

EXPLOSIVE PRACTICALITY

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

FIRE TRIANGLE: Heat, fuel, and oxygen

GRACE TRIANGLE: Identity, Blessing, and Purpose (Genesis 1)

Identity Blessing and Purpose (Genesis 1)

Satan cannot change the character of God, He can not conquer the Word of God, so he attacks our ability to walk out the purpose of God.

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NLT)

Dunamis—Explosive power of God!

Ochuroma—fortified, military stronghold, strong-walled fortress

Fortress or a prison—Prisoner locked by deception.

Operating in the purpose (church) we storm the fortress of Hell.

Operating in shame we are trapped in the prison of Hell.

What does our enemy do?

Shapes your thinking.

You can't trust. Won't succeed. Always broke. Never amount anything. God doesn't care about you. Can't let them know struggles. Reject you.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.- 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NLT)

The knowledge of God is both informative and transformative. It is both the acceptance of Who He is AND the expression of who He is...

Where the character of God meets the nature of man is where the greatest expression of Kingdom occurs.

Repentance calls you from your comfort.

You know your circumstance, you know His character, and when you compare the two, you prefer to face Him than face the blame and shame of your circumstance.

Repentance is the highest level of the expression of God. We prefer to be turned towards Him than towards our current stupidity or circumstance.

We have to know His character to want to see it become an expression of our lives.

Three of Jesus' last interactions before He died.

1. FATHER, FORGIVE THEM
2. MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY?
3. IT IS FINISHED

1. FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

When we know His forgiveness, we are more open to repentance.

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:32-33

Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing...'

Luke 23:34

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PRAYER

JESUS FULFILLED PROPHECY.

...he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:12

We are a prophetic expression of God's character.

JESUS MODELED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER.

This...is how you should pray: 'Our Father...Matthew 6:9

We belong to and have a conversational relationship with the Father.

JESUS REVEALED MAN'S GREATEST NEED.

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28

Forgiveness is the divine incentive for us to desire to be in the presence of God.

Adam, where are you?

...for they don't know: ignorance does not equal innocence.

But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins... Matthew 9:6

The greatest form of obedience is to purvey the character of God for the benefit of others. Its what Jesus did!

WHEN SOMEONE HURTS YOU, PRAY!

1) PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HURT YOU.

...bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:28

- **My prayer for others may or may not change them, but it always changes me.**

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5:43-44

2) PRAY FOR RESTORATION.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil...If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:17-18

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

WHY IS FORGIVING OTHERS SO IMPORTANT?

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14-15

JESUS IS PRAYING FOR YOU!

Christ Jesus...who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34

What is Jesus' prayer for you today?

The prophetic revelation of the character of God needed in the situation you are in today!

