

HOPE TO HELP YOU COPE 3 – RAISING A SPIRITUAL HOUSE – 1 PETER 1:14-2:12

INTRO. SHOW EPIC MOM TRAILER VIDEO

GREAT VIDEO – SHOWS MOMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE LIKE SUPER HEROS IN SOME WAYS. A LOT OF PRESSURE. WAS GOING TO TITLE: “WONDER WOMAN” AND GO THROUGH PROVERBS 31. DON’T THINK YOU WILL FIND ALL THOSE QUALITIES IN ONE PERSON. MOMS ARE NOT CALLED TO BE WONDER WOMAN, BUT ALL OF US AS CHRISTIANS CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT (IN A GOOD WAY.)

**GOAL OF MOTHERHOOD = THOUGHT AS GUIDING/ INFLUENCING AN INFANT TO GROW THROUGH STAGES OF LIFE TO BECOME A HEALTHY ADULT AND PARENT SOMEDAY THEMSELVES.

***GOD HAS REALLY GIVEN ALL OF US THE SAME TASK SPIRITUALLY THROUGH THE GREAT COMMISSION – **MATTHEW 28:18-20. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have**

commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”. SO MESSAGE FOR ALL TODAY AS WELL AS MOMS.

GOING THROUGH THE BOOK OF 1 PETER WRITEN TO CHRISTIANS SUFFERING FROM BEING MISUNDERSTOOD, BLAMED, PRESSURED, AND PERSECUTED. YOU MAY FEEL LIKE THIS TODAY! WANT YOU TO HAVE A BREAK AND BE ENCOURAGED. “HOPE TO HELP YOU COPE”. LEFT OFF LAST WK. . .AS THOSE WITH NEW IDENTITY. . .

1 PETER 1:14-21. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”[a]

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without

blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

**A. APPLICABLE TODAY – AS “OBEDIENT CHILDREN”
W. NEW IDENTITY FROM GOD – HIS CHOSEN
WHEN YOU COME TO HIM. . .OUR CHARACTER
SHOULD BE DIFFERENT TO MATCH UP W. THE
FAMILY NAME WE NOW CARRY. **Christian = One
who belongs to Christ. YOU ALWAYS BELONG.
(single moms comment about not being overlooked
here.)****

**B. “HOLY”? YOU MIGHT BE SAYING - IF YOU WERE
EXPECTING THE “HOLY MOTHER” TODAY YOU
HAVE THE WRONG PERSON!**

Holy = Different (in a good way!)

**GK. WORD = HAGIOS – TEMPLE (HAGIOS);
SABBATH (HAGIOS); GOD (HAGIOS); GOD’S
CHILDREN (HAGIOS)**

**C. “REDEEMED” = SAME WORD USED WHEN
BUYING BACK A SLAVE'S FREEDOM IN ROME.
SUCH A GREAT PRICE PAID FOR OUR ADOPTION/
FREEDOM FROM SIN’S CONTROL. NOTHING LESS
THAN GOD’S OWN SON! WE BELONG TO HIM!
SO DOESN’T WANT US TO WASTE OUR LIVES AND
EFFORTS ON A LOT OF EMPTY PURSUITS.**

**DON’T GET ME WRONG – WE NEED TO REST AND
HAVE FUN, BUT THE CULTURE HE WRITES TO
FOUND THEIR HOPE IN PLEASURE AND ESCAPE
INSTEAD OF GOD. (HEDONISM). EVENTUALLY
DESTROYED THEIR CULTURE. IT WAS NOT
UNCOMMON FOR WOMEN TO GO THROUGH 8 OR
9 HUSBANDS IN A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS. HISTORY
RECORDS MEN IN THAT CULTURE HAVING 21
WIVES VIA SERIAL MONOGAMY. IT WAS ALWAYS
A NEW TWIST.**

***IN THE MIDST OF THIS PETER REMINDS CHRIST FOLLOWERS TO BE DISTINCTIVELY DIFFERENT. HOW?**

***WANTS US TO FIND OUR HOPE AND IDENTITY IN SOMETHING ETERNAL VS TEMPORARY. THE WORD OF GOD AND PEOPLE ARE ETERNAL.**

- D. 1 PETER 1:22-25. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.[a] 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For,**
- E.**
- F. “All people are like grass,**
- G. and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;**
- H. the grass withers and the flowers fall,**
- I. 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever.”[b]**
- J. And this is the word that was preached to you.**

WE TALK ABOUT "LIVING DOCUMENTS" = DOCUMENTS THAT CHANGE WITH TIME. WORD OF GOD ABIDES FOREVER. STAYS THE SAME. BECOMES THE "LIVING WORD" AS YOU TAKE IT IN AND IT CHANGES YOU! You don't change Gods Word, it changes you! (WISDOM FOR LIFE, PROMISES, HOW TO HAVE A GROWING RELATIONSHIP W. GOD)

“PHILEO” BROTHERLY LOVE USED HERE. WE WANT OUR KIDS TO GET ALONG, LEARN HOW TO USE THEIR WORDS - TACT.

****DON'T GIVE UP. BY THEIR MIDDLE 20'S OUR KIDS FINALLY GET IT!**

***STARTS WITH US. USING OUR FRONTAL LOBE VS BRAIN STEM. SAYING IT WITH LOVE. TRUTH AND GRACE. LOVE AND LIMITS (1 COR. 13:1-3. If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give**

over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing. MAKES A GREAT POINT). WHY PARENTS NEED REST, ENCOURAGEMENT, TIME IN THE WORD (WIFE'S CLASS - "STAR" (Stop, take a breath, and relax) GREATEST MEMORIES OF MOM ON FACEBOOK

Terri Sylvester- She taught me compassion for others and to stick up for those that got picked on, be their friend. She also taught me about the love of Jesus. Miss her!

"GIFTED" MOVIE - ABOUT BALANCING CHARACTER WITH OUR GOALS FOR OUR KIDS.

II. 1 PETER 2:1-2 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

**A. “BY IT” (TRUTH MIXED W. LOVE) YOU MAY
“GROW UP” IN YOUR SALVATION.**

***SEE CHART IN BULLETIN OF WHAT GOD WANTS TO
ACCOMPLISH IN US AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS.
WE DO THIS THROUGH 4 REPRODUCIBLE STAGES
WE WILL TEACH THROUGH IN THIS SERIES.**

S hare – your story, God’s story

**C onnect – relationships – truth = better caught than
taught. Follow up.**

M inister – serve together – projects, Sundays

D iscipline – they reproduce our influence as we model

****THESE = MUCH LIKE OUR GOALS IN RAISING OUR
CHILDREN. STARTS W. US MODELING. MOMS – YOU
CAN BE A “SUPER MODEL” SPIRITUAL SENSE!**

SINGLE MOMS – YOU ARE NOT OVERLOOKED BY GOD. YOU HAVE AN IDENTITY AND MISSION IN CHRIST.

ALL OF US ARE CALLED BY GOD TO BE “SPIRITUAL PARENTS” WHETHER EVER ONE PHYSICALLY OR NOT! (LIKE MY AUNT AND UNCLE!)

B. BUT WHAT IF MY KIDS OR THOSE I INFLUENCE DON'T LISTEN TO ME AND DO WHAT I HAVE TRIED TO TEACH? (YOU DON'T THINK I GO THROUGH THIS AS A PASTOR? PARENT? DISCIPLER?)

****MAYBE YOU HAVE PRACTICED ALL OF THESE STEPS AND THEY DON'T RESPOND. DO YOU FEEL LIKE A FAILURE?**

***IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING**

- 1. YOUR PART,**
- 2. THEIR PART,**
- 3. GOD'S PART!**

C. GO BACK TO 1 PETER 2:1 – “THEREFORE RID YOURSELVES. . .” BEING BUILT UP INTO A “SPIRITUAL HOUSE” STARTS W. MY PART.

****WORDS IN GK. USED HERE LIT. MEAN TO “STRIP OFF OLD DIRTY CLOTHES” – MENTIONS MALICE (HATRED – PEOPLE OFTEN PAY THE CHECK FOR MY PAST EXPERIENCE IF NOT CAREFUL); DECEPTION (lying); BEING A “HYPOCRITE” (ACTOR – DIFF. ON OUTSIDE THAN INSIDE); ENVY (COMPARING – DO MOMS DO THIS AND FEEL THE PRESSURE? OUR CULTURE IS BIG ON RAISING EXTERNALLY SUCCESSFUL KIDS - SEE "GIFTED" FOR BALANCE**

***WHY IDENTITY FROM CHRIST VS CULTURE = SO IMPORTANT. ONCE WE STRIP OFF THE DIRTY CLOTHES, WE DON'T PUT THEM BACK ON. CHILDREN DO THAT. GOD WANTS US TO GROW UP TO BE MORE LIKE CHRIST. DIFFERENT – IN A GOOD WAY.)**

1. SO FIRST, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR PART.

****AGAIN AS GOD GROWS US, OUR CHARACTER IS CAUGHT MORE THAN TAUGHT (FOR GOOD OR BAD)**

***STORY – ME GETTING IN TROUBLE IN 4TH GRADE ON PLAYGROUND FOR CALLING SOMEONE AN S.O.B. YARD TEACH (MY 2ND GRADE TEACHER AND 4TH GRADE TEACHER) SAT ME DOWN AND ASKED WHERE I HAD HEARD THAT. TOLD THEM I LEARNED IT FROM MY MOTHER. TEACHERS EXPLAINED ADULTS TALK LIKE THIS WHO HAVE A POOR VOCABULARY. I WENT HOME AND TOLD MY MOM WHAT THEY SAID, AND SHE SAID IT AGAIN!**

***LATER AS SHE CAME TO BE A CHILD OF GOD IN CHRIST, SHE STARTED GROWING IN THE WORD AND WHAT CAME OUT OF HER BEGAN TO CHANGE. SHE DIDN'T GO BACK TO IT. AS I GREW IN CHRIST, AND AS SHE DID WE BOTH BECAME RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTING ON WHAT WE WERE LEARNING. SHE USED TO SIT WITH ME AFTER SCHOOL AND LISTEN TO MY STRUGGLES WITH UNDERSTANDING GIRLS. VERY MERCY DRIVEN AFTER BELONGING TO CHRIST.**

2. THEIR CAME A TIME WHEN I WAS GROWN UP ENOUGH TO MAKE MY OWN CHOICES. NOW WHAT I DID BECAME . . .MY PART. TRUE OF THOSE WE INFLUENCE ONCE THEY GET IT – THAT BECOMES *THEIR* PART!

3. THEN TRUST GOD TO DO *HIS* PART! IN MAKING DISCIPLES HE SAYS HE WILL BE WITH US. HE WILL DRAW PEOPLE TO HIMSELF (JOHN 6:44** “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.”). YOUR PART IS ONLY *ONE THIRD* OF THE EQUATION. SO TRY NOT TO GET DISCOURAGED IF THEY AREN'T RESPONSIVE RIGHT NOW.**

D. 1 PETER 2:4-8 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

E.

F. “See, I lay a stone in Zion,

G. a chosen and precious cornerstone,

H. and the one who trusts in him

I. will never be put to shame.”[b]

J. 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

K.

L. **“The stone the builders rejected**

M. **has become the cornerstone,”[c]**

N. **8 and,**

O.

P. **“A stone that causes people to stumble**

Q. **and a rock that makes them fall.”[d]**

R. **They stumble because they disobey the message
—which is also what they were destined for.**

**NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THAT CHILD THAT YOU
THINK MIGHT NOT ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU HAD
HOPED. . .**

***USES HOUSE ILLUS. – OLD JEWISH STORY OF
“CORNER STONE”. FROM WHICH WHOLE HOUSE IS
BUILT AND BRANCHES OFF. FIND THE PERFECT
STONE AND THOUGHTLESSLY THROW IT AWAY!**

***PEOPLE DID THIS WITH JESUS AND DO IT STILL –
REJECT AS MAN, CARPENTER’S SON, JUST
ANOTHER TEACHER VS SON OF GOD.**

CHRIST FOLLOWERS MAKE CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE OF THEIR HOME.

***IF YOU ARE SHARING JESUS W. PEOPLE AND MAKING HIM CORNERSTONE OF YOUR HOUSE (SPIRITUALLY), THIS AGAIN REFERS TO *THEIR CHOICE*. OUR KIDS OR ANYONE WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO CHOOSE TO FOLLOW CHRIST OR NOT.**

Our job = to help make that choice as attractive and natural as we can for them, but the results are up to them and God.

“LIVING STONES” USED AS MONUMENTS TO GOD’S MIRACULOUS WORK IN O.T. LIKE CROSSING THE RIVER JORDAN. (OUR PART).

***GOD REFERS TO HIS PEOPLE AS A “PRIESTHOOD”. PRIESTS ARE “BRIDGE BUILDERS” BETWEEN US AND GOD. THAT IS WHAT HE CALLS ALL OF US TO BE. THEN HE DOES *HIS* PART TO HELP OTHERS DO *THEIR* PART TO ACCEPT OR REJECT. DIFFERENT “DESTINIES” FOR EA. DECISION!**

SO TO SUM UP – WE DO OUR PART, TRUST GOD TO DO HIS PART AND THOSE WE INFLUENCE TO DO THEIR PART IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A FAMILY BUILT ON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION. LET THEM

LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES AS WE CONTINUE TO BE “BRIDGE BUILDERS” AND SHOW THEM THE WAY BACK.

CONCLUSION:

1 PETER 2:9-12 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

- PEOPLE IN PETER’S DAY THROUGH A LOT OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS LABELED EARLY CHRISTIANS – CANNIBALS, ORGY PARTICIPANTS, FAMILY DIVIDERS, BUSINESS RUINERS, ETC.**

- TODAY WE MAY BE LABELED HATERS, BIGOTS, HOMOPHOBES, MISOGYNISTIC, MONEY GRUBBERS, ETC. COME MORE FROM WHAT PEOPLE THINK WE TEACH VS WHAT WE ACTUALLY TEACH OR WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.
- PROVE THEM WRONG BY SHOWING OUTSIDE, WHAT CHRIST IS DOING ON THE INSIDE IF YOU ARE GROWING UP IN YOUR SALVATION FROM SPIRITUAL INFANT TO ADULT/SPIRITUAL PARENT.

***ILLUS. TO USE WHEN PERSON COMES TO CHRIST – BORN AN INFANT – PIC AS WHITE ROBE. AS WE GROW WE GET IT ALL MUDDY. THEN 1 PETER SAYS WHEN REBORN, WE STRIP OFF THE OLD AND PUT ON THE NEW. PICTURE A RED ROBE BECAUSE OF THE CROSS – FORGIVEN. GOD LOOKS DOWN AND SEES US COVERED BY CHRIST’S SACRIFICE. NOW OUR MISSION AS PEOPLE = TO BECOME MORE LIKE CHRIST DAILY TO MATCH UP ON THE INSIDE, HOW GOD SEES US AS WE ARE COVERED BY CHRIST’S FORGIVENESS AND GROW IN HIS CHARACTER.**

AS WE DO WE SHARE WHAT GOD IS DOING WITH OTHERS, CONNECT WITH THEM, MINISTER/SERVE WITH THEM, DISCIPLE - THEN WATCH THOSE WE INFLUENCE DO THE SAME W. OTHERS.

SCMD. THAT IS OUR GOAL AS "SPIRITUAL PARENTS" AS WE BUILD UP GOD'S FAMILY - HIS CHURCH!

IN 2 WEEKS MOVING TO ONE SERVICE ON MEM. DAY TO HELP YOU DO THAT. (SECRETS TO A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE IN 1 Peter 3). NEXT WEEK VERY SPECIAL SPEAKER YOU ARE GOING TO WANT TO MEET!

PRAY

