

NOT FOR SALE

Titus 3:3-7

Once we, too, were **foolish and disobedient**. We were **misled** and **became slaves** to many **lusts and pleasures**. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

But— When God our Savior revealed **his kindness and love**, he **saved us**, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of **his mercy**. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Because of **his grace he made us right** in his sight and gave us **confidence** that we will inherit eternal life.

Lent=

Time to reflect, repent, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter

Goal:

Pursue God like never before so we can Serve God together like never before

James 1:12-18

God blesses those who **patiently endure testing and temptation**. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that **God has promised** to those who love him.

PATIENCE is a virtue SELDOM practiced

James 1:12-18

And remember, **when you are being tempted**, do not say, "God is tempting me."

God is never tempted to do wrong and **he never tempts anyone else**.

Temptation comes from **our own desires**, which **entice us** and **drag us away**.

Genesis 3:8-10

When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man Or Adam, and

so throughout the chapter. and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."

I'm Not for Sale...

The comfort of INDEPENDENCE and SELF

INDEPENDENCE and SELF-LOVE = LONELINESS and EMPTINESS

Proverbs 18:1

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

God called us to a life of total DEPENDANCE and SELFLESS living

1 John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship with one another**, and the **blood of Jesus**, his Son, **purifies us from all sin**.*

Talk It Over

1. Share a time when you "gave up" something in order to make room in your life for something else.
2. Read Titus 3:3-7 together again- How would you "translate" or communicate this to someone you really care about?
3. Why do you think we tend to isolate ourselves when we are struggling?... even though we know it's not best for us?
4. What can we do to encourage one another and keep from selling out to the lie of Independence and Self-love?
5. Pray together