

- Sean and World Cup Youth Mission

## Love, Transformation & a Renewed Mind

### I. Unlocking the Storehouse

Jer 33:3 NIV 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable (fortified, inaccessible) things you do not know.'

*God can do anything, but he chooses to co-labor with us!*

*Confusion over SOVEREIGNTY and PARTICIPATION*

Romans 8:28 **All things – Work Together – For Good**

**Work with; assist; collaborate**

We are surrounded by solutions!

### III. Renewed Mind: The Image of INFINITE Love

A. **Humans Were Created in the Image and Likeness of Triune Love & Light & Relational Unity & Holy!**

Gen 1:26 NIV Then God said, "Let us make man in our **image**, in our **likeness**, and ... **rule** ... over the earth...creatures

**Joy is the Indicator of functional unity (COOPERATION)**

John 15:11 NIV "These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy may remain in you**, and *that your joy may be full*. 12 This is My commandment, that you **love one another as I have loved you**.

It is **not good** for us to be alone ... we press after connectedness

The more we willingly (and worshipfully or obsessively) concern ourselves with the needs and desires of others, the more creation opens up to us.

**!!The challenges can SANCTIFY us!!**

Ecc1 4:9 NKJ Two are better than one,

Because they have a **good reward** for their labor.

**NLT** Two people are better off than one,  
for **they can help each other succeed.**

Do you see that our Father gives us ***incentive to cooperate***, to be ***workers together*** with others. It is the root of PROSPERITY!

The more we specialize and cooperate, the greater the overall prosperity can be.

One man versus the wilderness may sound romantic to some, or one mystic contemplating in a cave, but COMPARE

Solitary Survivalist or Business Professional

“God so loves ***the world*** that He gave his one and only Son that ***whoever*** believes in Him shouldn’t perish but have eternal life! That ***the world through Him*** might be saved (SET FREE, DELIVERED, HEALED, MADE WHOLE)

## **CO-OPERATION (KOINONIA)**

### **C. Humans have Infinite Imagination, Potential, Creative Power, and Desires**

And that’s a VERY GOOD thing!

#### **1. MORE!**

God’s plan is for man to strive to achieve more. Ambition is a good thing. We all were created to desire as much as possible, but we also wish to expend only the least possible effort.

Unhappiness is evil, but wanting **more** is GOOD! “If only I had \$500. Then more... and more... Greed is evil. Ambition (dream and vision) can be Holy!

Your fellow man’s innate **desire for more** is what makes it possible for your own life to function as smoothly as it does. Likewise, your decision to work makes life easier for your fellow man. If no one wanted anything, all the exchange would stop!

It is the **exciting possibility of the infinite** that drives **medical research** to come up with life-enhancing and life-extending drugs and devices.

... that drives **all technological advances**.

... that drives the **business professional to find ever better ways of serving more customers more effectively**.

It is what drives progress in the world and is surely God's will.

## 2. LIKENESS of GOD!

[Eph 5.1 ESV](#) Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **2**  
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

We want to emulate God!

One reason **TELEVISION** fascinates us is that it allows us to enjoy a taste of God's **omnipresence**.

Travel by **ocean liner** is far more comfortable and less expensive than by **JET AIRLINER**. Yet by the 1960s, most transatlantic ocean liner services were being discontinued. Why?

One explanation is our **deep desire to try and overcome the limitations of space and time** just as God does.

We were **created with an urge for the infinite**. We cannot surrender this for comfort or security, but give ourselves to the purposes of God that stir within our souls.

## D. Of All Creatures, Only Humans are Can Transform Their Own Lives!

*Cows, Cats & Camels are always Cows, Cats & Camels. Birds sing the same songs, build the same nests. But humans can totally change the course of their lives!*

*Homeless man can become a great business man & inspiration to many.*

*This is Good News ... you can change ... status within humanity ... status with God!*

**George Washington Carver...** *son of slaves, great scientist & more*

*Pursuit of Happiness (2006) **Chris Gardner's** struggle homelessness*

*CVS Pharmacy?? **William Konar ... at 12 family taken to***

***Auschwitz...** 16 year old orphan refugee ... Rochester... now William & Sheila Konar give millions...Center for Digestive & Liver Diseases at Strong Hospital ... Nazareth College Creative Arts Therapy Wing...*

**Nathan Shapell...** *Buchenwald & Auschwitz survivor.... California 1952... died 2007... gave millions ... USC, U of Santa Clara, U of Tel Aviv... Vad Yashem Museum in Israel... and a legacy to children*

*2013 homebuilding wing sold for \$1.6 billion... daughter still retains 43% share in over 10,000 apartments, 5 shopping centers, 4 office buildings worth an additional \$1.7 billion.*

*Very **personal**... in 1987 we came to Pennsylvania... we heard a voice... we were pretty broken, betrayal, shame, health, family issues, our children "won't fit in here," ... you won't last long... 26½ years later ... we look around at hundreds and hundreds of lives changed...*

## **Prototypes for Transformation**

**Gen 12.1 NLT** The LORD had said to Abram, "**Leave** your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, **and go** to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make you into a great nation... **3** ... All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

The name.... **Hebrew**<sup>1</sup>, ....

God called to Abram and he heard the whisper. He called to others, but Abraham **heard and trusted**. **This is the *Hearing of Faith*** that launched him on a personal journey to a land he had never seen.

**Abraham** responded to the Voice. God's invitation goes out to many. Only a few respond to change, to have a new life, a new direction, transformed by God's purpose calling us on.

**Moses** alone was transfixed by an event that appeared to contradict his vision of normality. **He** turned aside to see the unique, the interruption in monotony!

God speaks to Him from this encounter about a great Plan of His. Moses had an issue: **A *Speech impediment!!***

God said, "I'm the One who made the MOUTH. If you will follow my invitation, I will make sure you can communicate! You will step into the ***transformation process!***

Once he got going, his problem is never mentioned again!

Deuteronomy was delivered in an entire month of nonstop talking!!

**Plato & Aristotle** – some born to rule others to be ruled.

European Class System — peasant girls never married princes

The LIE of the Devil is that you can't change ... be free.

The infinite good news! **You can change** your life with God and within humanity! There are no limits. It's not an easy journey

[John 1:11 ESV](#) He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12](#) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

To **as many as *received ... believed (trusted) his name ... HE gave*** the capacity to ***become!***

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<sup>1</sup> TWOT - עִבְרִי - 'ibri – the main idea is one of movement, to go beyond, or further. One who crosses over.

1 John 3:1 NKJ – Behold the manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called ***the offspring of God!***

Heb 10.22 MSG So let's *do* it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. 23 Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. 24 ***Let's see how inventive we can be*** in encouraging love and helping out, 25 not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

Want more?

Want to change?

Weary of monotony? Hopelessness? No vision? No hope?

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.