

Intro: The Human Paradigm – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

1. In the message, “X” represents the place where you feel like you’ve finally arrived. How does this idea show up in your life right now? How does Ecclesiastes 5:10 (“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money...”) speak to the endless pursuit of “X”?
2. Think about past “X’s” you’ve chased and achieved or failed to achieve. What did you expect they would give you, and what actually happened? How does Proverbs 13:12 (“Hope deferred makes the heart sick...”) connect to that experience?
3. Jesus tells Nicodemus in John 3:3, “Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Why is this such a direct challenge to the Human Paradigm of earning and achieving? Where do you still see yourself trying to “earn” what Jesus says must be received?
4. The Human Paradigm says “Do more to get to X,” but Ephesians 2:8–9 says salvation is “not a result of works.” How have you subtly brought a works-based mindset into your relationship with God—even after becoming a Christian?
5. Read Hebrews 4:11. What does it practically look like to “strive to enter that rest” instead of striving to prove yourself? Where in your life are you currently striving instead of resting in what Christ has already done?
6. According to Romans 8:15–17, we have been adopted as sons and daughters. How does adoption change the way you view your relationship with God compared to the Human Paradigm?