



# WHEN IMPERFECT BECOMES BEAUTIFUL

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

James 4:7-8, <sup>7</sup> **Submit yourselves**, then, to God. **Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Matthew 6:12, And forgive **US** our **DEBTS** . . .

Romans 13:8, Let no **debt** remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another . . .

## Why Imperfect Situations Turn into Beautiful Ones

### 1) We **ACKNOWLEDGE** our **UNIVERSAL NEED**.

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Genesis 3:6-7, <sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some **and ate it**. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and **he ate it**. <sup>7</sup> **Then** the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:8-9, <sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **THEY HID** from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, **"Where are you?"**

Genesis 3:21, **The LORD God** made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Genesis 1:27, 3:12-13; Psalm 104:2; Matthew 6:28-20; Romans 1:18, 3:23; Colossians 1:21-22; Isaiah 53:5-6

### 2) We **ACCEPT** our **REDEMPTIVE RESPONSIBILITY**.

Matthew 6:12, And forgive us our debts, **AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN** our debtors.

Matthew 6:14-15, <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father **WILL ALSO** forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father **WILL NOT** forgive your sins.

Isaiah 55:6-7, <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them **turn to the LORD**, and **he will have mercy** on them, and to our God, for **he will freely pardon**.

❖ **God forgives everyone predictably, freely, and fully!**

### 3) We **ALIGN** our **PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES**.

❖ Both **FORGIVENESS** and **RIGHTEOUSNESS** are required for God to **BLESS FULLY**.

Mark 11:20-25, <sup>20</sup>In the morning, as they went along, they saw the **fig tree** withered from the roots. <sup>21</sup>Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The **fig tree** you cursed has withered!" <sup>22</sup>"Have **faith** in God," Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup>"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to **this mountain**, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. <sup>24</sup>Therefore **I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer**, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup>**And** when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, **forgive them**, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

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Psalms 103:6, The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

2 Corinthians 9:8; Psalm 103:1-5; Genesis 31

### 4) We **ACT** on His **WILL WHOLEHEARTEDLY**.

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Matthew 18:15-18 (NLT). <sup>15</sup>"If another believer sins against you, **go privately and point out the offense**. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. <sup>16</sup>**But if you are unsuccessful**, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>**If the person still refuses to listen**, take your case to the church. **Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision**, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. <sup>18</sup>I tell you the truth, whatever **you forbid** on earth will be **forbidden in heaven**, and whatever **you permit** on earth will be **permitted in heaven**."

#### Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?