

Let's Discuss...Salvation

PART 5_Transformation & Surrender



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Scriptures mentioned:

And everyone who trusts in these powerless, dead things will be just like what they worship—powerless and dead!

Psalm 115:8 TPT (Psalm 135:18 repeats this sentiment)

Abide in Me, and I in you.

John 15:4a NKJV

Cast your troubles upon the Eternal; His care is unceasing! He will not allow His righteous to be shaken.

Psalm 55:22 VOICE

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.
Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

Episode Summary

In this episode, we talk about the journey of transformation that salvation takes us on. Ian even shares how his wife instantly knew he'd been changed because he'd finally offered to help around the house! We go on to chat about how salvation highlights that we cannot save ourselves, and that truth takes the pressure off us. It's not about our faithfulness, it's about God's faithfulness! And yet – He chooses to abide in us and partner with us every step of the way.

Let's Discuss...

- In Psalm 115, the psalmist warns that those who worship idols will become like what they've created. How do you see this played out in the world? On the other hand, as we worship Jesus, we are transformed into His likeness. Have you seen or experienced this as well?
- The early Church provides an example of how believers should carry each other's burdens in Acts 2:44-47 & Galatians 6:2. Do you still see this practice lived out in the Church today? What are some of the ways in which we as God's ambassadors of sacrificial love can carry one another's burdens?
- Our culture, communities and even our families can put pressure on us to be somebody who we haven't yet become. How do you reconcile the pressures you face around you; do you wrestle with comparison or the weight of expectations on you?
- The transformative work God does within us is down to a combination of the Spirit of God and our individual and collective self-discipline. How do you see the balance of the two working in you?
- Discuss Rocky's statement that God surrenders control to allow us to participate. Do you agree with this statement? How does it make you feel to know that the God of the universe invites you to do things together with Him?

Let's Pray...

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:35 NIV

"Every genuine expression of love grows out of a consistent and total surrender to God."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 MSG

- Take a moment to sit in silence and reflect on the different areas of your life. How can we love one another like God has loved us? What are the barriers to you extending that love that you've received from God? Are there any areas of your life you've struggled to fully surrender and entrust steadily to Him? Ask God to help you surrender every area of your life to Him, allowing Him to transform you from the inside out into His likeness, enabling you to express extravagant love towards yourself and others.

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All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:44-47 NIV

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2 NIV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...

Ephesians 2:1 ESV

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 NIV

In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength...

Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

Isaiah 30:15b, 18 NASB

Let's Go Deeper...

- ***A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*** by Eugene Peterson [book]

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