

## REDEMPTION & RESTORATION

### (THE BOY AND HIS BOAT)

#### Story (Parable)

Once upon a time - boy – lived next to stream – loved boats. - Wanted to make a boat. One day - carved - a beautiful little boat - mast with sails, painted it white & blue - windows in it. His most prized possession – loved the little boat – Played with it every day in the stream.

One day – after lots of rain - river higher than usual - boat was lost down the stream. Boy grieved – very sad – lost his most valuable possession – longed to have his boat back. Everyday he went searching for the little boat.

Some weeks later - went to town - saw his boat in a window of a shop. Damaged, dinged up and scratched. Went to the shop owner – “You have found my boat” - “No, I bought it from someone who passed by.” - “Can I have it back?” - “You can have it, if you pay for it. You have to buy it back” – price is R100”

R100 was a big price to pay – he never had so much money. “How can I get R100 to buy back my boat?” “I made the boat, now I have to buy it back.”

Did chores – washed cars, worked in gardens, sold fish he caught - saved up money - till he had R100. Went to the store - Bought back his boat – Joy & celebrated.

Looked at his boat, saw that it was damaged - paint had come off, mast was broken, sails was torn and dirty. Repainted it, repaired the mast and sail. Restored it to new.

Now the boy loved the boat even more. It brought him much joy.

- Made the boat.
- The boat was lost.
- Found the boat,
- Bought it back,
- Restored it like new.

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In the same way: That the boy built his boat....

#### YOU ARE GOD’S CREATION - GOD MADE YOU

- He is the Creator. He made everything. He also created you.
- You were created in the image of God, and He said it was very good (Gen 1 v 27, 31)
- He knit you together in your mothers’ womb. Fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps 139 v 13, 14)

#### WHY WERE YOU CREATED?

- You were created by Him, and for Him (Col 1 v 16)



**Eph 1 v 4:** ....He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be (1) **holy and without blame before Him** in love, <sup>5</sup> having predestined us to (2) **adoption as sons** by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,....

- 1) OUR LIVES SHOULD BE AN ACT OF WORSHIP
  - You were created for His glory (Isaiah 43 v 7)
- 2) TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS

**Hebrews 8 v 10 – a new covenant with Israel:** .... I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and **I will be their God, and they shall be My people.** 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for **all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

### **GOD LOVES YOU & WANT A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU**

- God is Love (1 John 4 v 8)

**Jeremiah 31 v 3:** The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, **I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.**

**1 John 4 v 9:** In this the **love of God** was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that **He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**John 15 v 9:** "As the Father loved Me, **I also have loved you**; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> **Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

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In the same way: That the boy's boat was lost....

### **WE BECAME LOST / SOME IS LOST EVEN NOW....**

- Sin is like the river that took the boat away. Sin separates us from God, and damages us.

**Isaiah 59 v 2:** But **your iniquities have separated you from your God**; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you,

**We have all sinned and fallen short of the Glory (standards) of God (Rom 3 v 23)**

- No one: Righteous, who seeks after God, who does good, fears God (Rom 3 v 10 – 18)
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1 v 8)
- We are all guilty before God (Romans 3 v 19)

**Wages (Payment) for sin is death (Rom 6 v 23)**



**1 Cor 6 v 9:** Do you not know that the **unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

**Galatians 5 v 19:** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

### **3 REASONS THAT WE SIN (Ephesians 2 v 2)**

- **Our Fleshly desires, the world, and satan**
- We are dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2 v 1)
- Sin, brings forth Death (James 1 v 15)

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**There is good news!!! .....**

In the same way: As the boy found his boat....

### **JESUS SEARCHES FOR US - TILL HE FINDS US**

#### **LUKE 15 - JESUS TELLS 2 PARABLES:**

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and **go after the one which is lost until he finds it?** <sup>5</sup> And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, **rejoicing.** <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘**Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!**’ <sup>7</sup> I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and **search carefully until she finds it?** <sup>9</sup> And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ <sup>10</sup> Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

### **HOW IS JESUS SEARCHING FOR YOU NOW?**

HOLY SPIRIT IS SPEAKING TO YOUR HEART: CONVICTING YOU OF SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGEMENT TO COME. BUT ALSO SHOWING YOU THE LOVE, MERCY AND GRACE OF GOD.

**Romans 2 v 4:** Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that **the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**



## JESUS FINDS US AND BRINGS US TO THE FATHER

**Rom 5 v 8:** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**1 Peter 3 v 18:** .... Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that **He might bring us to God**, ....

**Ephesians 2 v 18:** For through Him (*Jesus*) we ..... have **access** by one Spirit **to the Father**.

**John 14 v 6:** Jesus said..., "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**"

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In the same way: That the boy had to pay a price to buy back his boat....

## WE HAVE REDEMPTION IN JESUS

**Redemption - definition:** the action of regaining or **gaining possession of something in exchange for payment**, or clearing a debt.

## JESUS PAID THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR US.

- The Son of God, Who is also God (John 1 v 1), came to earth as a man (John 1 v 14)
- Born of a virgin woman, conceived by the Holy Spirit of God (Luke 1 v 27, 35)

**Jesus lived a completely sinless live here on earth**

- Went through all the trials, tribulations, and temptation that we go through – never sinned (Hebrews 4 v 15)

**He was the perfect, blameless, holy sacrifice for your sin.**

**Jesus took our sins upon Himself – God punished Him for it.**

**2 Cor 5 v 21:** For He (*God*) made Him (*Jesus*) who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- God punished Jesus on a cross. Poured out His wrath and judgement on Jesus.
- For you and me.

## PAID FOR OUR FREEDOM WITH HIS BLOOD

**The Blood of Jesus – spilled on the cross**

- We have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness of sins**. (Col 1 v 14, Eph 1 v 7)
- Through Jesus we are **reconciled** to Father God, having made **peace** through the blood of His cross. (Col 1 v19)
- The church of God which He **purchased** with His own blood (Acts 20 v 28)
- The blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us from all sin** (1 John 1 v 7)



- having now been **justified** by His blood (Rom 5 v 9)

**Romans 3 v 23:** ....for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being **justified freely** by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus,..... **by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**1 Peter 1 v 18:** ....you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the **precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

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In the same way: That the boy had to restore and fix his boat....

### **JESUS RESTORES US**

#### **1) New Relationship - Nwith the Father**

**Luke 15 – Prodigal son return:** But when he was still a great way off, **his father** saw him and had compassion, and **ran and fell on his neck and kissed him**. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the **best robe** and put *it* on him, and put a **ring on his hand** and **sandals on his feet**. <sup>23</sup> And bring the **fatted calf** here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; <sup>24</sup> for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’

#### **2) New creation**

**2 Corinthians 5 v 17:** <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is* a **new creation**; **old things have passed away**; behold, **all things have become new**. <sup>18</sup> Now all things *are* of God, who has **reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**

#### **3) New destiny - Receive everlasting life**

- **John 6 v 47:** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has **everlasting life**.
- **John 1 v 12:** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to **become children of God**, to those who believe in His name....
- **John 3 v 36:** He who believes in the Son has **everlasting life**; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **you will be saved....**”(Acts 16 v 31)

#### **4) New Identity**

**1 Pet 2 v 9:** But you *are* a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, His own **special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**; <sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have **obtained mercy**.



## 5) New slate - Forgiven

**1 John 1 v 9:** But if we **confess our sins** to him, he is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins** and to **cleanse us from all wickedness**.

**Psalms 103 v 10:** He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. <sup>11</sup>For **his unfailing love toward those who fear him** is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. <sup>12</sup>He has **removed our sins** as far from us as the **east is from the west**.

**Hebrews 8 v 12:** .....their sins and their lawless deeds **I will remember no more.**"


**John 8 v 34:** Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup>And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup>Therefore **if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed**.

## 6) New life

**Gal 2 v 20:** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the **life which I now live** in the flesh I **live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**2 Cor 5 v 15:** He died for all, that those who live should **live no longer for themselves, but for Him** who died for them and rose again.

## 7) New Spirit

**John 7 v 38:** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." <sup>39</sup>But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;....

**Ezekiel 36 v 24:** For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup>**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you**; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>**I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.

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### SUMMARY:

- God made you,
  - You were lost,
  - He found you, (Maybe as I speak now...)
  - He paid the price to buy you back,
  - He will restore you to newness of life.
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## RESPOND

- Salvation (repent, turn to God, Call on His Name)
- Far from God - Return, backslidden (repent, turn to God, Call on His Name)
- Broken, hurt, injured – Restore.
- Thankfulness

**Romans 10 v 9,10,13:** ....if you **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation..... <sup>13</sup>For “**whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”

**1 John 1 v 9:** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Psalms 23:** The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;

AMEN