TSRG3 - Galatians 2:11-21 "LIVE DEAD – A LIFE SET FREE BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST"

Society is Exhausted. Always on. ON DEMAND. THOUGHT? NORM. I'll rest when I die. Paul was caught up in endless grind proving himself. Building an image for himself in the religious world. Thought he was right with God. Couldn't have been more convinced. WHAT HE LEARNED WAS Through Christ he could live because he could die. **What does the but God moment do in your life? It sets you free from tyranny performance.**

- Realized that all he had been building was empty. **RELENTLESS**

Philippians 3:7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ…..For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith. **Moment met Jesus he died.**

MP: Because Christ loved you and gave Himself for you, you can die to proving yourself and live free in Him.

- **PEOPLE STARTED SPIRIT POWER GOSPEL – TURNING BACK TO PERFORM**

Apostolic credentials and efforts: Revelation. Confirmation. Confrontation

THE PRESSURE TO LIVE AGAINST WHAT U BELIEVE **Shared. Withdrew. Influenced. Contradicted**

Peter: knew the gospel but even was caught up in the hypocrisy of self-righteousness based image. TEMPTED. PRESERVE HIS IMAGE HE PLAYED THE GAME. **Drove him to do what was wrong even though he knew what was right.**

You can believe you have nothing to prove to God and still live as though you have everything to prove to people. NOT JUDAISM BUT OTHER THINGS…

How much we serve. How faithfully we attend church. Bible knowledge we have. Consistently we pray. We give. Spiritual others think we are. Needed we feel in ministry. Children behave. If church leaders recognize us. Insider in church circles.

- **CLARIFYING QUESTIONS:** What do you need people to believe about you in order to feel secure? Where does being accepted by Christ still feel insufficient unless certain people accept you too?

PROB: Believers bore consequence. **His hypocrisy became their bondage.** Not gospel

- **Paul took a stand** – the uncomfortable conflict was necessary because of what was at stake.

TRUTH THAT PRESSURE CANNOT CHANGE– TRUTH ANCHOR. CORRECTS PETER

MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS ARE A RESULT OF NOT TURNING TO SCRIPTURE.

- Religious background and accomplishments don't justify us b4 God and others

Not ur baptism. Pedigree. Service. Bible knowledge. Belonging. Giftedness. Proximity past

- Faith in Christ admits the law cannot save us – **WHEN U SAY YES U SAY NO**
- We can't rebuild what we abandoned – **THERE'S NO GOING BACK**

I died to the law so I could live to God—free from trying to establish my own righteousness, free to give my life to the God who has accepted me in Christ.

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST—FREE TO LIVE FOR GOD

CRUCIFIED W/CHRIST: Crucifixion is ugly. Unrelenting. Serves a single purpose - death

When Christ was crucified, my need to establish my standing before God through religious performance—and to secure my identity through people's approval—was crucified w/Him. **PRESSURE WILL RETURN. IT CANT RULE – RULED BY GOD'S LOVE**

- The fear of God's disapproval dies. The fear of "what if I'm not enough" – "what if I haven't done enough" **DIES BC I AM BEING PERFECTED IN THE GOSPEL**

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. **Loved. Accepted. Treasured. Transformed.** Destin

What would you finally have the courage to surrender if you believed you were already fully loved and had nothing left to prove? But….love > motivator than law

I NO LONGER LIVE BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME

That part of me (Seeking approval from God/others is dead)

- NOW: The risen Jesus is alive in me through His Spirit: Sources life. Shapes desires. Empowers obedience. Directs how I live. Don't resort to some human powered alternative.
    - **Christ lives in me.** Let that settle into the places where you feel tired, inadequate, or afraid.

Your worth is secure in the love of the One who gave Himself for you. You can stop treating every success as proof that you matter and every failure as evidence that you don't.

LIFE IN THIS BODY LIVE BY FAITH IN SON OF GOD – FOR DURATION OF UR LIFE

Faith: Total dependence. Only one hope. Absolute reliance. NOTHING ELSE 2ADD

- **He's the Son of God:** there's no greater place for your faith. **No human/system**
- **He loves You:** There's no greater nature of relationship. **LOVE!!**
- **He gave Himself for you:** There's no greater demonstration. **SACRIFICED 4 ME**

Whose acceptance controls you—the Christ who gave Himself for you, or the people you're afraid of disappointing? ONLY 1 DESERVES UR FAITH SETS U FREE

FREEDOM TO LIVE COMES THROUGH BELIEVING IN AND RECEIVING HIS DEATH