



HIS PT.2 | REDEEMING TIME | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

YOU MATTER BECAUSE GOD SAID SO.

WITH THAT SAID, IT MATTERS HOW WE CHOSE TO LIVE. IT MATTERS IF WE CHOOSE TO LIVE CARNAL, WHICH IS REALLY LIVING LOST, OR IF WE CHOOSE TO PURSUE OUR CREATOR, OUR FATHER, OUR GOD, WHILE TRUSTING IN HIS GRACE AND MERCY.

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

CORE VERSES FOR THE SERIES:

ROMANS 8:12-17

LAST WEEK WE TALKED ABOUT “WHY YOU MATTER”

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 3:23 ; Romans 5:8

A description of life before I was born again, and then after I was born again...

Ephesians 2:1-10

TRUTH: MY SALVATION EXPERIENCE IS NOT THE END OF MY STORY, IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A LIFE BRAND NEW, A LIFE THAT IS ETERNAL AND KINGDOM MINDED! I NOW AM A NEW CREATION, CREATED FOR GOOD WORKS...

TRUTH: THE WORKS ARE TO FULFILL GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION, TO TELL OTHERS THAT THEY TOO CAN RECEIVE SALVATION!

BUT...

THERE'S A PROBLEM THAT MANY OF US IN THE CHURCH IN 2025 EXPERIENCE...

WE CANNOT SEEM TO GET PAST OUR PAST... AND IT STALLS US IN OUR GROWTH...

TRUTH: MANY HAVE PAST WOUNDS THAT ARE LEFT UNHEALED... AND TIME IS TICKING AWAY.

JESUS' WORDS:

JOHN 10:9-11

JESUS CAME, DIED, AND WAS RESURRECTED SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY! THIS DOES NOT MEAN PERFECT! BUT IT MEANS FULL OF PURPOSE!

THE WORD ABUNDANTLY: 4053. Perissos pe-ris-sos' *perissós* (an adjective, derived from [4012](#) /*perí*, "all-around, excess") – properly *all-around*, "more than" ("abundantly"); **beyond what is anticipated, exceeding expectation; "more abundant,"** going past the expected limit ("*more than enough . . .*")

TODAY'S SUBTITLE IS SIMPLY: REDEEMING TIME...

EPHESIANS 5:15-16 NKJV See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

SEE, AS CHRISTIANS, WE ARE NOT CALLED TO SIMPLY "KILL TIME" OR "WASTE TIME" WE ARE CALLED TO **REDEEM TIME...**

OUR TIME ON THE EARTH:

1. It is short, but our eternity is long
2. It matters that we complete our assignment, our purpose, our walk with the Lord

GOD'S PROMISES/PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE:

- different from what you picture
- slower gain than you wanted
- farther/grander than you thought or imagined

HEBREWS 6:13-18

BUT WE DELAY OUR PROMISE & PURPOSE WHEN WE GET STUCK IN OUR PAIN

WHAT IF I'M STUCK AND THE PAIN OF MY PAST STILL HURTS?

TRUTH: TIME DOES NOT HEAL ALL WOUNDS. SOMETIMES IF YOU NEGLECT A WOUND OVER TIME, IT GETS WORSE AND CAN BECOME INFECTED, EVENTUALLY DAMAGING THE REST OF THE BODY..

*****BUT THE HEALING PROCESS REQUIRES GOING BACK TO THAT MOMENT AND FACING IT*****

GOD WANTS TO HEAL US! YES, PHYSICALLY BUT ALSO WITHIN OUR SOUL.

ACTS 1:6-26

For 10 days, the disciples are praying, waiting on the Holy Spirit, and God brings up their past, not to hurt nor shame them, but to turn the past around, redeem what was lost, and heal the hurt!

THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS UP VIA PETER WHAT HAPPENED WITH JUDAS... THE DISCIPLE WHO DENYED JESUS AND SOLD HIM OUT FOR MONEY....

30 PIECES OF SILVER IS ABOUT 1 POUND...

The total dollar value of 1 pound of silver in 2013 would be \$324.60, adding labor... \$340

The son of God, the savior... to Judas was worth less than \$400!

MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT OF JUDAS' DEATH:

MATTHEW 27:3-10

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Judas didn't seek healing or forgiveness; he didn't repent and redeem the time... instead, he took his own life..

Yet here in the upper room, Peter, who also betrayed Jesus, 3 times denied Him, and he is the one God is using to bring up the past hurt and heal from the pain and declare restoration through a new apostle!

MATTHEW 26:69-75 And he will be the one in Acts 2 after the coming of the Holy Spirit to preach the first sermon of the New Testament church, Jesus' church, in which we are a part of today. Peter redeemed time. He embraced the forgiveness found in Christ's grace.

Both Peter and Judas felt bad and guilty, but one repented and gave it to God, the other went mad and took things into his own hands, and tragically ended his own life.

Ways to be healed from the past and redeem the time:

1. **Get honest with God** Peter straight up brings the hurt out in the open...
2. **Get real with God** Peter speaks on the reality of what happened, he doesn't gloss over the details.
3. **Invite people into the process** When Peter brings it up, he calls out to all the "brothers" in the room!
4. **Read the Word** Peter points back to the Word of the prophets
5. **Forgive** **Matthew 6:14-15** Peter doesn't talk poorly of Judas, just straight facts...
6. **Testify and find purpose.** Peter and the others find restoration in Mathias; they are ready to receive the Spirit, and great things are on the way from their testimony of Jesus!

REALITY CHECK: God does not create suffering, but if we allow him, he uses it for a purpose.

TRUTH: Hurt people hurt people, but healed people help share Jesus with others that they may also be healed!

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To redeem something means to buy it back, to regain possession of it.

When God says we should be “redeeming the time,” He wants us to live in constant awareness of that ticking clock and make the most of the time we have.

Ephesians 5:15-20 NIV

THAT HURT BECOMES A TESTIMONY, THAT PAIN BECOMES PURPOSE...

“REJECT THE IDENTITY OF A VICTIM... EMBRACE BEING A VICTOR BEFORE YOUR PAST TURNS YOU INTO A VILLAIN DUE TO BITTERNESS & YOU HURT SOMEONE ELSE!”

-Pastor Ryan Roberts

IT'S TIME!