

## START HERE #11: GENESIS 4:25-26 - 5 "THE GOD OF ALL HOPE"

20-yearold Katherine Buckley had decided to wear her white blouse with a blue serge jacket and skirt that night. But it didn't really matter. What she ordered for dinner didn't matter, either. She might as well have rung up a big bill and gorged on sweets all evening. Where she sat, what she said, how she looked, the \$5 note in her purse, her plans for tomorrow — none of it ultimately Why? Because it was midnight, April 15, 1912; Katherine was a third-class passenger on the Titanic, and in a few short hours, the Titanic would be 2½ miles under the ocean's surface and Katherine Buckley's lifeless body would be recovered by the cable ship MacKay Bennett. **LIVE LIKE THE SHIP HAS ALREADY SUNK - LIKE THE OUTCOME IS DETERMINED** – before God has an opp – we've written it off.

- **SECULAR IDEOLOGY CONTRIBUTES – HOPELESS / USELESS /VALUELESS LIFE**

Life is like an empty bubble floating on a sea of nothingness. Jean Paul Sartre

- **PERFECTION - FALL – SUFFERING/PAIN – NO EUTOPIA - SAVIOR**

**MP: Christ is the basis for hope in the midst of the human crisis.**

- **EVE: MESSIAH HADN'T COME BUT SHE HAD THE PROMISE**

### **ANCHOR YOURSELF TO GOD'S PROMISES**

She trusted PROMISE – **murder of her son (TRAUMA – CHOICE IN)**

- Pain of that never went away – **CHOICE IN TRAUMA (people suffer)**

**We look back to the promise so we can look forward in hope. FAMILY**

- **THE VALUE OF HOPE: WHAT DO WE LOSE WHEN WE LOSE HOPE**

(1) Perspective (2) Gratitude (3) Value in the little things (4) Courage (5) Faith

- o God's promises don't help us to have **HOPE THEY ARE OUR HOPE**

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>Now hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God** has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The tribulation that you wish God would take away is the tool He uses to develop real hope in your life.

- o **Perseverance, character, hope - HE LOVES YOU (crisis)**

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup>while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

- **NOW!! REVELATION IN CURRENT CRISIS –**

### **SEE THE ANSWERED PRAYER**

Situation seemed hopeless – Abel was murdered; Cain murderer wandered away into distant lands - marked by God – **FELT LIKE IT WAS OVER**

- Satan was working to destroy God's purpose – **GARDEN / ABLE**

**What Satan destroys God resurrects.**

God can do more in a day than you can do in a lifetime.

Moses when Israel lowest, Samuel when the way of God forsaken. Josiah when the word of God forgotten. David to establish a real kingdom

- REDEEMING POWER OF GOD – **GOD STORY VIDEOS**

Isaiah 43:18 Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

- **RECOGNIZED THIS IS AS GOD'S DOING**

Seth: Put, placed, set, appointed, established (

**REMEMBER THERE'S A BIGGER PICTURE**

GENEALOGY: 10 GENERATIONS – **BORING** - And he Died (melancholy)

- **BIGGER PICTURE – METANARRATIVE (many stories with one theme - URS)**
  - o Crown with many jewels – **YOU ARE ONE OF THE JEWELS**

You are part of a bigger story.

- **PEOPLE LONG FOR THIS (MEANING) – REALITY FOR THE CHRISTIAN**
  - o **TRACE THREAD OF REDEMPTION TO REVELATION - CONNECT**

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God

**God can take any situation and turn it around if we place it in His hands.**