:  
and again I say,  
Rejoice."*

*Philippians 4:4 KJV*

*Jesus sent Paul · Romans · Philemon*

## **Moving Forward**

Evangelist Barbara Lynch

**Thanksgiving is past and now we move forward to Christmas. But before Christmas arrives, there is a works that has to begin. The works of bringing in the harvest of lost souls. We cannot put this off any longer. (The appointed time is here), and I have the Remnant all prepared to go forth with their gifts in full operation.**

**My plan is all set-in motion. The angelic host are at their posts to assist wherever assistance is required. Do not believe for one instance that you will go awry, for My Angelic Host will make sure everything is being carried out as planned in Heaven.**

**Children you have gifts and skills that you have not dipped into as of yet. I promise this will be a harvest like none other. The church has not seen the likes of this harvest. I know I have spoken these same words over and over again in the past; but NOW is the time for all I have spoken to come to pass. Keep your faith high. Sharpen your prophetic voice. Be ready to move in season and out of season. Move forward with conviction and accomplish what I place your hands and feet to accomplish.**

“How long, O Lord?” is the cry of those who have had to wait on the Lord. In Psalm 13:1 David says, “How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?” Again, in Psalm 35:17, he cries, “Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue me from their ravages; rescue my precious life from the young lions.”

God determines how long you wait in His waiting room. God determines the times.

God promised Abraham that he would have a seed, and he waited in God’s waiting room twenty-five years. God appoints the times. Jacob had to wait fourteen years to marry Rachel. God appoints the times. Joseph languished in prison for three years for a crime he didn’t commit. Why? Because God appoints the times in which you languish and wait in His waiting room. Moses spent forty years on the backside of the desert, outside of Egypt because God appoints the times. Like Jonah was in the belly of the fish, Jesus was in the grave three days and three nights because God appoints the times. The days and times for Jonah in the service of God were not through.



## Is Christ Worth It?

John Piper

Shared by Evangelist Barbara Lynch

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” {Luke 14:26-27}

Jesus is unashamed and unafraid of telling us up front the “worst” – the painful cost of being a Christian: hating family {verse 26}, carrying a cross {verse 27}, renouncing possessions {verse 33}. There is no small print in the covenant of grace. It is all big, and bold. No cheap grace! Very costly! Come, and be my disciple.

But satan hides his worst and shows only his best. All that really matters in the deal with satan is in small print on the back page.

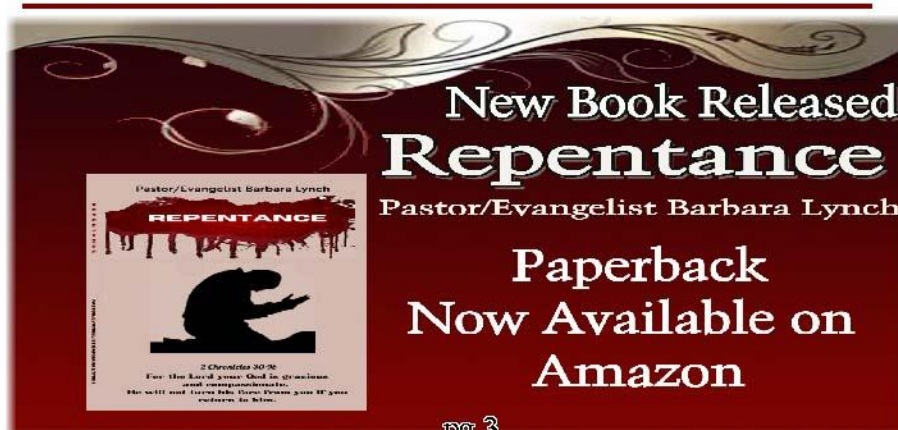
On the front page in big, bold letters are the words, “You will not surely die” {Genesis 3:4}, and “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me” {Matthew 4:9}. But on the back page in small print – so small you can only read it with the magnifying glass of the Bible – it says, “And after the fleeting pleasures, you will suffer with me forever in hell.”

Why is Jesus willing to show us his “worst” as well as his best, while satan will only show us his best? Matthew Henry answers, “satan shows the best, but hides the worst, because his best will not {counterbalance} his worst; but Christ’s will abundantly.”

The call of Jesus is not just a call to suffering and self-denial; it is first a call to a banquet. This is the point of the parable in Luke 14:16-24. Jesus also promises a glorious resurrection where all the losses of this life will be repaid {Luke 14:14}. He also tells us that he will help us endure the hardships {Luke 22:32}. He also tells us our Father will give us the Holy Spirit. {Luke 11:13}. He promises that even if we are killed for the kingdom, “not a hair of your head will perish” {Luke 21:18}.

Which means that when we sit down to calculate the cost of following Jesus – when we weigh the “worst” and the “best” – he is worth it. Abundantly worth it {Romans 8:18; II Corinthians 4:17}.

Not so with satan. Stolen bread is sweet, but afterward the mouth is full of gravel {Proverbs 20:17}.



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and unrepentants,  
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return to Him.

## God's Kingship

Teresa R. Michieli

Outpouring Ministries 11/26/21

Kingship, My reign, is over the earth. It is hovering like a cloud. It is My Kingdom ready to be established across this earth.

I saw in a vision what looked like a city hovering over the earth. It was as if it was floating over the earth. God said, "I am about to drop My Kingdom Authority down upon the earth. I could see it, another city of Authority just hovering. When Lord will this take place? I heard these words, "Soon, very soon". On earth as it is in Heaven are the words that came to my mind. Kingdom Authority came to me. I was seeing the Kingdom Authority hovering over the earth and when it does drop, great change will happen, I heard. That what you see now governing the earth will cease. A new Dominion, My Dominion Authority will take its place. My Kingdom Authority will rule the earth. It's what you have been waiting for. It's My promise when I said, I will never leave you or forsake you. Kingdom Authority must rule in order to save this world.

I am coming to visit My people to show them I Am an ever present God. They need to realize who I am to them. I want to show them that I am God and there is no other. They need to see their God in action. They need to feel their God and allow Me to be that part of their life which will keep them stable.

Hope has slipped away. They need to see, feel and touch their God. I can do all these things for them. I can bring them to the place where they will see Me, feel Me and touch Me and be a part of what I am doing. My people are crying out and their hearts are broken. I can fix all that. I can build their hope back up and give them a future to look forward to. I can do all these things for My people.

Tell them I hear their cries and see their tears. Can they see Mine? Can they hear My cries? Yes, I Am God. But I care for all My children. I see the misery that has taken place upon My children. I see the martyrs for My namesake. I see the many sacrifices of My children taking place. I see all of it. My Kingdom is hovering over this earth. There is a time and a season for everything. Can you wait? Can you gain strength from what I am about to do? How much longer? Time is of no essence to Me. Time will come and go but My presence will never leave this earth. It is Mine and the fullness thereof. Nothing can be taken from what I own. No, it all belongs to Me.

It is coming. Over and over I have sent forth these messages of hope to keep you standing. You must be patient, wait and trust Me. It's coming.

The word of the Lord has been spoken this day. Peace be unto you.



## Always thank God

Reverend Astrid Sherriff

We must thank God for His love for us, for every day we get up and go to bed, for having the opportunity to spend time with Him, to praise and worship Him in all its glory. Even when difficult trials come to us, we must rejoice in his presence and know that we have victory. **1**

**Thessalonians 5:16-18** Be always joyful, 17 pray without ceasing, give thanks to God in every situation, for this is His will for you in Christ Jesus. In the Old Testament it implies in the first place a magnanimous attitude of gratuitous benevolence on the part of **God that** is then concretized in the goods that the recipient of such grace obtains. That is, it emphasizes on the one hand the humility of the recipient and the gratuitousness of the gift. When we are grateful to God in our circumstances, we can feel a serene peace during tribulation; in anguish, we can raise our hearts in praise; in pain, we can rejoice in the Atonement of Christ; in the cold of bitter pain, we can feel the closeness and warmth of the embrace... **Psalm 136:1** says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his great love endures forever (NVI)." Here we have two reasons to be grateful: God's abiding goodness and his constant love. When we recognize the nature of our depravity and understand that, apart from God, there is only death (**John 10:10; Romans 7:5**), our natural response is to be grateful for the life He gives us. **Psalm 30** gives glory to God for His deliverance. David writes, "I will glorify you, O Lord, for you have exalted me, and you did not allow my enemies to rejoice in me. My God, I cried out to you, and you healed me. **Psalm 28:6-7** Blessed be the LORD, who has heard my pleading voice. 7 the LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him; from him I receive help. My heart jumps for joy, and with chants I will thank him. Paul was being persecuted, yet he wrote, "But thank God, who leads us always in triumph in Christ Jesus, and through us manifests in every place the smell of his knowledge" (**2 Corinthians 2:14**). The writer of Hebrews says, "So, receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have gratitude, and through it let us serve God by perliking Him with fear and reverence" (**Hebrews 12:28**). Peter tells us that we should be thankful for "various trials," saying that, through difficulties, our faith "be found in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is manifested" (**1 Peter 1:6-7**). We should be thankful that God is worthy of our gratitude. It is only right to give him credit for "every good gift and every perfect gift" he gives us (**James 1:17**). When we are grateful, our focus is no longer on our selfish desires or the pain of current circumstances. Expressing gratitude helps us remember that God is in control. So, gratitude is not only convenient, but it is healthy and beneficial for us. It reminds us of the larger view that we belong to God, and that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing (**Ephesians 1:3**). Indeed, we have an abundant life (**John 10:10**), and gratitude is appropriate. We rejoice in his presence, in his glory, in his love that he gives to us, to give thanks is to demonstrate the love we always have for God, times, joys, sorrows. Gratitude creates an atmosphere for augmentation. **Gratitude** is the feeling of appreciation and esteem of a good received, spiritual or material, which is expressed in the voluntary desire for correspondence through words or through a gesture. Because it is a feeling, Gratitude is not an obligation. Praise and worship

are a way to thank God, gratitude is saying thank you for all that is important to you and the good things in your life. You are grateful for a gift, but you are also grateful for watching a sunset, for succeeding in a sport or for being alive.

### **Dar gracias a Dios en todo momento**

Reverenda Astrid Sherriff

Debemos dar gracias a Dios por su amor a nosotros, por cada día que nos levantamos y acostamos, por tener la oportunidad de pasar tiempo con él, el alabarlo y adorarlo en todo su esplendor. Inclusive cuando nos vienen pruebas difíciles debemos gozarnos en su presencia y saber que tenemos la victoria. **1 tesalonicenses 5:16-18** Estén siempre alegres, **17**oren sin cesar, den gracias a Dios en toda situación, porque esta es su voluntad para ustedes en Cristo Jesús. En el Antiguo Testamento implica en primer lugar una actitud magnánima de benevolencia gratuita por parte de **Dios** que se concreta luego en los bienes **que** el receptor de tal **gracia** obtiene. Es decir, subraya por un lado la humildad del receptor y la gratuidad del don. Cuando somos **agradecidos a Dios** en nuestras circunstancias, podemos sentir una serena paz en medio **de** la tribulación; en la angustia, podemos elevar nuestro corazón en alabanza; en el dolor, podemos regocijarnos en la expiación **de** Cristo; en el frío del amargo dolor, podemos sentir la cercanía y la calidez del abrazo ... **Salmo 136:1** dice, "Den gracias al Señor, porque él es bueno; su gran amor perdura para siempre (NVI)". Aquí tenemos dos motivos para estar agradecidos: la permanente bondad de Dios y Su constante amor. Cuando reconocemos la naturaleza de nuestra depravación y entendemos que, aparte de Dios, sólo existe la muerte (**Juan 10:10; Romanos 7:5**), nuestra respuesta natural es estar agradecidos por la vida que El nos da. El **Salmo 30** da gloria a Dios por Su liberación. David escribe, "Te glorificaré, oh, Señor, porque me has exaltado, y no permitiste que mis enemigos se alegraran de mí. Señor Dios mío, a ti clame, y me sanaste. **Salmo 28:6-7** Bendito sea el Señor, que ha oído mi voz suplicante. **7**el Señor es mi fuerza y mi escudo; mi corazón en él confía; de él recibo ayuda. Mi corazón salta de alegría, y con cánticos le daré gracias. Pablo estaba siendo perseguido, no obstante, él escribió, "Mas a Dios gracias, el cual nos lleva siempre en triunfo en Cristo Jesús, y por medio de nosotros manifiesta en todo lugar el olor de su conocimiento" (**2 Corintios 2:14**). El escritor de hebreos dice, "Así que, recibiendo nosotros un reino incommovible, tengamos gratitud, y mediante ella sirvamos a Dios agradándole con temor y reverencia" (**hebreos 12:28**). Pedro nos dice que debemos estar agradecidos por "diversas pruebas", diciendo que, a través de las dificultades, nuestra fe "sea hallada en alabanza, gloria y honra cuando sea manifestado Jesucristo" (**1 Pedro 1:6-7**). Deberíamos estar agradecidos porque Dios es digno de nuestra gratitud. Lo justo es darle el crédito por "toda buena dádiva y todo don perfecto" que nos da (**Santiago 1:17**). Cuando estamos agradecidos, nuestro enfoque ya no está en nuestros deseos egoístas o en el dolor de las circunstancias actuales. Expresar la gratitud, nos ayuda a recordar que Dios está en control. Entonces, la gratitud no sólo es conveniente, sino que es saludable y beneficiosa para nosotros. Nos recuerda la visión más amplia de que pertenecemos a Dios, y que hemos sido bendecidos con toda bendición espiritual (**Efesios 1:3**). Realmente, tenemos una vida abundante (**Juan**

**10:10**), y la gratitud resulta apropiado. Nosotros nos regocijamos en su presencia, en su gloria, en su amor que nos da a nosotros, dar gracias es demostrar el amor que tenemos a Dios en todo momento, tiempo, alegrías, tristezas. Gratitud crea una atmósfera para el aumento. **Gratitud** es el sentimiento de valoración y estima de un bien recibido, espiritual o material, el cual se expresa en el deseo voluntario de correspondencia a través de las palabras o a través de un gesto. Por ser un sentimiento, la **Gratitud** no es una obligación. La alabanza y adoración es una forma de darle gracias a Dios, La gratitud es decir gracias por todo lo que es importante para usted y las cosas buenas en su vida. Usted está agradecido por un regalo, pero también está agradecido por ver un atardecer, por tener éxito en un deporte o por estar vivo.

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### **Love is the Reason**

Aaron Betz

I heard God say: There is room children in My Heart for you. Am I making room or is this spot that I have for you the place that you came from?

There is a distance that God is desiring to conquer: Any distance that separates us from Him. What is that distance? Is it questioning? Is it insecurity? Is it fear of man?

**Romans 8: 38-39** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Where is the delay coming from children? I hear your cries before they even come out. I see all and know all and now more than ever, I am extending an everlasting invitation to the inner chambers of My heart and the corridors of My very soul. Grow... in love with Me.

There is so much that can be said about spiritual growth. Are we walking holy? Are we free and standing as victorious? Are our sins defeated never to be picked back up again?

God is showing me that there have been those that have been fighting the "good fight" within their own strength. They will not understand the new level of warfare that we are going into. They have grown accustomed to fighting their own battles in their own ways.

Are you an overcomer? Is it from strict obedience or is it from love? Obedience is wonderful, but what is the motivation behind it? Is our obedience done from a place that still has us standing far off?

1 John 4: 18-19 There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. The one who fears has not been perfected in love. 19We love because He first loved us.

God continues: A time is coming dear ones when all the will power in the world won't be able to save you from the devastation and onslaught of darkness, but before this ever hits I say to you: Come and dine. Dine out of simplicity. Dine out of love. Dine because you are cherished.

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**"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."**

**- John Piper**

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## Bummer Lamb

Author Sheila Walsh book "Loved back to life"

Every once in a while, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are many reasons she may do this. If the lamb is returned to the ewe, the mother may even kick the poor animal away. Once a ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind.

These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with its neck. Their spirit is broken.

These lambs are called "bummer lambs." Unless the Shepherd intervenes, that lamb will die, rejected and alone. So, do you know what the Shepherd does?

He takes that rejected little one into His home, hand-feeds it and keeps it warm by the fire. He will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to His chest so the bummer can hear His heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the Shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock.

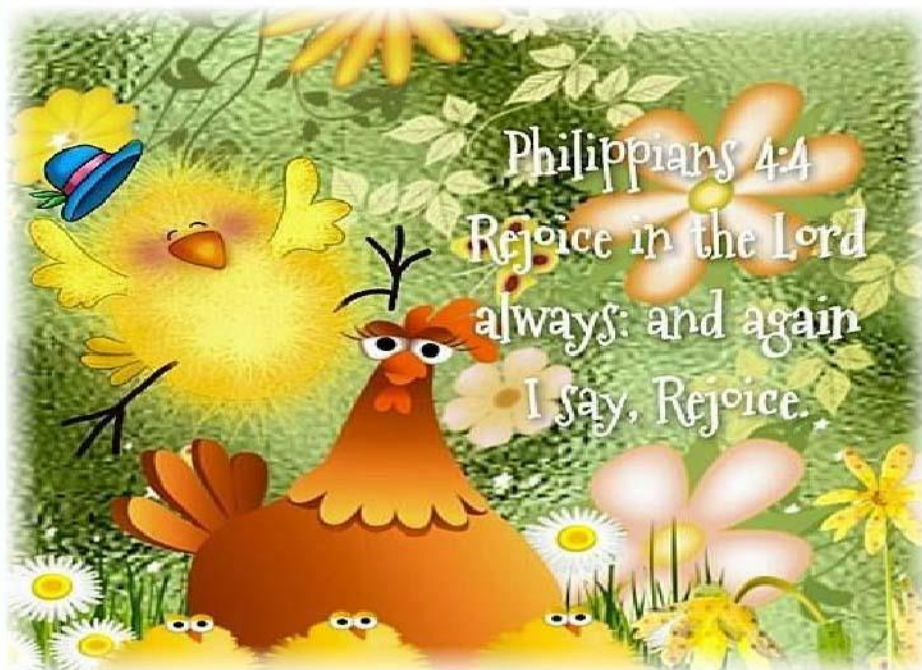
But that sheep never forgets how the Shepherd cared for him when his mother rejected him. When the Shepherd calls for the flock, guess who runs to Him first?

That is right, the bummer sheep. He knows His voice intimately.

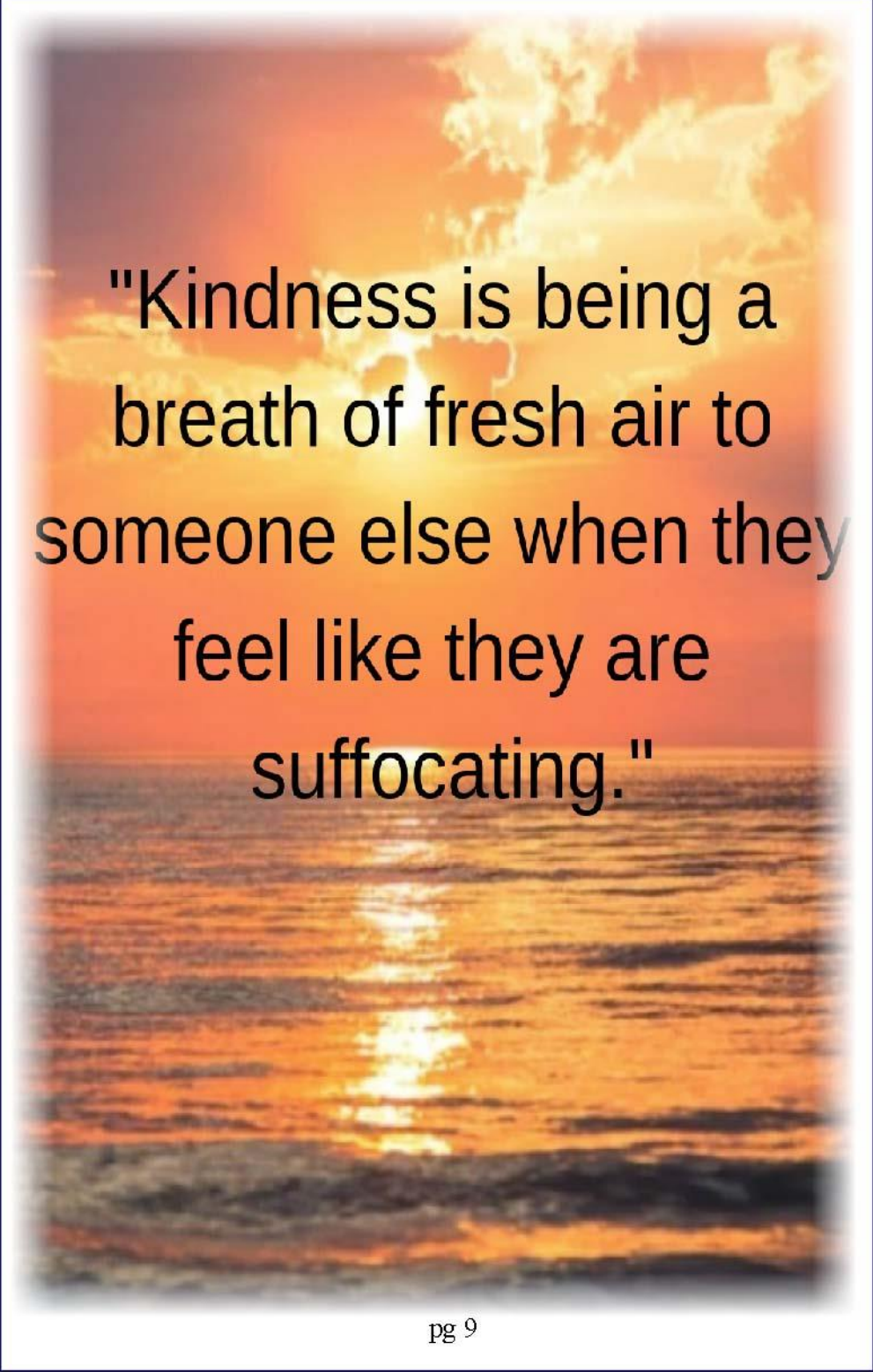
It is not that the bummer lamb is loved more, it just knows intimately the One who loves it and has experienced that love one on one.

So many of us are bummer lambs, rejected and broken. But He is the good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heartbeat.

I am a bummer lamb adopted and loved by The Good Shepherd!





A vertical rectangular image with a black border. The background is a sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with bright, glowing clouds in shades of orange and yellow. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a shimmering reflection on the dark, rippling water. The overall mood is warm and serene.

"Kindness is being a  
breath of fresh air to  
someone else when they  
feel like they are  
suffocating."

## **Trauma Bonding pt. 4 “Attachment Behavior”**

### **Attachment Issues**

Reverend Kathryn Gore

What are attachment issues and what do they look like? Attachment issues, also called attachment wounds, are challenges that a person has with forming secure attachments in relationships. This can also be referred to as your attachment style. Your attachment style is based off your life experiences at a tender age with the person(s) who raised you, therefore allowing your mind to develop a template for how safe you are in a relationship. When you think about a “template” it’s something that serves as a model or a pattern, for how you think and or process in life. “Your attachment style was formed based on your experience with intimate caregiving relationships. Your attachment style in adulthood will be most obvious within *intimate* relationships.”

There are 4 attachment styles [categories] that people fall into.

1) Secure attachment – a person who carries healthy behavior patterns; who was given appropriate attention and love as a child. They feel confident in themselves and a healthy relationship; they are not afraid of intimacy; they have the capacity to be both independent and interdependent. They are emotionally available, grounded, nonreactive people.

2) Anxious attachment – a person who has low self-esteem, who idolize their partner. They often have a difficult time in relationships due to their “never being satisfied” need for a connection. Their behavior pattern will come across as clingy, reactive, and emotionally hypersensitive.

3) Fearful-Avoidant attachment – a person who often has substantial difficulty in romantic relationships. They appear invested and capable of being connected but they are not able to maintain a healthy connection. They carry low self-esteem, unworthiness of love and often have a low regard for their partners. They tend to create a roller-coaster-type of relationship filled with unpredictable and dramatic conflict. Abusive behavior towards themselves and others. This type is driven by a constant conflict between a desire to attach and a deep fear of attachment.

4) Dismissive-Avoidant attachment- a person who often appears independent and may have high self esteem. They carry superiority in their romantic relationships. They are often emotionally distant, self-focused, charismatic individuals who do not want to commit to a serious relationship. Puts walls up and pushes intimacy away.

You never know who you are until you’ve entered an intimate relationship that exposes the wounds of the past. I found out personally that I did not know how much damage occurred to me as a small child until I got married to my husband. The behavior patterns and the wounds of the soul are real in your life. “Your attachment wounds are exposed in intimate relationships where vulnerability, trust, and safety are most *vital*. That’s why someone you really care about can deeply trigger your wounds; someone you know peripherally simply doesn’t get close enough to know or activate your wounds.” *Carla Marie Manly, Ph.D.*

*Stay tune for more information on Trauma Bonding*

## **10 Ways God Speaks to His People (Part 2)**

By Theresa McGinnis

Last week we started with the first three ways God speaks to His people: 1. The Holy Spirit speaks through supernatural wisdom; 2. The Holy Spirit speaks through dreams by night and visions by day; and 3. The Holy Spirit speaks through practical surroundings. Now, we are going to over the next three ways that He speaks to us.

4. The Holy Spirit Speaks Through Peace. John 16:13 tells us that the Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us into all truth. One of the ways he does this is through peace. Things may not be what you want them to be around you, but you will feel at peace, even in the midst of turmoil, because God will be with you and His presence will bring you peace. When major decisions come about and you don't know what to do, you can give it to God, and find that He will replace that turmoil with peace. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "To be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with gratitude, make your request known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will protect your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

5. The Holy Spirit Speaks Through The Bible. This might be the best place to start. God is always talking to us through His Word. When we apply the Word that we read to our own lives, we open ourselves up for additional truth and wisdom. 2nd Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God can be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." The more that you read the Word, the more familiar it becomes, and it will start to change the way that you see things, react to things and the way that you live, bringing you closer and closer to Christ.

6. The Holy Spirit Speaks Through our Conscience. God will also talk to us through our conscience if we only listen. Our conscience sounds a lot like God because He speaks to our conscience. So, you may be asking how you can know if it is God or if it is your imagination doing the talking... know this- your conscience is not God. You can reason yourself out of God's will by following your conscience apart from God's wisdom. When it is God, you will know it, it will be like a drippy faucet that you cannot ignore; that constantly just keeps dripping away trying to get your attention, you won't be able to let it go until you take the time to pay attention to it, to listen to the voice of God. If the things that you hear are not contrary to the Word of God and it lines up with the character of God and you are at peace about it...it is probably God. Learn to listen for God, not in the way that you think He should talk to you, but in any way that He chooses and whenever He chooses.

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**1st Annual Camden-Wyoming Christmas Parade**  
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**The Lighthouse Inc Church participation.**

## The Power of Praise

Reverend Brett Connell

Sometimes when all the pressures of life are so ever-present in our daily lives, it can feel very overwhelming and drive us into a dark corner somewhere on the map. We all find ourselves in someplace like this or another, at some point in our lives. But the problem isn't necessarily the dark corner, or even the pressure that is around us. No, a ship will still float in the sea as long as it doesn't take on the water surrounding it – and much the same can be said about the condition of our heart in the darkest of times we may face.

When we find ourselves in a place like this, we need to remember who it is that strengthens us in our darkest times. No matter what is going on around about us, we can always seek the One who lives inside of us. God is alive within our heart, within our thoughts, within the seat of our emotions. Through praise and worship, we can access the deepness of the heart and touch Heaven with the Spirit of God flowing from our hearts. This is the heart of a true child of God, and God wants us to find the quiet place in the eye of the storm and discover the key to true genuine worship and praise that will invite His presence and power into any situation.

Give it a try, and see how awesome our God is.



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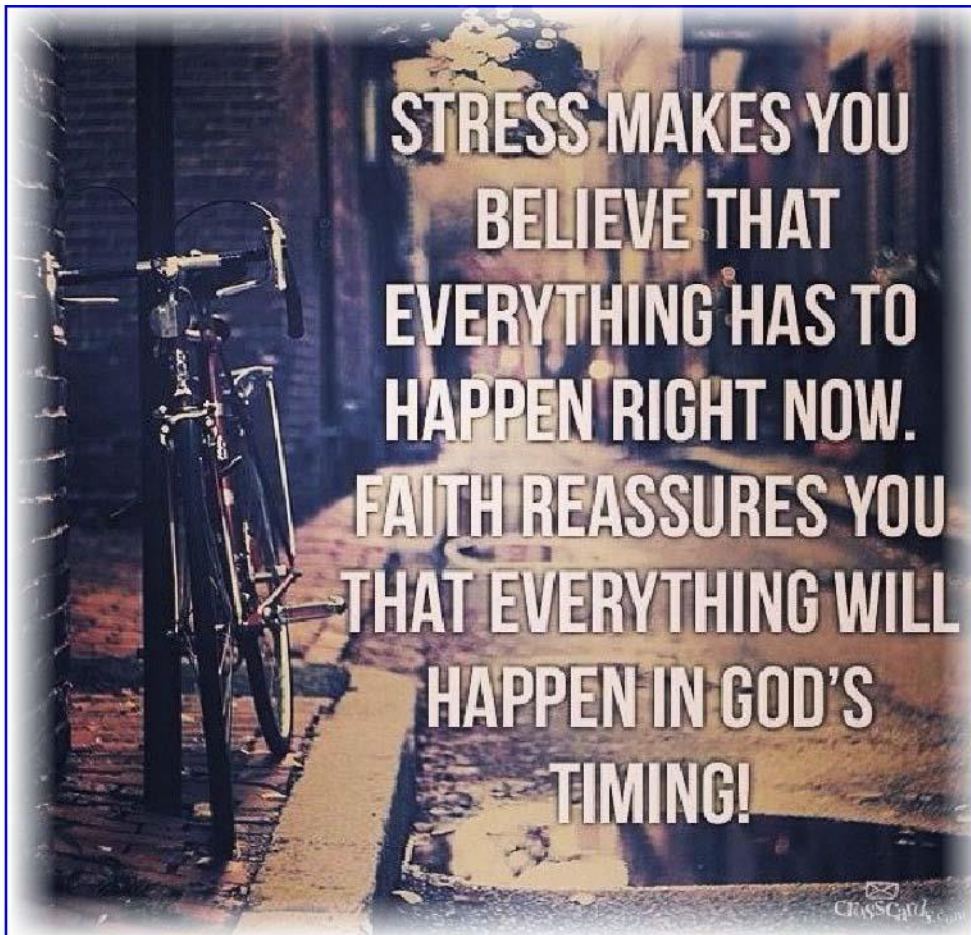
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### **The Remnant, God's Plan.**

Reverend Christopher Gore

Even though we're living in times of great "apostasies" there will be a remnant of people left to serve God. These people have a heart for God and His ways. The remnant will do everything in its power to serve Him. They are committed to following the "Lamb" wherever He goes. Even if it means their own deaths. They have embraced the truth of His Word and chosen the reality of the Cross. Under God's plan many things are set in motion at the same time. Because those in the remnant are not omniscient, it is difficult for them to see the whole picture of what God is doing. Nevertheless they must remain patient and obedient to God.

In the midst of all the turmoil that is going on in these "last days", it is good to remember the story of Elijah the prophet. Elijah was crying out to God in a cave and feeling sorry for himself. Elijah was pleading his case before God and stated twice, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." {1 Kings 19: 10, 14 [NKJV]}

Elijah was doing a works for God, and it started getting hard for him. He was being attacked on all sides and the “fun” that Elijah was having started to disappear. Elijah was honest with God and told him how he felt. God was able to handle Elijah’s feelings and emotions. However, what Elijah did not know was that God was preparing him for his next phase of his ministry. What Elijah could not see was the truth that he was one of many who were in the remnant doing a works for God.

This did not change God’s plan for Elijah. It was time for Elijah to transition to his next phase and God used this situation to prepare Elijah for his chariot ride into Glory. God’s purposes will continue despite how we feel. God was not thrown off by what Elijah did. God reminded Elijah of a very important truth that the remnant needs to take of hold in this hour. God told Elijah, “Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him” {I Kings 19: 18 [NKJV]}. The remnant must be aware that it is a part of a larger “network” of people in the Spirit realm who are serving God.

The remnant needs to remember that it is a part of a bigger team and a bigger plan than what can be seen. The remnant must know that they are not the only ones working for God. God is revealing that His will shall be done by His remnant. Nothing is going to stop the remnant. Take comfort in this season because God is moving despite the growing level of foolishness that is happening within the Body of Christ. The sword will be released to deal with these situations in the days ahead.

Elijah was transitioned by chariot to his next assignment. It is believed by some scholars that Elijah will return to the earth in our time period as one of the two great witnesses who will perform signs, wonders, and miracles for the children of Israel. Some have written Elijah out of God’s plan altogether, but this is the danger that comes from not seeing like God sees. One can misinterpret the will of God for another based upon their mental reasoning and thinking ability. I have found that it is best to not add things to the Scriptures but to just read them and study them as they are.

There is a great lesson that was taught by Elijah’s concern for himself. The remnant must take account and see God for who He really is. God allowed Jesus to share His emotions and feeling with Him. We see in the account of the Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus did not want to die on the Cross. Jesus did not want to endure the pain that He was about to go through. However, the story did not end there. This was just a moment and a snapshot of time that God used to build intimacy with Jesus. The same is true for Elijah. God corrected Elijah and then transitioned him into his chariot experience. God did not stop the plan that He had for Elijah.

In this Thanksgiving season, I am grateful for the remnant. I am grateful for the lessons that God shares with us in His word to bring us the truth of what He is doing. It is awesome to know and see the remnant standing strong for God and doing the work of the Lord. The remnant is relentless in their pursuit of God. Being relentless does not mean that you don’t have feelings and emotions. No, on the contrary. Those feelings and emotions are used by God to create the intimacy needed to propel the remnant into its future destiny with God. The remnant will always have their trials and their tribulations, but they are committed to stand on their post, guard the flock of God, give encouragement, and warn the Body of Christ. Let’s remember the remnant.

## **Promises of Returning Prodigals Shall Come to Pass**

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Promise – What is a promise?

noun:

1. a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen.

verb:

1. assure someone that one will definitely do, give, or arrange something; undertake or declare that something will happen.

2. give good grounds for expecting (a particular occurrence or situation).

God has been reminding us that our promises are still there and are still going to take place. God has been promising us that the prodigals are coming home. How excited are you that God is preparing the way for them to come back home?

Some people have received a promise long ago that their loved ones will come back to God and serve Him with all their hearts. God may not have told you how long it would be or what you would have to endure until they come home, but the promise is that they will be coming home.

We have to learn to trust God in the process. I know for me, this had been such a challenging task of trusting God in the process because of the internal fight that you have to go through on sometimes a daily battlefield. The enemy's greatest weapon was trying to get me to believe a lie. The key to combatting this is to stay focused on God and build that relationship with God that it no longer is a task at all but a reality that God can always be trusted. To stand of the Truth of God's Word and see it take place.

When the lies come or even the "now" truth comes, you have to choose to believe what God has told you that the end result shall be. What you see may be the "now" truth, but it will not be the truth later one because God will have moved and made way for the promise to be.

We have to fight, rejoice, and claim our promises. We can do that by reminding the enemy of our promises. But what is more important is reminding ourselves of the promises God has given and rejoice in them.

The song Ring and Robe really has moved my heart to step up a notch and fight for those promises that the prodigals are coming home and crying out to God that we will be ready to receive them properly. We need to fight and declare our promises are coming to pass and not let the fire die out.

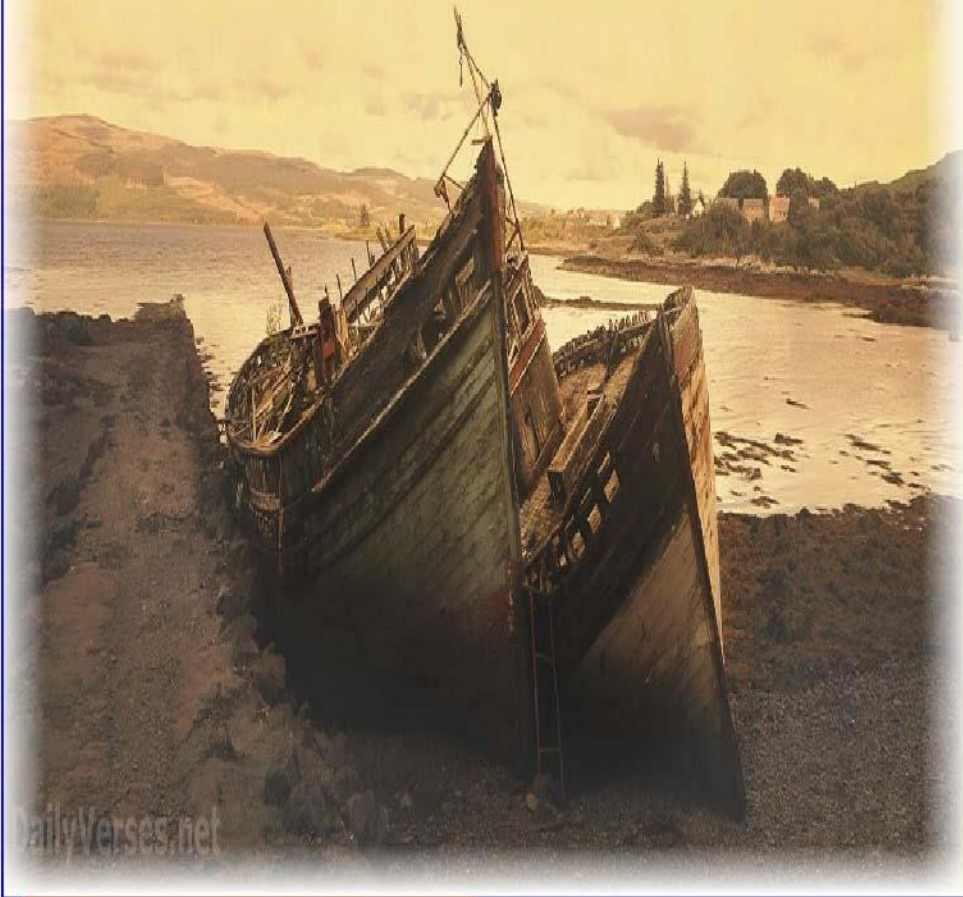
Can you imagine the joy of seeing that promise come to pass? It is happening, and the time is now.

Will you step up a notch with me and thank God that He is still on the throne and bring them home with open arms?

Lay down all your preconceived ideas and feelings and just hold on with all you have what God has said. When God does something, it is perfect and will last. I know it may seem that every odds is against that promise, but our God is the God of miracles of the impossible, and those promises will come to pass. So all you have to do is stand firm on it, and when the devil or yourself tells you what is going on around you and what your eyes may see. Come back at it with the promise and stand firm that God is God and all He says is what is.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.  
In every thing give thanks: for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**



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