



WHEN IMPERFECT BECOMES BEAUTIFUL

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

James 4:7-8, ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ 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.

Matthew 6:12, And FORGIVE US our debts . . .

Genesis 3:6-7, ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.

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

Isaiah 55:6-7, ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ 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, ²⁰ In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. ²¹ Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" ²² "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³ "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. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ 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). ¹⁵ "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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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?