

REGENERATE VOLUME 4

“The Prime Place of Engagement”

Freedom is so much more than escaping the past. It is always about redesigning your life and therefore redefining your future in the here and now.

Welcome to the Regenerate course that connects you to your true self in Christ. Today we are talking with you about embracing your new, true identity in Jesus that places you fully in the presence of God. Welcome to the prime place of engagement.

Every part of this message is your typed transcript. No need to take notes...just relax and listen with your heart.

- *Graham*

<p><i>Message</i></p> <p>Father has taken us out of the old and placed us in Himself, through Jesus. All of our life is spent on discovery. We are explorers of the Kingdom.</p> <p>We walk on new paths that empower us to have fellowship with God at all times, regardless of events or life situations. We have a high standing in Jesus. A superior placement that is full of the joy and peace in believing that we have a new nature that is radical, powerful and beautiful.</p>	<p><i>Notes</i></p>
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We are learning to be true to the new self, that is Christ in us, an expectation that grows in line with God's affection for us.

This means that God will love us the same way that He loves Jesus. Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us [Hebrews 7:25], He is praying in Heaven like He did on earth in John 17:6-26 (Passion Translation).

Especially..."Father, that you would love them as you love Me (v.23), so that they may experience the same endless love that you have for Me." (v. 26)

KEY #1

Know your placement in Jesus as a fact of life.

It is an absolute fact that Christ lives in you. Your new man and Jesus abide together in newness of life.

These are the scriptures that speak to our oneness and unity in Christ, not only as individuals but also as a Kingdom community in the earth.

I'm reading from the Passion Translation, which I use as a devotional bible. I read these every day, not just as a reminder but just to put the heart and mind of my inner man in the place of fellowship with Christ.

Romans 6:4-5

verse 4 - Sharing in His death by our baptism means that we were co-buried and entombed with Him, so that when the Father's glory raised Jesus from the dead, we were also raised with Him.

We have been co-resurrected with Him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life.

verse 5 - For since we are permanently grafted into Him to experience a death like His, then we are also permanently grafted into Him to experience a resurrection like His and the new life that it imparts.

Romans 7:6

Now that we have been fully released from the power of the law, we are dead to what once controlled us. And our lives are no longer motivated by the obsolete way of following the written code.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Now if anyone is enfolded into Christ, we have become an entirely new creation. All that has related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is now fresh and new.

Galatians 2:20

My old identity has been co-crucified with Christ and no longer lives. And now, the essence of the new man is no longer mine only...for the Anointed One lives His life through me! We live in union as one!

My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me so much that He gave Himself for me...and now dispenses His life into mine!

Ephesians 4:21-24

verse 21 - If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard His truth, it will be seen in your life; for we know that the ultimate reality is embodied in Jesus.

verse 22 - And He has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the old man, the old self, which was corrupted by sinful and

deceitful desires that spring from delusions.

verse 23 - Now it is time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you.

verse 24 - And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ - within as your new life, and live in union with Him! For God has recreated you all over again in His perfect righteousness, and you now belong to Him in the realm of true holiness.

Colossians 3:10

For you have acquired new creation life, which is continually being renewed into the likeness of the One who created you; giving you the full revelation of God.

Wow! Isn't that wonderful? It brings us full circle back to the very beginning in Genesis 1:26. "Let Us, make man in Our image and according to Our likeness."

What you are now experiencing has always been in God's heart before the dawn of creation. I love that about Him. He is faithful to His own purpose and desire. Even in the face of corruption in the world, the flesh and the devil...He stays true to His passion to love us as He loves Himself.

This is what we live in with Him constantly, as we practice abiding in Him by His gifts and His grace. But as you're encountering, God is unchanging in His relationship with us while we're learning how to abide in fellowship with Him. You're discovering the passion God has to be with you in a multiplicity of ways...and His desire and confidence is rising in you to remain with Him.

This is a great moment for you to discover what God feels about your new, strategic life exchange.

So, here is a prophetic word of blessing, wisdom and encouragement as you practice walking in newness of life:

PROPHETIC WORD

“My beautiful child, I see you through the eyes of love, goodness and kindness. Your old person is dead to Me. My Son has redeemed all of your life. He has set you free by His death and by His resurrected life in you, as you, with you.

You and He are one person, living in harmony and unity. As He is so are you in this world. He took your old man to the grave. When He rose from the dead into newness of life your old man stayed behind and the new man rose with Jesus and became, in Him, a new creation.

Nothing can ever separate your new man from Us. In Christ, you are welcome in Our hearts. There is no place for the old you. It is dead to Us. Beloved, We are not double-minded. We do not see two versions of you.

The new version in Christ was raised up to have fellowship in the Spirit and in the Truth. We rejoice that everything connected to the old man can never make it past the grave.

I AM so excited to deal with you only through the Beloved Son of My heart. You are a resurrected being walking in newness of life. You are Our new creation. I am happy in you, for you and with you.

Come and share My joy in your newness.

We give you the beautiful, always amazing, Holy Spirit to empower and support your learning as you experience Our life in you. Think of it! You are no longer a slave to sin. It is no longer your nature. All that remains is your attachment through memory, habits and thought processes that are now being upgraded by your new life in My beloved Son.

You have a new nature to embrace and learn. We absolutely love being with you in this process of becoming sanctified by your walk with Us. Making you in Our image and likeness is so enjoyable for Us, and We are glad that you can share Our delight in being with you.

Walk with Us knowing that you will become like Jesus in real life. It is Our purpose and We love it! We have so much to give you that your old man simply cannot receive. This is why We give you Our full blessing and permission to consider yourself to be dead to sin, by being alive to Us!

Knowing that the old you has died means that We can only think of you in one way. I see you as My Son. I placed you in Christ. He also lives in you by His own delight, desire and purpose.

Everyday, in each life situation, We are training you to live from your new life in Christ. As you realize who you are in Him and practice with Us in walking in His Way, Truth and Life...a power rises up in you that gives you a new way of seeing. Your mind becomes renewed and your language begins to reflect Our heart.

We are cultivating new life in you that will gradually take over every area of your

being. You will be fully alive to all that We are and all that We do. Every day is new, fresh and lifegiving. Never carry a negative over into a new day.

Instead, make it a daily event to get rid of anything negative before you go to bed. Then, when you wake up, you can start the new day fresh in Jesus.

Enjoy working with the Holy Spirit as you live daily in the new man, who is Christ within. As you learn to be made into Our image, all your mistakes in that process are covered by the blood of Jesus and the power of grace and mercy.

There are so many gifts that belong to you now because Christ lives in you. This is a new day. Welcome to the Kingdom and to an ever increasing fullness with your God.”

Amen.

I love all the certainties in God’s heart that create an expectation in ours. I love how He knows everything that is coming into and around our lives from the world, the flesh and the devil. I love that He knows us intimately and has provided presence and gifts that will empower our fragile self into a new person of strength, honor and power in Jesus.

Whenever you receive a blessing or an increase, it is always good to give thanks and rejoice. Thanksgiving and rejoicing is a powerful way to respond with gratitude for the word of the Lord.

Here is a crafted prayer that you can pray through your engagement in this process of becoming new.

[CRAFTED PRAYER]

“Father, thank you so much that my old man is dead and that You have replaced it with Jesus in me. It is so wonderful to know that His nature is now becoming mine also, because He lives in me to empower me to become like Him.

I am perfectly united with Him so that everyday, and using every circumstance, I am always being changed from glory into glory. Thank you that Your plan is perfect because You are always faithful to Your Son in me.

I live surrounded by the Three, filled by the Beloved, and inspired by the Holy Spirit. I choose to enjoy this day in Your gracious, joyful company.

In Jesus name,

Amen

So... how is God with us when negativity threatens to overwhelm us? The wisest action is to remain in Christ and be still in His peace. That means you never forget that Christ is in you and you are in Him. Together, you have a oneness and a unity that is unbeatable. It is the new covenant version of an old covenant practice found in Proverbs 18:10.

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runs into it and is safe!”

That is such a powerful visual image. The name of the Lord is Christ, run into Him. That is the new covenant vision of abiding. To stay, dwell and remain in Him as your safe place.

I like the Passion version of Proverbs 18:10: “The character of God is a tower of strength, for the lovers of God delight to

run into His heart and be exalted on high.”

I love the fact that God does not reveal a “potential” new you. He reveals the truth about you as He sees you in Jesus. So that, you may know the truth about yourself and be free in Jesus.

In the death and resurrection of Jesus...God did not redeem a compromised replica of you; He rescued the original blueprint; you in His primary purpose of Genesis 1:26. He rescued the you He always intended you to be!

You are being made into His radiant likeness. When you focus on changing the old man by yourself you will always be disappointed, fearful and downcast. It is an exercise in futility, which God will not bless.

This is not a do-it-yourself project. God, in Christ, saved you and redeems your life from destruction. You are saved once and get redeemed all day, everyday, in all your life situations. Mistakes are common in the practice of learning. But God has a very specific training program that empowers you to receive His loving kindness at every stage of your growth into Christ.

What you need to understand here is the quality and power of the mercy that is always available to you, in Christ.

KEY #2

Mercy is God’s loving kindness in constant action.

Grace is, “the empowering presence of God that enables us to become the

people that God sees when He looks at us!" Grace partners with truth; the gift of righteousness; the peace of God that overcomes, and the unending mercy of God towards us!

Grace is so powerful it has its own throne.

Hebrews 4:16

"Therefore, let us draw near with confidences to the throne of grace so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Mercy is a loving, kind, gentle, compassionate disposition, which empowers people at their weakest point. It means that God forgives and deals kindly with us through blessing, restoration, renewal and favor.

He is tenderhearted, gracious and generous. We can approach Him with confidence because we are accepted in Jesus. I love the idea that we can obtain mercy as an integral element of redemption.

We are all facing a lifetime of wonderful encounters with God's nature as we learn, with Him, to develop a lifestyle that is rooted in His primary purpose. We are established in this process because God's nature rules all our circumstances.

"Your mercy and your truth have married each other. Your righteousness and peace have kissed. Psalm 85:10 (Passion Translation).

He wants us to know at the start of any difficulty, opposition and warfare that we have already received mercy, grace, favor and all the beauty of who God is for us in His beloved Son. This is the most

powerful expression of fullness that we can possibly imagine.

To live in trust and expectation of His unchanging presence is refreshing, renewing and invigorating. David said in Psalm 27:13, "I would have despaired unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!"

My own scriptural version of that is Psalm 73:28:

"The nearness of my God is my good. I have made the Lord God my refuge. So that, I may tell of all Your works."

This verse is also my place of abiding and my first prayer of the day! It is so good to live simply with God. To learn the art of walking gently holding the hand of greatness.

It is important that you love the learning as you partner with the One who knows you best and loves you most.

We live in a world that guarantees a variety of troubling situations, difficult people, threats, opposition and the like.

The Kingdom is a realm that we belong to now in Jesus, and God empowers us to practice that lifestyle into a full assurance of understanding exactly what prime engagement means in Him, through Him and to Him.

Any teaching that leaves you with a sense of lack and imperfection rather than completeness is a distraction from the Truth. The Truth is always about freedom.

Don't allow anyone to bring a restriction to your freedom by reviving religious rules as necessary laws that govern

behavior. In Christ, your identity in Him is the major key to transformation. Christ alone is your ruling power in life. That means that He also rules in your times of failure and weakness.

Grace plus mercy are always available to release, strengthen and empower you to stand in Jesus alone. This has been my crafted prayer throughout my process of learning to abide in God:

Father,

What a beautiful gift when grace and mercy connect in my life situation. Thank you that You are always true to who Jesus is in me. You love me as You love Him.

Thank you for mercy and grace that give me confidence in Your kind intentions towards me. Instead of being unbelieving about Your goodness and being anxious and negative about myself...I choose to look at You! The One who loves me with a full heart.

I relax in Your grace. I receive Your mercy and it lifts me up to know that You remain...kind, loving, gentle and compassionate towards me.

I am determined to become like You. You are determined to make me in Your image. That means, I am Your beloved partner in all my areas of change. Your beautiful heart fills me with gratitude. I find rest and comfort in Your unchanging life.

I stand before You. Forgiven, clean and refreshed by Your great love.

Amen.”

Beloved, this whole message is about what God wants to be for you now! He loves your process of change!

Spend lots of time here. This is a message you need to return to constantly. In Christ, this is your cornerstone of learning. All of our life is in God's love for Jesus in us! Anything less than His reality is simply not good enough, because it is not true enough.

Only the truth of how God sees us in Christ can set us free! It is love that leads our heart, renews our mind and restores our heart.

We have received the abundance of grace plus the gift of righteousness so that we can reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:17)

The wisdom of God creates our vision giving us a true perspective of our reality in Him.

All that you are and will become is built on these powerful truths. Freedom is built on this revelation. This is where you become convinced, confident and intentional in your response.

Every verse in this message becomes your personal promise from the Three. Every promise here is your reality of life in Him. Every scripture promise here can be used as part of any prayer of any act of rejoicing, praise and thanksgiving.

When you are satisfied that your prayer or psalm of rejoicing is impacting your trust and also blessing the Lord, then write it down in your devotional book.

Everything in this message has taken root within me. It is a constant "go to"

devotional place of abiding. Every promise is lived in, with Him. Over time, it has released a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus.

All of us are going to develop over time and use life events; good or bad, using opposition to grow, seeing the beauty of God in horrible circumstances...life constantly grows in us because of the Three who partner with us.

This is what I have discovered about Jesus on the journey of being made in His image and according to His likeness.

What is Jesus like?

This is the Christ that I am personally encountering:

- He has an immense, immeasurable and eternal compassion.
- He is scandalously forgiving. His mercy burns as it destroys shame.
- He has unbounded patience, unending goodness.
- His love is so compelling...it heals us! It strips away all our pretense and restores us to happiness.
- His grace is so incredible that we are empowered to feel good about ourselves...whilst we are in the process of becoming more Christlike.
- His mercy is His total favor given gladly to our struggling heart.
- He is the kindest person I have ever known.

- His goodness is so outrageous and shocking...it is actually disreputable to the religious, legalistic mindset.
- He is the happiest person I know. He has the sunniest disposition.
- He is enthusiastically fervent in His pursuit of us.
- He is amazingly humble and gentle, but also a powerful Warrior King who loves to fight, and who laughs at His enemies.
- He has a fabulous servant spirit needing no title, status or position as a man...but joyfully set an example of simple, heartwarming servanthood.
- His love is enthralling. It captivates and commands us to be full of loving kindness.
- His love is designed to overwhelm all things...especially fear, shame and low self-esteem.
- He loves being trusted. He is delighted and astonished when we use our faith.
- He will never keep a record of our sins and failings, and asks us not to do that either.
- He has mercy that can never be properly understood or articulated...just experienced! The only way we can explain mercy is by being merciful ourselves!

- Jesus, our Redeemer, gives us value in the eyes of the Father.
- He sees and speaks to our potential in Jesus. He both protects us and releases us to fulfill all that He wants us to see and know about ourselves.

These are my truths that guide my spirit in any circumstance. They are my “go to” position when I am under attack or pressure. This is a part of my “pick a truth and be true to it today.” For just one day!

They contain wisdom, presence and perspective. I navigate circumstances using truths that have a home in me and therefore shape my expectation in the Three.

Everything spoken today is available in the transcript attached to this episode.

ASSIGNMENT

- Your assignment is to see every scriptural promise as currency that can be spent on yourself, on your current life situation, and on people around you...whether they like you or not.
- Your assignment is not to be distracted from the reality of these truths.
- Do not run through this teaching, mentally in your head.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to redevelop the inner man of your heart with Jesus.

- Your assignment is to be loved by God and to return love to Him through praise and rejoicing.
- All your negative thoughts about yourself, plus your unbelief about God's true nature towards you, will come under attack from beautiful, relentless love.
- Do not defend human nature!
- Your old man feelings have nothing to do with your journey.
- The new man has access to all the emotional beauty and power that you need in order to become like Him.
- Your assignment is to become peaceful, restful and confident in the Three.
- Enjoy the "change for the best" process and practice smiling.

It may take you longer than a month for you to process this into a practice. That is fine. There is no rush! Slow learning is always brilliant!

As always...thanks for listening!