

REGENERATE VOLUME 6

“Turning a Setback Into a Comeback”

Hello, welcome to Regenerate episode six!

Today we are looking at turning a *setback* into a *comeback*. Everything we say is recorded below. No need to write ANYTHING while watching your first time! Just listen with your heart and allow Holy Spirit to connect with you!

There are things we can learn and steps we can take that will empower us to stay in Christ and learn His ways. As we are learning to live life in Jesus, from the Kingdom and not the world, we begin our responses from the place of being in Christ. We are not on our own. We have no lack because Jesus is our Fullness of Life and Favor.

The extremes of life in the world are often centered around opposition, persecution, and negativity in people and circumstances.

“In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

When we have no firm root in our fellowship with Jesus then we have no permanent response in the extremes of life. We live a yo-yo existence when we could enjoy life on a very different footing.

As the parable of the sower so eloquently teaches, *“when affliction comes we immediately fall away!”* (Matthew 13:21).

In another parable Jesus expressed our need to build our spiritual house upon the Rock of His Fellowship with us. Failure to do that produces a life that cannot stand the test of adversity (Matt 7: 24-27).

It is about the process of living in Him and from Him that keeps us open to His heart regardless of life issues and events. We discuss the major keys in this process in this episode.

- Graham

Message

KEY #1

Make it about Him before you make it about you!

If you make it about you first, you are more likely to be looking at your own weakness, inability and lack.

The Truth that sets you free in the Kingdom is that the key starting place must be in exploring who God wants to be for you in any particular situation. How He sees your life situation provides you with His stance in your circumstance.

That initial place to stand is so important for both your heart and your mind. Jesus lives in your heart. The heart represents the inner place where Christ and your new man abide together in relationship and fellowship.

God does not cause any of our life issues but He does absolutely know how to take advantage of them as He develops His fellowship with us in Christ.

There is an empowering partnership of Grace plus Truth that reveals Jesus and enables us to grow in Trust, Faith and Favor. It is the art of growing up into Christ in all things. Ephesians 4:15.

This is where our mindset is so vital. *"A mindset on the flesh [old man] is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace."* (Romans 8:6)

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The ground that Jesus takes in our inner man of the heart becomes the mindset of the Spirit in our thinking and remembering. The gains of the heart are stored up in the mind and empower us to remember and repeat the Truth of what Jesus is doing in us! (John 14:26)

We learn to overcome in the repetition of what we know to be true. When we act from process in the Holy Spirit we are living from His fellowship with us. So there is no need to learn the lesson again, because you know the process and the outcome.

This is where Paul said, "I know Whom I have believed and I am fully persuaded that God is able to keep what I have entrusted to Him!" (2 Timothy 1:12)

This is how we are made into His image and according to His Likeness. (Genesis 1:26)

To become like God is to experience joy in the tensions and peace in the difficulties of life so that Christ is all in all... in us! Our eventual goal is to come to a place in Jesus where comebacks are not required because we are living in His fullness.

Abiding in the Lord is where we practice the Presence of God in all our life situations so that we are fully engaged with God. This is called, "Giving God the preeminence," (Colossians 1:18). Make Him your head in everything.

Let your heart and mind be ruled by His love, grace, and kindness. Show love and kindness to yourself as an expression of your trust in God's affection for you. Make every life situation about Him first. Make your learning about His Nature towards you as a priority so you can discover how to respond to Him properly.

Let your heart rejoice in His Nature towards you, so that when you pray with Him, you do so as the Beloved.

I must tell you this story!

I was working from home as I was writing this script. My wife Theresa was visiting family in Sacramento. I was literally writing about our need to make God preeminent in our hearts when I got a text from Theresa, asking me to put our empty water bottles outside our condo for collection.

As I was putting the bottles out, I had forgotten to latch the door and it swung shut locking me out. So here I am; no keys, no phone, no wallet, and my wife several hundred miles away.

Fortunately, Jenny, our office manager, personal assistant and friend, has a spare set of keys.

I'm walking to the office and I am annoyed with myself. Suddenly I'm thinking, "C'mon Graham. make this about Jesus, not about you!"

So I start to thank Him for His presence and I had this great thought... "Graham,

you can be locked out of your house, but you are never locked out of Mine!"

Ephesians 2:19 rose up from my spirit into my conscious mind.

"You are no longer strangers and aliens but you are fellow citizens and one of God's household!"

In the office, I collected the spare keys as I told Jenny and Michael, our community manager, what had happened. Jenny always gets shiny eyes (like Theresa) when she hears the truth, and wants to celebrate.

Michael either ends up on the floor with his forehead on the ground, or walks around in tears, or laughing or exclaiming aloud to the Lord.

We love to celebrate!

Making it about Jesus and not yourself is actually an act of celebration regarding your trust in God's Nature. What happened in this particular situation here was what The Holy Spirit is always doing!

He gives us a moment with God in our life situation. This is a key opportunity to experience God. It is the starting point in the process of turning a setback into a comeback; or an upgrade; or an elevation in Jesus.

KEY #2***Always recognize your moment with God!***

At this critical moment your circumstances are a secondary focus. Jesus must become the primary focus of your attention. It is highly probable that only He can help you. You simply must enjoy paying attention to God's Nature.

You will need an encounter with Love, Grace, and with Goodness and kindness, at the very least. This is important because only the Nature of God can empower you to form trust.

So often, in the last forty years of ministry, I have seen people who believe that God can do powerful things... but they let themselves down because they don't know if He will do it *for them!*

That is a Trust issue!

People, especially those who live in a sin-conscious culture, can often have an unbelief about God's loving kindness towards them. They don't feel they are good enough, worthy enough or have enough faith to believe in who God is in Himself. Make it about Him first, then make it about you - IN HIM.

The issue is almost always one of Trust in the Lord. Christ in you, gives you favor in God. You in Christ, receive everything as a gift from God's Nature. God loves you in the same way He loves Jesus!

That was the crafted prayer of Jesus, which John wrote down in John 17:20-26. I use this as my crafted prayer of response to God, so that I identify in Jesus with the spirit.

v20 *"I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day, believe in Me through their message,*

v21 *I pray for them all to be joined together as one. Even as You and I, Father, are joined together as One; I pray for them to become one with Us, so that the world will recognize that You sent Me.*

v22 *For the very glory that You have given to Me I have given to them, so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy.*

v23 *You live fully in Me. And now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and the world will be convinced that You have sent Me; for they will see that You love each one of them with the same passionate love that You have for Me.*

v24 *Father, I ask that you show everyone You have given to Me, to reign at Our side...for I want them to be where I am! Then they will see My full glory, the very splendor You have placed upon Me because You have loved Me, even before the beginning of time.*

v25 *You are My righteous Father, but the unbelieving world has never known You in the perfect way that I know You. And all those who believe in Me, also know that You have sent Me!*

v26 *I have given them the revelation of who You are. And I will continue to make you even more real to them. So that, they*

may experience the same endless love that You have for Me; for your love will now live in them, even as I live in them!"

Amen!

Read this prayer silently and let your heart dwell on its meaning for you.

Read it aloud slowly and savor every word in your heart.

Then read it out loud to the Father, just as Jesus did. What impact does it have in you?

This is referred to as the great unanswered prayer of Jesus. The reason it is unanswered for many people is that they do not pray it to God themselves. Christ is still praying this prayer for you, because He ever lives to make intercession for you. (Hebrews 7:25)

The Holy Spirit also intercedes for us. When we do not know how or what to pray, we ask the Holy Spirit who helps us in our weakness. (Romans 8:26)

Using John 17: 20-26, this is my crafted prayer for myself in times of weakness, stress and difficulty:

CRAFTED PRAYER:

"Father, I thank you that the Presence of Jesus in me empowers me to be One with You!"

I can encounter and experience the same unity that You have with Your Beloved Son and also with The Holy Spirit... who is my Spirit of Truth and My Helper/Comforter.

You all... Three in One... live fully in me and I am learning to be fully alive in You. Thank you that at all times, You love me with the same passion that You love one Another!

This day, regardless of events or how I feel about myself, I know that Christ in me is my blessing, my permission, my promise and my favor because I have the same favor with You that He has always enjoyed since the very beginning.

I am so grateful to be included with Him always, as I learn about His identity in me and mine in Him. Today I choose to focus on, and believe in, that same love in me that You have for Jesus. Thank you for including me in your heart towards Him. I am astonished and grateful.

I know that Jesus paid the price for me to be fully loved and one with You. He deserves for that to happen because in all things, as my Savior and Lord, He is Redeeming my life from destruction. I rest in the unchanging and unfailing love of God in, and through, Jesus the Beloved.

Amen!

I love praying that prayer with God, not just towards Him. It is my threefold cord with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It is an

unbreakable Oneness that empowers my fellowship with God. We cannot walk with God fully if we are not in agreement with Him. (Amos 3:3)

This is my prayer of agreement with God's purpose for me in Christ. Always recognize when God gives you a singular moment to pause, regroup and focus on who He is for You... TODAY!

These moments seldom come at an opportune time. They often arrive in conflict, weakness, pressure, inadequacy and insufficiency. In other words, they are beautifully timed for you because of His love for you!

Mostly, we have needs because of an absence of tangible Presence.... or because The Lord wants to elevate our next encounter with Him.

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

We are learning to see that all our life issues belong to the Redeemer, Who lives in us.

It is His goodness and kindness that leads me to a change of heart and focus. Often we see our deficits as an obstacle to walking with God.

This is the legalistic, religious nonsense that separates us from God when we need Him the most. He will not abandon us. It will never be true of Him. He

practices unchanging and unfailing love that actually begins when you were a sinner and hopelessly lost from Him. (Romans 5:8-10)

If you can be redeemed in that awful moment when you had nothing to offer, how much more are you saved by His Life in you? Mercy redeemed us at the start of our relationship and continues all the way through into fullness of Truth. Our problem can be that we live a lifestyle that produces pressure rather than one that creates peace.

(John 10:33 - John 14:27)

When we do not pay attention to the life of Jesus in us, then we habitually default to a negative.

RECOGNIZE YOUR MOMENT AND STEP INTO GOD'S ENJOYMENT OF IT!

"These things I have spoken to you SO THAT My Joy may be in you AND THAT your Joy may be made full." (John 15:11)

Those of you who have been around BTV for a while, will notice that I tend to use the same scriptures and promises over and over. That is because they are a solid part of my relationship and fellowship with The Three. Keys can, and should, be used hundreds and thousands of times because they always work!

Enjoy the moment of discovery with God. Love the learning with The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation. Your moment

can be spoiled by the way you approach God.

Approach Him in fear, anxiety or unbelief and those negatives will talk you out of what God wants for you. *"Anyone who wants to approach God must believe that He is and that He cares enough to respond to those who seek Him!"* (Hebrews 11:6) The Message Bible.

My #1 Truth here is John 4:17, *"As He is so am I in this world."* It creates a big focus in me. It is a large rock that I can stand on. It is an immediate orientation into God's unchanging self.

If the Truth has not set you free then either it is not the truth, or it is because you did not focus your attention on what God was saying.

NO PROBLEM!

Just take a moment to pause with God and regroup with Him. Life is an endless series of moments where we can make a simple adjustment of trust. Take hold of your moment, and the promise of provision that comes with it.

These two keys are vital in every circumstance:

1. MAKE IT ABOUT JESUS FIRST.
2. ALWAYS RECOGNIZE YOUR MOMENT WITH GOD.

If you practice these two keys relentlessly for this next month your focus will be

bright and powerful. Remember, you can not lose your focus. These keys are like your house and your car key; they need to be on you at all times.

If you want to live in the Nature of God you need to pay attention to what He is really, really like!

Because He is making you into that same image and likeness. (Gen 1:26)

He will use every single life issue, good, bad or ugly to train you in His true nature. Love the learning. Enjoy His Process. Always practice truth into a heart change. Don't just learn something mentally. In the Kingdom, Truth is always a heart encounter.

Jesus has compassion for you in those places that are especially difficult. He remembers vividly what it is like to be a human. He has not forgotten what it's like to be exhausted, persecuted, misunderstood, or to have your friends disappear just when you needed them most.

Instead of endorsing your negativity, your complaining or pessimism, He comes to stand with you and rises up inside of you to say: *"This is who I will be for you in this moment. And, this is who you can become next because of Me."*

The Lord is walking with you so that you can learn His ways. How He sees, thinks, feels and responds about everything... including you! He is wonderfully unchanging. This is my personal anchor

in my relationship and fellowship with the Three.

His True Nature is the constant in your life. You can set the inner compass of your heart on His loving kindness.

He is your True North.
He will never lie.
He will never fail you.
He will not abandon you.

He will always be True to Jesus in you!

This is what I adore about Him. In every encounter I meet His unchanging self. Regardless of how well or badly I am doing, He remains true to Himself. It is therefore His Nature towards us that develops the consistency in our life and walk in Him.

Every life situation is therefore an opportunity for a new experience with who God is for you and in you. Christ in you is always your greatest expectation. Our Life in Jesus is made gloriously simple. We are being made in God's image, according to His likeness.

As we learn the process of abiding in His love all things can become possible.

God is passionate about your freedom...

He paid a huge price to set you free from a life that is subject to circumstantial chaos. You are in the process now of learning how to be consistent and resilient in Him. We are practicing with God the wonder of divine reflection.

As I learn His brilliant perspectives about me, I can feel my heart being thrilled by His language.

Language is vital. At least have the language of a believer... not the opposite. Language always wins!

If your language about yourself is negative it will win you over into practicing a defeat. When your language about yourself emanates out of God's perspective of you in Jesus, then you are free to grow and change as you adapt to His Identity in you.

This is the foundation of becoming resilient in Him. It empowers you to withstand the shock of the unexpected. Resiliency is the capacity in Jesus to recover quickly on the days when you discover that you are not as mature in the Lord as you thought you were. It is the freedom to recognize who God will be for you, to you, and in you.

Then you can reposition yourself to stand in the person that you have always been as a new creation in Christ, in the Father's heart. The key truths to developing resilience are:

1. Make it about Him, so that He can make it about you.
2. Recognize your moment with God.. RIGHT Now!

Don't wait. Don't waste time on your negativity.

SO THIS IS HOW WE USE THESE KEYS!

Everything with God is personal. He reveals His own Nature so that we feel safe and secure in His Love.... learn that! Trusting who He is for you is vitally important.

Take this moment to celebrate who He is in Himself. My constant celebration is that He is Unchanging and always The same! I adore this truth. I choose to both live in it and to live from it because then I always know where I am with God because He does not change.

Malachi 3:06 and Hebrews 13:8 are my Truth to stand in, walk out and live by, in Jesus. These two verses are part of my "pick a truth and be true to it for a day!"

You can only live one day at a time. I live between these two verses every day! This is where I practice being a first responder. Choose a Truth about God's true self that becomes the rock on which you stand, all day every day, regardless of circumstances. It is so great to have a promise about God's Nature towards you!

It becomes that special, specific Truth that anchors you in God's promise for you.

N.B. WRITE A CRAFTED PSALM OF THANKSGIVING AROUND IT.

THIS IS MINE:

CRAFTED PSALM

Father, I rejoice that you are unchanging and consistent. You are always my savior and redeemer.

You put me in Jesus so that you could love me in the same way that you love Him. I rejoice that you are with me and for me. I am thankful that your heart is fixed on me O' God. So that my heart can become fixed on you!

Your love is permanent and eternal. Your love is perpetual and unfailing towards me. You are always the same. All the days of my past are under the blood of Jesus and no longer speak to me of failure.

All my tomorrows are in your hands... so I choose to relax in your peace and goodness. I am not devastated, exhausted, overwhelmed or crushed by people or circumstances. I am a new creation living new and fresh today in your consistent fellowship. I choose to be present to this moment in you!

No one loves me like you. I am thankful that you always see me in Jesus. You know me in the Spirit. You are creating me in Your image, according to Your likeness. I choose to rest and relax in the affection of your unfailing love.

AMEN.

You can use this psalm of thanksgiving and rejoicing until you write one that is more personal for you in Christ.

NEXT... THIS IS MY CRAFTED PRAYER!

It is based on three wonderful promises that God has given to me. They have become both my refuge and my fortress against all opposition.

- Psalm 73: 28
- Jeremiah 31:3
- Romans 8:35-39

CRAFTED PRAYER

Father, I want to live in You, close to You all day, everyday! I want to know Your goodness and kindness in my circumstances.

I love to rest in your nearness. You are in me, with me and for me! Where my life is difficult...I choose You as my refuge. I want to face adversity by choosing to live today under Your smile.

My testimony today is that You are near to me and I am dear to You. Your love is Beautiful, Powerful and Wonderful to me, in Jesus. You love me as you love Him! I have Your presence that can never be taken away.

There is nothing that this world can throw at me that will ever rob me of Your unchanging, unfailing love.

I AM IN JESUS AND HE LIVES IN ME!

Today this is where I sit, walk and stand. Nothing can separate me from Your loving kindness; Your truth, Your power on my behalf, I am utterly convinced by Your identity in Christ, in me. I choose that Presence as my reality today.

You have Chosen me so that in turn I may choose you. I choose Your nature as my own. I choose to trust in Your righteousness towards me. You never lie! You are my way, my Truth and my Life.

Today, while it is still called today, I revel in Your heart for me. I soften my heart in your love.

I choose Your love above all else, I am happy in you. In Jesus I cannot worry, be anxious or be fearful. I am not intimidated, overcome or distressed.

The nearness of my God is my good. I love all that You are for me.

Amen.

I love this prayer in its entirety. I can take my time to pray it slowly and strongly, so that my trust in God rises as I engage with Him. I can also choose to pray a particular segment of it to fit whatever situation I am facing in Him, with Him.

This prayer is a catalyst for joyful focus in who God is for me. The world can be a place of limitation, pain, opposition and negativity in all its forms. This is why

living in, and from, the Kingdom is vital because you can block out what is not useful and opt into what is powerful.

Practicing the joy and peace in believing is an essential part of learning to be alive to God. I speak this prayer out loud very deliberately, knowing that it will draw me into God's reality, and therefore, it will prepare me to face the day properly.

It is good to pray with God rather than just towards Him. I write crafted prayers that The Three will agree with because they empowered the writing!

Remember also to love the learning involved in every situation. To do that, you must become fascinated by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who they are for you, and what They will do for you!

Any focus on a negative will rob you of Their Presence. Joyful focus is everything.

The final part of this episode is the prophetic word. I love prophecy and how God uses it to inspire His people by declaring His love and His purpose for them.

Prophecy is the revealed will of God that declares His intention.

He provides promises to His people. Promises are part of His word of Honor.

They are the currency of Heaven that must be spent on our life circumstances.

We don't save up our promises for a rainy day. We use them repeatedly.

We receive the power they have to energize our trust and faith in the Lord. So are you ready? Listen with your heart. No need to take notes.

The transcript is available in your notes, along with everything else in this episode.

PROPHETIC WORD

Beloved,

Being alive to Me in everything is the only way to walk with Me effectively. I love your life as I love My Own.

Making you in My image is not a chore to Me, it is a blessing.

I love Jesus in you therefore, I love you in Jesus also. I love the new man focus.

Your old nature died on the cross in Jesus. Because of His sacrifice for sin, there is no longer a requirement for Me to focus on the old you.

Therefore, all My dealings with you are about your true nature in Christ.

Those who recognize that they are dead to sin are most alive to the new creation in me.

Dead people do not struggle. They rest in peace.

When you allow your old man to have a voice, you can only hear the lie not the truth that sets you free.

In all things you must challenge the old with the new man in Jesus. Which self is talking... old man or new man?

This is why we gave you a Helper. He is the spirit of Truth, Who will lead you into a deeper fellowship with your true identity in Jesus.

Being alive to God means that all your focus is towards Me in all your life situations.

I will empower the new, true. real new man that is Christ in you!

In everything we do, we are giving you a new lens by which you can view yourself in Jesus.

We have a unique perspective about everything we are creating in you and through you.

We rule from Heaven to earth, therefore giving you a higher perspective is a crucial part of your fellowship with us. A Kingdom outlook means that you are not earthbound in your thinking or language.

Our perspective, truth and faith offer an entirely different way of seeing and thinking, speaking and acting.

This is Our way, using Our Truth to create Our life in you.

This is how we address all areas of life to give you a constant upgrade in your walk with us.

We love to teach you how to live in relationship with us and how to walk in Our fellowship with one another in you.

This new lens in Jesus creates wholeness in you because you are learning only to see yourself in Christ.

That new perspective of yourself will change everything about your new life. A new lens means new thinking, focus, and language.

This will give you a new frame of reference from inside the Kingdom within you, not from the world around you.

When I declare how I see you, Beloved; I am asking you to look more closely at who you are becoming next.

I see you in ways that will magnify your experience of Me in your life.

When you connect with My perspective, you will cease to call Me down into your weakness.

Instead you will experience Me inviting you into the identity of Jesus so that you become a partaker of His nature and power.

I will constantly upgrade that lens and therefore renew your thinking and

language into a new place of life in the spirit.

Beloved, I make all things new on a regular basis.

Abide in Me and I will teach you to walk in Me and then how to run with purpose.

It is the process that makes you rich, I have so much to give you.

Learning My ways empowers you to constantly receive.

What I love when you believe my heart and My plan for you...

...is that the implications for Me are so awesome and powerful on your behalf.

It means I must always respond to who you are becoming. I must uphold your believing. I must follow through on all My words!

This partnership is so beautiful to Me, because I get to see who you can become...

I get to connect with you in real power. I become the architect of all your places of Breakthrough.

The starting place, Beloved, is about you learning to be Alive to Me and therefore to all My possibilities.... for you!

We are putting our DNA into you, so that you become a completely different person than you have ever been!

This is exciting for us and incredible for you.

I love your process. It is where you and I become one with purpose.

*I long to teach you fullness and abundance. I love using all your life situations as your training ground.
I love to teach you how to walk with Me.*

I cherish those moments when you open your heart to Me as you learn to trust Me fully.

My affection for you is Huge! I treasure the lens by which you will learn to see Me, My Kingdom, and your place in it.

Amen

Thank you Lord, for your passion for us! Empower us to use this episode to begin to walk with you simply and powerfully.

Today we begin the process of making everything about you first and also recognizing the moment that you are creating for us to know You.

I love to break down this prophecy into segments, so that I can think about what God is speaking into me, and over me.

I use each segment as a point of conversation with God so that I can learn and grow in Him more effectively.

This prophecy is part of your assignment in Him. There are many keys, promises and provisions here for you to find and enjoy.

Lots of good opportunities to learn something powerful in this next month so that your life is regenerated in Jesus.

Thanks for listening!

- *Graham*