

It's a Moo Point

I use to enjoy this TV show named "Friends" maybe some of you have heard of it. This was this one episode where Joe the loving but not so bright neighbor was talking to Rachel about dating advice and had the definition of a mood point defined as a moo point.

It was very funny but, it paints a perfect picture on how easy we can believe something outside of what the bible is teaching.

A mood point by definition means an issue that is irrelevant.

A moo point by definition means a cows opinion its moo

Today we are going to talk about SIX MOO POINTS that's keep us from relationship with God.

Moo Point #1 Sometimes Religion Is the Problem

The Word of God is amazing!

Heb. 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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It has all the power we will ever need for every situation in our lives .

All we have to do is mix it with faith and, praise God, a miracle (Heb. 4:2)!

I know many of you are thinking, "*It isn't that easy.*"

I believe the WORD and I'm doing everything I know to do, yet things still haven't worked out.

I have experienced that too—personally and with many people I've ministered to.

So, what's the problem?

Actually, there are many problems, but I think most of them can be summed up by what Jesus said in

Mark 7:13: thereby invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."

Let me say it again -"Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition."

What a powerful statement! Wrong teaching—specifically religious doctrines—makes God's Word of no effect, It's Moo.

The most significant revelations I've received from the Lord all have to do with renewing my mind from

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old ways of thinking that I learned in church,
Learned at home, learned at school.

Revelation talks about the Antichrist, it may be a
person or persons someday or operating today,

but I believe religion is the greatest deception we
have ever dealt with and it is an Antichrist spirit in
operation.

This religion is what killed Jesus and its still killing
our relationship with God today.

As I continually get freed from the traditions, **the
simplicity of God's Word continually sets me
free.**

Moo Point #2 False Teaching About God's Sovereignty

On the surface, it makes perfect sense that God
controls everything. After all, He is God.

He is all powerful.

He can do whatever He wants to do.

He is sovereign.

I agree that God is sovereign if the
word *sovereign* is defined correctly.

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The American Heritage Dictionary defines *sovereign* as

1. Independent.
2. Having supreme rank or power.
3. Paramount; supreme.

Sovereign comes from a Latin word that means “super, above.”

I agree with all of those definitions.

God is all of that and more.

But religious tradition has redefined sovereign to mean God has and does exercise “absolute control.”

I completely disagree with that!

Everyone Has Free Will

At one time, God was in absolute control of everything, but then He made man and gave him unrestricted power and authority over the earth.

Man knowingly gave that power and authority to Satan.

Remember the apple incident? In fact do you know why today it is so hard for a woman to make up her mind where to eat? Because look at the first time Eve chose to eat.....

So ladies, please take your time.....

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From that time of deception, Satan has been messing things up ever since (with our help, I might add).

You might say, "God could stop Satan if He wanted to.

Therefore, the devil only does what God allows Him to do."

That's not true!

That's a religious tradition that will render you passive and prey to the devil.

When God gave Adam unconditional authority over the earth, He gave him His word.

Psalms 89:34

*I will not violate My covenant,
Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.*

There were no strings attached.

He didn't say, "If you blow it, I'll take back my power and authority."

No! God had to allow what man allowed.

The Lord had given man total control over the earth.

It was his to govern as he saw fit.

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Adam then yielded to Satan the power and authority God intended for man.

Moo Point #3 The Truth About God's Nature

God is a good God.

If it was only up to Him, we would all be blessed.

James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

This can be seen in the life of Job.

God blessed Job abundantly.

He was the greatest man in wealth and integrity of all the people of his day.

But Job didn't have a covenant with God.

The Lord didn't really have the legal right to be so good to Job.

Job was a sinner and therefore under Satan's control.

So, Satan pressed his case, and the Lord had to turn Job over to Satan because he legally came under Satan's jurisdiction.

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This is why the Lord started making covenants with people like Abraham and, eventually, the whole nation of Israel.

If they would comply, then the Lord could legally bless them.

This worked, to a degree.

The problem was, no one could live up to God's standard for very long.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

So, instead of the blessing He desired to give, the curse eventually came upon them because "all have sinned".

Moo Point #4 Judgement vs. Correction

People have read about God's judgment upon man in the Old Testament and believe that judgment is God's way of correcting believers today. **WRONG!**

Under the New Covenant, that is no longer the case, and a number of scriptures will kill that Moo Point.

Deuteronomy 28 lists the blessings and curses that would come upon the Israelites depending on their obedience or disobedience to God's commands.

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Notice what is listed in verses 15-68: sickness, poverty, grief, and every other trouble imaginable.

They are curses, not blessings, as many religious people are trying to make them out to be today.

People will say, "This cancer was really a blessing in disguise because it made me turn to the Lord for help." **NO!**

It's not a blessing. It's a curse; plain and simple.

God didn't put that cancer on them or allow it.

The fact that they turned to the Lord is good, but they shouldn't blame God for causing that problem.

See how easy it is, to step into religion a simple thought and then you speak it into the atmosphere and give your authority to Satan.

I went through an incredible painful trail in my life five years ago, and I did run into the fathers arms and He did love me, care for me, nurturer me.

But God did not cause my trail so I would run into his arms.

We give our authority away, because its easier to believe that its Gods than to take it up ourselves and have to take responsibility.

Religion lives and thrives here.....

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Moo Point #5 Misinterpreting Trials as Blessings

God never uses evil to correct us or draw us to Him.

Romans 2:4 says it's the goodness of God that leads us to repentance.

Second Timothy 3:16 says that God's Word is given to correct and reprove us.

God's not the one giving us problems!

Afflictions are what Satan uses to steal away God's Word.

Mark 4:16-17

16 And in a similar way these are the ones sown with seed on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy;

17 and yet they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately they fall away.

When I teach on this people often ask: "But don't all things work together for good?" **NO!**

That's not what God's Word says. That's another Moo Point.

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Look at Paul's actual statement in *Romans 8:28*:

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Taken in context, this verse says something totally different from what religion has taught us.

The two preceding verses say,

Romans 8:26-27

26 Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We need to Partnering with God's Purpose

First, the Greek word for *helps* is a compound word that means "to take hold of opposite together, i.e. co-operate" (Strong's Concordance).

The Holy Spirit does not intercede for us automatically; we must participate, and as we do, He energizes and quickens and empowers our prayers.

When He takes hold with us, things begin to work together for good.

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then, in verse 28, there are qualifications that most people ignore.

The first is to love God.

Did you know that not everybody loves God?

Not even all who are born again truly love God.

For those who do not, things don't work together for good.

I am going to have to save this one for a later teaching but to love God, you must fear him and to truly fear the Lord you have to give him everything.

The next part says you must be called according to His purpose.

What is His purpose?

First John 3:8 says that the purpose of Jesus' coming was to destroy the works of the devil.

So, if you are functioning according to the purpose of Jesus, you should be out to destroy the works of the devil.

Therefore, this passage of Scripture applies to people who are not passive, and they are interceding and letting the Holy Spirit supernaturally energize and take intercession to a level where it's not just human.

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That eliminates the majority of people right there.

Align that with the truth that we have a loving God and Scripture that instructs us to resist and destroy the works of the devil, and you can see how

Romans 8:28 has been misunderstood and misused.

Moo Point #6 It's Time to Accept Our Responsibility and Make a Choice

God is not the one who makes our lives a mess. We have a choice.

*Deuteronomy 30:19 says,
I call heaven and earth to witness against you today,
that I have placed before you life and death, the
blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that
you may live, you and your descendants,*

To say we don't have a choice is another way of saying we aren't willing to take personal responsibility for our situations.

Again saying its all Gods responsibility, is easier than taking responsibility for our own thoughts and actions.

When we believe we're not responsible, it invalidates the Word of God.

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Let me say it this way when you justify your actions by thinking why did God allow this, you just made the Word of God a Moo Point.

The Word tells us to make a choice between life and death, so we do have a choice.

God even helped us out by telling us which one to choose: He said to choose life.

Religion is the deception Satan has convinced body of the church, is to get people to embrace his evil work as the work of God.

In my humble opinion, this is the worst doctrine in the body of Christ.

If you really believe God controls everything, you'll be tempted to just accept it and do nothing about it.

Why pray?

Why study the Word?

Why resist?

It leads to a mindset that you might as well just eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you die, and whatever God wants to happen will happen.

Moo Point #7 Your Role in Spiritual Warfare

James 4:7 says,

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Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Notice that there are things from God that we submit to and things from the devil that we resist.

God does not control everything.

Religion has played into the victim mentality because it's the easiest way to explain away failure.

The church has not been effective in helping people overcome things like sickness and financial problems, so they fall into the Moo Point belief that God is allowing this for a reason.

That kind of belief can open the door and allow the enemy to steal, kill, and destroy.

We must take our victory in Christ

You've got to have **ROCK-SOLID** understanding that God isn't allowing the bad things in your life.

The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives on the inside of every believer, and God is waiting on you to **RESIST** the devil and **TAKE** what He has already provided through Jesus.