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I will never forget the day when I was sitting there holding my newborn son, my third son on my second marriage and crying out to God, “O God, where were You when I was a teenager? Why do I have to have been married two times? Why do I have to have the memories of immorality? O God, why didn’t You intervene sooner in my life?” Maybe my friend you’ve asked the same question. We’ll answer it today.

PART ONE

O Beloved, I am absolutely so excited about today’s lesson. I have been looking forward and waiting for this time now to take all these truths that you and I have seen in these first verses of Ephesians chapter 1 of this eulogy of praise and show you how now understanding these doctrines,

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understanding the doctrine of being chosen, understanding the doctrine of being predestined to adoption as a child of God, understanding that that’s possible through the doctrine of redemption the teaching of the fact that God is going to take us when you and I are prisoners now to sin. Because if until we get saved what has happened is “...**whosoever commits sin is the slave of sin.**” (John 8:34b, NASB & KJV mix) But looking at this redemption this buying us out of the slave market of sin by paying a price the precious blood of Jesus Christ, redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ, what does that mean? Well God is a redeemer and He takes the past and He redeems the past. So come sit down with me my friend and let’s study God’s precious Word together. Now remember in the opening of the program I was telling you about what happened to me when I was a missionary on the mission field, had just given birth to my third son, Jack’s first son because I was married. I was divorced. I was immoral and then I got saved and my husband committed suicide and I mean life was a mess. It was an absolute mess. But when I got saved God began to transform me. And when I ended up in Mexico and I was teaching all these teenagers I was so excited that they could learn these truths. But that day as I was sitting there nursing my son David I thought God, where were You when I was a teenager? Why didn’t I know these things? Why didn’t You send someone in my life to teach me these things like I’m in the lives of these teenagers teaching them these things so that they don’t have to mess up like I messed up? And I remember how God spoke to my heart there. Now I’m talking about speaking to my heart. I want you to know I have never heard an audible voice. I’m very careful about saying God said this to me because I think many times when we hear that God’s language comes through or sometimes I think I wonder if God would really say that. But as I was sitting there God just spoke to my heart and this is what He said to me: “I saved you when I wanted to save you. And if you will quit moaning and groaning about your past and you’ll share it I’ll use it. I saved you when I wanted to save you.”

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Now that’s an incredible incredible statement because so often what we think is I got saved when I decided to follow Jesus Christ. Well what I want to do is to take what you and I have been studying and I want to take these truths and I want to show them to you so that you can use them practically in your life. Because in all probability what has happened my friend is you have looked at your past and you have said “God, where were You? Why did I have to mess up?” And what happens is if we don’t have our mind under control, if we don’t bring every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ, if we don’t think according to truth then what we listen to is we listen to the lie of the serpent or we listen to our own thoughts and our own mind instead of bringing every thought up against the plumb line of God’s Word. And that’s what this program is all about, discovering truth for yourself but once you discover that truth then living in the light of that truth. So let’s draw our chart again and let’s take a straight line on a piece of paper and let’s put a half moon on the left hand side of that page and that half moon or that “C” facing towards the line represents the creation of the heavens and the earth. Now we know that Ephesians chapter 1 verse 4... I know this is all review but we have to get it all in perspective. So we have God before the foundation of the world choosing you and me. So we have a triangle to represent “God”. We have a stick figure to represent “you”. And He chose us in Christ Jesus so we’ve got a cross before the foundation of the world because God, as we know planned the death of Jesus Christ before He ever created the earth. Before man ever sinned God in His omniscience, in His all-knowingness and in His foreknowledge knew that this was going to happen and so knowing that He planned for our redemption. Now on that line what I want you to do and more to the left cause we need room to write on the right, I want you to draw a cross. All right that cross represents the death, burial and a tomb beside it and coming out of the tomb is the stick figure of Jesus, so it represents, and this is very important, because this is the gospel. The gospel is that Jesus died for you according to your sins. The

gospel is that He was buried. You bury dead men. But that He was raised again from the dead three days later and that He was seen by many. All right so this is the good news of the gospel. So we put that on the chart. We put it about A.D. 29. Now what I want us to see is remember I told you God said to me “I saved you when I wanted to save you.” Well I have to understand also that [He chose me in Christ before the foundation of the world].

(PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 1:4a) So I have to have a time of beginning, don’t I. There has to be a time when I started. So what I want us to do is I want us to draw a little crib and that’s to the right of the cross and the right of the tomb where He was raised and just put a little head in that crib and that is the date of your birth. So underneath that you write the date of your birth. So now under that I want you to write Psalm 139. And as you write Psalm 139 I want you open Psalm 139 in your Bible and I want you to see that God was the One that caused you to be born. God is One who made you who you are and God numbered your days, “...when as yet there was not one of them.” (Psalm 139:16b) Psalm 139 verse 13 says this: “...You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb.”

(139:13) Verse 16: “Your eyes have seen my unformed substance....”

(139:16a) He saw you. He knew you before He ever wove you in your mother’s womb. When did He know you? Well I mean just stop and think about it. It is so exciting. He knew you before the foundation of the world. [He chose you for Himself before the foundation of the world.]

(PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 1:4a) And so He knew when you were going to be born. And this is what it says in verse 16 “Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were...written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.” (Psalm 139:16) God keeps books. You see that in Revelation chapter 20 (verse 12) when it talks about the books being opened. So God keeps books. And when He keeps those books one of those books talks about you and He has you in His book and He knows when you are going to be born. And then listen,

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Precious One, He knows when you are going to be born again. So draw another stick figure, a mature adult right now and then in one of those hands of that stick figure put a cross, because this represents the day that you got saved, so underneath that write the year. Well I was saved in 1963. You say “I don’t know when I was saved, but I know I am saved.” If you’re not sure whether you’re saved or not then you need to go to the book of 1 John. Read through the book of 1 John. Mark every word, color the word “know” in green and then after you color the word “know” “k-n-o-w”, make a list of everything that you know and how you know it because 1 John was written that you might know that you have eternal life. And you’re going to be able to examine your life and see if you’ve really been born again. But I can tell you this, if you haven’t yet been saved God is drawing you to Himself and He wants to adopt you as His child. He wants to give you forgiveness of sins. He wants to use you according to the kind intention of His will, according to His purpose. You say, “Phew! You’re making my head spin. This is the first time I have heard all this. I just found you today Kay.” Well listen, if you just found me today I want you to know that we have a study guide for you. We have all this teachings on CD’s and you can listen to them and you can grow and you can study the Word of God with us. So all you need to do is go to the website. It’s “preceptsforlife.com”, “preceptsforlife.com”, “p-r-e-c-e-p-t-sforlife.com”, and you can download the study guide free and you can grow with us. You and I have had a divine encounter today because God wants you to come into His family. He wants you to be born again. So God knows when you’re going to be saved. Now my cry was “But God why didn’t You save me sooner?” I mean He saved me when I was 29 years old, almost on the verge of being 30. My complaint is “Why didn’t You save me when I was married the first time? Why didn’t You save me before I shook my fist at you and said ‘To hell with You God’” Well I’ll answer that question when I come back in just a minute.

PART TWO

Welcome back my friend. Every time I have asked you to draw this straight line and put the creation of the earth on it and then put the death and burial of Jesus Christ and then the time of your birth and then the time of your being born again, every time you do that you’re putting a visual picture in your mind. And you know what? Someday you’re going to be sitting in a restaurant or you’re going to be talking to someone on a bus or on a plane or something and you’re going to get out a piece of paper and you’re going to draw this story line and you’re going to draw this story line to give them the gospel or to give them hope and to show them how God redeems our life, how God is super-intending over the time of your birth all the way through the time of your death when He has numbered your days. It’s going to be a wonderful wonderful tool and so I want you to understand it. All right now we put down a crib. That’s the day that you were born. And we know Psalm 139 tells us that He numbered our days, “**...when as yet there was not one of them.**” (Psalm 139:16b) Then we put down you a stick figure with a cross in your hand and underneath that we put the date of your salvation. Now you may not know the date of your salvation, but I will tell you this, that if you do not have a changed life, and you’re going to see this later, but if you do not have a changed life from the time that you said that you believed in Jesus you aren’t born again, because the evidence of a true conversion is actually a changed life and the ability to do and live the way God wants you to do and to live. All right now I want us to look at the day that you were born again because you see so many times we think O, if only I had gotten saved before. Or if we understand the sovereignty of God, and by that I mean that God rules over all. So just over this whole line drawing that you have just put a triangle up there and then put clouds around it ‘cause that represents “heaven”. And God is sovereign. He rules over all, but maybe

you thought I got saved when I wanted to get saved. Well when you really get saved, genuinely saved it's when God wants you to get saved and that's what we've seen as we've been studying and what you see as you do your study guide. But now I want you to go to the book of Galatians because this is where God showed me "I saved you when I wanted to save you." In other words He took me to the truth of Scripture and the truth of Scripture always has to verify what you think God has said to you because God never contradicts Himself. God cannot go against His word because His word is truth. For Him to go against His word or to go against His character you would know, hey, that's not God. That's something that's appearing as God or that's a voice that sounds like God but it really really isn't God. So Galatians chapter 1 Paul is giving his testimony here. And in Galatians chapter 1 this is what he says in verse 13 **"For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and [I] tried to destroy it; and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions."** (Galatians 1:13-14) In other words I was a Hebrew of the Hebrews and I was moving on in Judaism and I was moving up in Judaism. **"But..."**, but, contrast, **"...when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb..."**, (1:15a) Oh what did he just say? And this is why we put the drawing of your birth. It says **"...God...set me apart...from my mother's womb..."**(1:15a) and yet we know that after God set him apart from his mother's womb what was he doing? He was persecuting the church. He was advancing in Judaism. He was zealous for the traditions. He didn't know the Lord, but God knew him. And that's what I want you to see. This is what I want you to understand. God knows you, Beloved. God knows all about you. There is One that knows everything about you and who wants you to be His child and to live as His child as more than a conqueror. And so this is what he says. **"But when God, who set me apart even from my mother's**

womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles....” (1:15-16a) when God who called me who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, “...when God...was pleased to reveal His Son in me....” (1:15-16a) Now what is he saying? He is saying “Listen I saved you when I wanted to save you.” Remember John 15:16 “**You [didn’t] choose Me...I chose you....**” (John 15:16a) I’m the one that chose you. And I have chosen you for Myself because I have a purpose for your life. And this is what God was saying to me. God was saying to me, “Now Kay, I want you to know that I saved you in 1963 but if you will share it I will take your past. I will take the time between your birth and your rebirth and I will use it for My glory.” And what He’s done is this, He has shown other people, hey, if God can use her and look at what she’s done and look at where she’s been and look at her frailties then God can use me. And you see that you’re no longer a second class citizen. You see you no longer have to sit in the back of the church but you can move forward. You don’t have to be ashamed. You see so many times people say I’ve got to hide my past cause if they knew about me. Well one day some guys from Case Institute of Technology that were in the same class that my first husband was in were sitting there and someone wanted to show them this video and it was me teaching. And they looked at it and they said, “That’s Kay Lee. There’s no way she could be Christian.” But there is a way and that way is God. And, Beloved, what you have to see is that what He does is He takes all of that and He uses it for His glory. Now watch Ephesians chapter 1. It says “**He predestined us...,**” He marked us out beforehand. “**...to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.**” (Ephesians 1:5) And what God was saying is, “It wasn’t My will to save you until this time.” But I want you to know it’s a kind intention. It’s a kind intention, so Kay; quit looking at your past. Take that stick figure of you and put out two lines and put two eyeballs and make them look at the past. And

what God is saying is “No, don’t look that way. You’re to look to the future.” What Paul says in Philippians is, “...**forgetting those things [that] are behind...I press [forward] toward[s] the...prize of the high calling...[in] Christ Jesus.**” (Philippians 3:13b-14, KJV) And it says “**In Him we have redemption [redemption] through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses....**” (Ephesians 1:7a) Now the word “trespasses” is not sin nature. He doesn’t use the word “harmatia” that speaks of our sin nature. He uses the word “paraptoma”, “p-a-r-p-t-o-m-a” and do you know what it means? It means the deviations from the right path. You know your deviations from the right path. You know the times that you have known what you should do. And even before I became a child of God I knew the law. I knew the Ten Commandments. I knew I was breaking them when I hopping into bed with these other men. But now what God says is He gives me forgiveness. He not only takes care of my sin nature and we’re going to see that later, but He takes care of every time I’ve deviated from the past even as a child of God. O Beloved, O Beloved, He was there all the time. He was there before the foundation of the world. He was there when you were born. He was there when you were born again and He loves you and He’s going to take your past and He’s going to redeem it.