

Let's Discuss...Salvation

PART 1_Salvation Stories



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Key Bible verses:

The Lord is my strength and my might, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

Exodus 15:2 NRSV

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.

Isaiah 40:28 NRSV

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into His image with intensifying glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18 BSB

EPISODE SUMMARY

In this episode, we talk about our personal experiences of salvation and how our understanding of that experience has grown over time. Carlos mentions how in a world where many are searching for a sense of worth and value, salvation is an indicator of God's love for us and the value that He sees in us. Tilly talks about making her faith her own and not riding off the faith of her mum.

LET'S DISCUSS...

- What was your personal "salvation story"? Discuss your life before you made your decision to follow Christ, and what led you to put your faith in God.
- Has the idea or experience of God saving you personally had an impact on your spiritual journey?
- Do you tend to understand salvation as standalone/one-time event (positional sanctification) or something that is an ongoing journey (progressive sanctification)?

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

But God, being [so very] rich in mercy, because of His great and wonderful love with which He loved us, even when we were [spiritually] dead and separated from Him because of our sins, He made us [spiritually] alive together with Christ (for by His grace—His undeserved favour and mercy—you have been saved from God's judgment).

Ephesians 2:4-5 AMP

- How do you understand salvation in a world where things we see around us or on social media tell us that we can "save ourselves"?

*No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
all its great strength it cannot save.*

*But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him,
on those whose hope is in His unfailing love,
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.*

Psalms 33:16-19 NIV

LET'S PRAY...

- Our salvation stories are unique to each of us alone, no other human on earth has or will ever share our exact stories, walk our paths, or experience our pasts. Take this opportunity to thank God for each step on the journey towards deeper connection with Him - every high and low led you to where you are now with the chance to experience His unfailing love.
- Consider taking some time this week to write out the details of your salvation story.

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This may include what led to your initial decision to follow Christ, how that affected you at the time, and other key spiritual moments along the way that you have experienced since then.

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