

**LIVING FOR GOD'S GLORY**

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### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **OPEN**

Oh my friend, have you exchanged your glory for something that does not profit? You say, "What on earth are you talking about?" I'm using Bible language to ask you, dear friend, if you're living to your full potential, if you're really all you ought to be. And you'll say to me, "I've tried, and I just can't make it." I tell you what, we can change that through the work of God.

#### **PART ONE**

Let me ask you a question. I mean just, you know, friend to friend as if we were just sitting across the table from each other and being gut-level honest. I mean no façade, just loving each other, caring enough about each other and being safe with each other so that we can answer exactly what this situation is. Do you ever feel like a failure? Do you ever get mad at yourself? Do you ever want to kick yourself around the block because you didn't do it right? Or do you feel like you're supposed to do something, and then you do it? I felt like I was supposed to write a very honest letter to a very precious friend

in my life. And I wrote the honest letter and then I passed it by someone and said, “Is this all right?” And yet that honest letter I know was not well received. And I think, “Oh God, did I miss You?” My personality, you think: If I could just change my personality. I think that. I think: If I could just be like so and so, if I could just do that. What’s the problem? You got it. We’re just not satisfied with ourselves. And you know, as I was talking to the Lord about all this this morning, one of the things that He just showed me is: Focus on satisfying Me. Focus on bringing Me glory. Focus on giving a true estimate of who I am. And as you focus on that, know this: That you are in process. I’m in overtime in my life. I mean, I’m 75 and here I am. The Bible says [three score and ten that that’s the average life span.] (PARAPHRASE, Psalm 90:10, KJV) So I’m five years into over time. I mean five years of borrowed time. And I think: Why? And I know it’s because God has more of a work to do in me to mold me and shape me into someone that is glorifying Him so that at the end of my life, and this is one of the verses that just really has spoken to me. And it’s in John chapter 17. And Jesus, we call it His high priestly prayer. He’s on the way to the garden of Gethsemane. He’s going to be arrested. He’s going to be taken. He’s going to be crucified. And He’s going to be made sin for us. And as He is walking I think, or He’s with His disciples, and He’s somewhere between the upper room and the Garden of Gethsemane, He talks to the Father. And in about that fourth verse, He said, [“I have glorified Thee on earth. I have finished the work that You have given Me to do.”] (PARAPHRASE, John 17:4) What should be our desire? Our desire should be to glorify God on earth. And if we don’t please everyone, as long as we know: God, I am pleasing You. You know, Paul had a rough time with a lot of Christians. You see that in 2 Corinthians. I wrote a book and it’s called, “Lord, Give Me A Heart for You.” And it is a study on 2 Corinthians. It’s powerful. And, and it’s powerful, not because I wrote it, it’s powerful because of the message of 2 Corinthians. Here is this great apostle, and in 2 Corinthians he just bears his soul. And you see him. And

you see he had fears within. I mean he went through turmoil. But what he said was this in 2 Corinthians chapter 5, verse 9 [I make it my ambition, whether in this body or whether out of this body, to be pleasing to Him.] (PARAPHRASE, 2 Corinthians 5:9) To please Him is to glorify Him. To please Him is to give a correct estimate of who He is by the way that we live. And I just want you to know and probably from, from ah my tears. And we probably should, you know, have stopped and let me get over my crying, but we're not going to do that. But just from my tears, and from you and I sitting here talking, what we're hearing, and what we're desiring, and I know this is we're desiring to be what God wants us to be. And it is a battle. Now why is it a battle? Well this is what I want us to look at. I want us to run some scriptures, and show you why you have such a hard time glorifying God, and how that can be made easier, and how that can be possible. So that when you come to the end of your life you can say, "I have glorified God. I have glorified You on earth. I have given a correct opinion, a correct estimate of You." So why the problem? Well let's go. What did God intend and then how did we get so messed up? And I want us to go to Genesis chapter 1, Genesis chapter 1. So if you'll simply open your Bible and in Genesis chapter 1, verse 26 we're going to start there. And we're going to put the Scriptures together that will show you what God intended for you, what got messed up, and then what you are to do. All right, Genesis chapter 1, verse 26. It says, **"Then God said, 'Let Us....'"** I love that plural noun. **"... 'Let Us make man in Our image, [in Our image] according to Our likeness....'"** Let's make man and let's make Him in Our image. Let's make Him according to Our likeness. And it says, **"... And let them rule over the fish of the sea...over the birds of the sky...over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."** (Genesis 1:26) Now did you notice "and let them" "let Us make man, and let them"? So you want to say, "Hey, why man, them?" And then in verse 27 it says, **"God created man....,"** now watch, **"...in His own image, in the**

**image of God He created him...,**” and here’s the “them”, “...**male and female He created them.**” (**Genesis 1:27**) God made man originally in His image so that if we would see man we would see God. And if we could look at man and we could see God then man was giving an accurate opinion, a true estimate of who God is. And that’s what it means to glorify God. To glorify God is to live in such a way that they see God in you. And they say, “Oh, if that’s what you’re like that’s what God’s like.” If they saw God, and no man’s seen God, (See John 1:18) but if they saw God and then they saw you, they’d say, “Oh, you’re the same.” It’s in His image. And so when He creates man you have to know that He created us perfectly. I mean there was no sin in the world until Genesis chapter 3 when the serpent comes into the Garden and says to Eve, the woman that God created, “...‘[Yea] **has God said....**” (**Genesis 3:1**) And so immediately the serpent casts doubt on the veracity of God’s word. He nullifies His punishment. He says, [God knows that the day that you eat of the fruit of that tree you will not die!]

(PARAPHRASE, Genesis 3:4-5) God has said you will die. And Satan has contradicted it. He’s, he’s in essence, it’s the thing that we say today. “Oh, God’s a God of love. He’d never send any man to hell. Oh, God’s a God of love. He’d never bring any judgment, or He’d never bring any calamity. God’s a God of love. That’s, that’s my kind of God.” Well He is a God of love. “...**God is love.**” (**1 John 4:8**) First John tells us this. But God is also righteous and holy and just, and so God has to judge sin. Well, you disobey God and then something happens. And so Romans chapter 5, verse 12 says this. Because Eve took the fruit of the tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she ate it. She gave it to Adam; Adam ate it. “...**And by one man...,**” Romans 5:12, “...**sin entered into the world, and death by sin...so [then] death passed upon all men, [in that] all have sinned.**” (**Romans 5:12, KJV**) If I become a sinner, I am not glorifying God. And I’m not glorifying God because I am not giving a true opinion, an estimate of who God is. I’m not walking in complete dependence on Him. In John

chapter 14, Philip said to Jesus, [Show us the Father and I'll, we'll be happy. We'll be satisfied. And Jesus said, have you seen Me? If you've seen Me you have seen the Father.] (PARAPHRASE, John 14:8-9) Why? Because Jesus glorified God on earth, Jesus gave a true and correct opinion and estimate of who God was. You say, "That's my problem. I'm a sinner. That's my problem. And that's why I'm not perfect." And you've got it, and you're right. But I want to tell you something. God does not leave you hanging there. God does not leave you in a state of death. We'll give you the good news after this break.

## **PART TWO**

Welcome back. I've got good news for you, good news for me. We've got good news for the world. We are sinners. **"...By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin...so [then] death passed upon all men, [because] all have sinned."** (Romans 5:12, KJV) Okay, but God doesn't want to leave you there. Isn't that wonderful! God has made provision for you to be what He intended you to be in the beginning. You say, "You just don't know where I've been." Well maybe you don't know where I've been either. You just don't know my strong personality. I'll match you. We say that and that's true. But you know what? God's God, and [nothing is impossible with Him.] (PARAPHRASE, Luke 1:37) He has a plan so that you can glorify Him. I want to tell you before I show you that. I want to tell you how much I appreciate you. I want to tell you that I love you. And it's not some soupy kind of thing. You say, "You don't even know me." Well, you know what? I don't unless you communicate with me. How do you communicate with me? "[preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com)." And when you do, if you're new to this program, if you just found us today, hey, we're in for a relationship, okay. We want you to discover truth for yourself. We want to take you deeper. And we want you to be able to disciple others. We have a free study guide that goes with this series, and it's never too late. You can

get it if you'll just, haven't been with us since the beginning, you can go back. And you can get the programs, and you can listen to them. Or you can watch them. We want you to know and to be able to say that you have glorified God on earth because that's what God intended for you to do. So what I want to do is I want to take you to Psalm chapter 8. OK, Psalm chapter 8, and we're going to go from Psalm 8, and we're going to look at those verses that are going to help you understand what God has in mind for you and how He can straighten out the mess we got ourselves into. So Psalm chapter 8, if you'll go there. Psalm 8 and it is verse 1. We're gonna start right there and it says, **"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!" (Psalm 8:1)** So it is a Psalm that opens up at looking at God, with looking at His majesty, at looking at really who He is. And then he says in verse 3, and I'm not gonna read the whole Psalm. But it says, **"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your [hands]....,"** he says, **"...the moon and the stars, [that] You have ordained." (Psalm 8:3)** Sometimes I walk out at night and I just stand there in our driveway. And I look at the heavens, and I think "God, O God, thank You for letting me know You. You are so majestic." And I look at the sun, and the moon, and the stars and I know up there to the north, that's home. That's where my Father is. It says, **"What is man that You take thought of him, [or] the son of man that You care for him?" (Psalm 8:4)** What is he saying? He's saying, "I'm out here, and I'm looking at You. And I'm looking at the heavens. And I'm looking at the stars, and the moon, and the majesty of who You are. You're the Creator! What is man? What is man that You take thought of man?" Now listen. This is how important you are. In all this universe, there's nothing more important to God than man, than people. He says, **"Yet You have made him [man] a little lower than God...." (Psalm 8:5)** You have made man, man in Your image, a little lower than God. And then this is what he goes on to say. **"You make him to rule over the works of Your hands...." (Psalm 8:6)** Remember we saw

that in Genesis chapter 1, verse 26 and 27. [He created man in His image, male and female, He created them and then He wanted them to rule over the beasts of the field and, and over all of His creation because man was His vice-regent down here on the earth that He had created.] (PARAPHRASE, Genesis 1:26-27) Man was standing there in His image. And for a while he says, “...**You...made him a little lower than God....**” Now look at this. “...**And You crown him with glory and majesty!**” (Psalm 8:5) You crown man with glory. When You made him, You made him in Your image. So we’ve got to mark “glory” now. All right now, how are we marking glory? That’s right, a purple cloud and color it yellow inside. This is the glory of God. This is the way we’re marking it. And all the way throughout our Bible wherever we find glory, and it’s talking about the glory of God, and giving Him glory, or glorifying Him, or glorifying Him we want to mark it the same way. Then we see “...**You crown him with glory and majesty! You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.**” (Psalm 8:5-6) You have made him top dog in Your creation. Everything else is under man’s feet. “**All [the] sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens...the fish of the sea, whatever passes...the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**” (Psalm 5:7-9) This is what He did for man. This was His intention for man when He created man in His image. What happens? Eve listens to the serpent. She takes the forbidden fruit. She eats it, Genesis chapter 3. She gives it to Adam. Adam eats it. Romans 5 tells us “[by] **one man sin entered into the world....**” (Romans 5:12) All of a sudden the image of God, the glory of God is distorted, and you can’t see it anymore because they’ve sinned. And then what happens? They were to rule over everything. Now Satan, because he’s a murderer, because he’s a liar and because he is “...‘**the father of lies....**’” (John 8:44) he comes in and he, because of man’s sin, and we’re gonna talk about this in our next program, but he, because of man’s sin now has dominion over man.

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Why? Romans 3:23, and I want you to see it in your Bible, Romans 3, verse 23. It says, **“For all [all] have sinned and [they] fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)** You’re gonna mark “glory” there. Man, in his sin, now here is the glory of God, the true estimate of God and man falls short. That’s why you and I have problems. That’s why sometimes we feel absolutely miserable, like a failure in life, like a failure as a human being. We’re not the perfect father, the perfect mother, the perfect wife, the perfect friend, the perfect employee. Why? Because we’re in a battle. But I’ve got good news for you, really good news. There is a way out of this situation. And you know what? We’re gonna see it in the next program. Don’t you dare miss it. It’s good news.