

START HERE #8: GENESIS 3:15 JESUS MAKES IT BETTER

LOTTERY STORY The guy had lost so many times he just quit.. WE QUIT/ HOPE

SW: Princess Leia (death star – total dest) help me obi wan Kenobi – you're my only hope..

RELATIONSHIPS HOPELESS W/O JESUS – Help me Lord Jesus, You're my only hope

- **Jesus Makes it Better – BLUEPRINT – STANDARD - POWER**

You have all the tools necessary, in Christ, to have God glorifying fulfilling relationships.

- **CHRISTIANS DON'T USE THE TOOLS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM**

Quail story why walk when you can fly?

Why walk in the flesh when you can fly in the spirit.

MP: The foundation for having healthy relationships begins by being a solid follower of Jesus.

GENESIS 3:15 – IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MESS – MESSIAH – YOU'RE EMPOWERED

THE POWER OF THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION – TOXIC HEARTS HEALED

Jesus didn't just put a Band-Aid on your situation – **PAID TRANSFORM U** –

There are always 2 trees before us. The tree of temptation and the tree of transformation. The tree of lies and the tree of life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – EMPOWERED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

- Filled you with His Spirit to live to the new nature – **Ephesians 5:17-6:9**

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit

THE POWER OF CHANGED VALUES – GUIDED BY GOD'S WORD

Values are **individual beliefs that motivate people to act one way or another.**

- Your values drive your relationships – money, self, ambitions, comfort, **stuff**

Psalms 119:105 Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

THE POWER OF ANSWERED PRAYER

- Direct line to the Father with the PROMISE OF HELP

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY – SUPPORTED BY GOD'S FAMILY – JOURNEY 2GETHR

Hebrews 11:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

LT#1: LIVE UP TO THE NEW NATURE

Old ways of doing things that are not the NEW YOU are over. **PERIOD** –

I was raised like this, it's in my genes, it's my parents fault, **I'm ITALIAN**

- **BAPTISM - START YOUR DAY TUNED UP - lifestyle**

The best version of yourself is found in the new nature that God has given you.

LT#2: LEAN IN TO THE SPIRIT'S POWER

In your weakness His strength is perfected – **YOU WON'T KNOW UNTIL TROUBLE**

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Replace the wrong thing with the right thing

- LOVE DAILY Self-giving love of God flowing through ur life Transformational

Transformational loving relationships don't just happen. Choose to love preemptively not reactively.

LT #3: LOOK TO GOD'S VALUES

OLD: bitter, angry, wrathful, evil speaking, greedy, lewd, lustful, jealous, selfish, prideful, opinionated, vengeful, divisive

NEW: tenderhearted, forgiving, righteous, generous, holy, grace filled words, helpful, supportive, peaceful, humble, promoter of unity

Are your values aligned to God's Word?

- o FRIENDS / DATING - Easier to get pulled down than to pull people up

Marriage: Don't take it for granted that your values are the same – **Mon/Prof/Fam/Time**

In 1999, NASA lost its \$125-million Mars Climate Orbiter because spacecraft engineers failed to convert from English to metric measurements. A navigation team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory used the metric system of millimeters and meters while Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver, which designed and built the spacecraft, provided crucial acceleration data in the English system of inches, feet and pounds. the spacecraft was lost in space. People with the same goal, spoke in different terms, which led to a failed mission.

LT #4: LET PRAYER BE YOUR REFLEX

How many relationship failures of mine have been fixed prayer.

All of our relationships would be healthier if we prayed more earnestly for them.

- SINGLE GREATEST TOOL PRAYER – **ALEC**

Hannah/Samuel, Job/kids, Canaanite woman/demon possessed, Jairus/Daughter, Timothy's mother/grandmom.

LT #5: LET GO OF FEAR BASED LIVING

Isolation is the devil's playground.

Proverbs 18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

DON'T LET BAD YESTERDAY'S BAD EXPERIENCES STEAL TODAY'S BLESSINGS - relationships are a risk.

NOT JST ANYONE: Friend/Couple close enough to be accountable to **(LIFE GROUPS)**