



**HIS PT. 1 | WHY YOU MATTER | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS**

**Romans 8:1-11**

## **SOMETHING I WROTE 10 YEARS AGO...**

"I challenge the fact that we don't live in the same power that the early Church was founded upon. We don't even begin to comprehend the feeling of persecution breathing down our necks, or even the overwhelming passion of seeing thousands being born again at one meeting. But then again, how could we? With so much constant noise of the consistent burden of life, it's so easy to drown out the sweet and light burden that Jesus commanded us in His great commission.

In our Western culture, we are raised in such a way as to believe that life is to be lived to benefit ourselves. There's so much to worry and think about in the business of our day to day. Our lives are full of trying to create a better life for our children, supporting our spouses (if we have even managed to maintain a healthy marriage), trying to accomplish the goals of our company or organization, achieving an education, or building up a nest egg, all while trying to continue a relationship with the almighty God.

We also have so much to fear in our society. Whether it be the latest disagreement with our political leaders or the latest foreign adherence, life is a constant scare. We live in a world that is fallen. It's hard to send our children to school or even simply walk down the street. There's constantly new illnesses and the latest health craze to focus on. Who has time to focus on a mission pitched over 2,000 years ago?

Imagine what would happen, though, if we began to question what it was that the early New Testament Church had that we have lost. What if we didn't just lose what they had, but we simply became distracted in the whirlwind of life? What if the very thing that could give us peace in our own craziness, that could teach us how to raise our children, that could save our marriage, that could lead us toward success, that which they had? Maybe it's simply based on, not an ancient secret religion, but a real relationship. A relationship that was not based on the benefits, but on who we are in Him. The very thing that doesn't make Him ours, but what makes us His."

**YOU MATTER BECAUSE GOD SAID SO.**

**TRUTH: YOU CANNOT LIVE OUT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY AND PURPOSE IF YOU NEVER SEEK OR SPEND TIME WITH THE CREATOR.**

**ROMANS 8:12-17**

**TODAY I SIMPLY WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHY YOU MATTER.**

**MOST PEOPLE HAVE A POOR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND HIS GRACE AND MERCY, AND THUS THEY USUALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT TO GOD WE HAVE GREAT VALUE.**

**TITUS 3:3-11**

**WHY DID GOD CHOOSE TO WASH US THROUGH JESUS? WHY DID HE CARE SO MUCH? AND WHY DOES IT MATTER IN MY LIFE TODAY?**

## **GENESIS 1:26-31**

ALL THINGS WERE MADE GOOD, BUT MANKIND WAS MADE BOTH GOOD AND **IN HIS IMAGE**.

**HE BLESSED ADAM AND EVE & HE GAVE THEM INSTRUCTIONS:**

- -TO PRODUCE
- -TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY
- -TO GOVERN

GOD'S RULE:

## **GENESIS 2:15-17**

## **GENESIS 3:1-5; 6-8; 21-24**

EVE GIVES INTO THE TEMPTATION, SHE BRINGS SOME TO ADAM, HE GIVES IN AND INSTANTLY THE PURITY AND GOODNESS HAS LEFT THEM... AND THEY TRY TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS...

**GOD IN HIS GRACE DID NOT WANT MANKIND TO SUFFER FOREVER, SO HE DROVE HIM OUT OF THE GARDEN... GOD STILL LOVED HIS CREATION... AND FROM THAT MOMENT ON WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF GOD PURSUING AFTER HIS CREATION... AND THE FINAL ANSWER WAS AND IS JESUS CHRIST.**

**VALUE:** 1. (noun): The importance, worth, or usefulness of something.

2. (noun): The regard that something is held to deserve; the significance or worth of something. (usdictionary.com)

**Value is determined by two things:**

1. What someone is willing to pay for it
2. Who owns it

**Who owns you? And if so, what were they willing to pay for you?**

**Romans 5:6-11**

IT WAS SIN THAT SEPARATED US FROM GOD,

IT WAS OUR CHOICES THAT LED US TO BE SEPARATED AND APART

**ROMANS 3:23**

**TRUTH:** Your value to God is not determined by fleshly accolades nor religious sentiments but by His love displayed through grace and mercy.

**TRUTH:** We have the *ability* to live how we want, to live lost, to destroy our life, but we do not have the RIGHT, because we cannot pay the price to earn eternal life.

**ROMANS 6:20-23**

**I MUST ASK YOU... ARE YOU LIVING FOR YOU? OR FOR GOD?**

**WHAT MUST I DO???**

**1 John 1:9 THAT CONFESSION IS REPENTANCE**