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1. Life is Getting Harder in The World

People in the U.S. are 100 % more unhappy today than they were in 2018. 14% of American adults say they're very happy, down from 31% who said the same in 2018. (Study by the University of Chicago.)

The solution is amazingly simple. Are you suffering from family problems, loneliness, illness, fear, rejection, shame, regret, poverty, disappointment, anxiety, sin or addiction? The goodness of God has the power to relieve you of every bit of this!

Humans were created by God to experience God's goodness directly through Him and through His people. If we do not fellowship with our Creator life gets hard. When we are intimate with God and His people, life gets miraculously better.

God's goodness is one of the primary tools He uses to change our lives for the better. It starts with identifying the problem. So, what is hurting you?

2. This Goodness is For You!

We must believe that God's goodness is for us in order to receive it. God is even merciful and patient with our unbelief. Many of us will need a lot of

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time to develop the trust and courage needed to receive God’s goodness.

Luke 6:35

But **love** your **enemies**, **do good** to them, and **lend to them, expecting nothing** in return. Then **your reward will be great**, and you will be **sons of the Most High**; for **He is kind** to the **ungrateful** and **wicked**.

3. Our Church Vision Is to Spread Goodwill to All Nations

When our mind is renewed by the goodness of God, we will be anointed with goodness to break the strongholds off of the unhappy world! Our church has a vision to spread this good will to all men! To the righteous and the wicked.

Luke 2:14

...the angels said, “**Glory to God** in the highest, and **on earth peace, goodwill toward men!**”

4. We Are the Woman at The Well

Who cannot relate to this woman at the well? This is proof that God is always pursuing sinners with His irresistible acceptance!

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John 4:6-42

Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat by the well. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband;

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in that you spoke truly.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.” And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

The woman then left her waterpot, **went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man** who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

And **many of the Samaritans** of that city **believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified**, “He told me all that I ever did.” So

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when the Samaritans had come to Him, **they urged Him to stay** with them; and **He stayed there two days**. And **many more believed because of His own word**.

Then they said to the woman, “Now **we believe**, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, **the Savior of the world.**”

God found us in our sin. He sent a person as a mercy instrument. None of us deserved it. The circumstances were ugly. They still are sometimes. God uses women at the well to spread good news. Jesus did not reject her for her fornication and multiple divorces.

5. How To Be Changed by Goodness

~ Join the Right Church Family

Healthy Christians lead you to God & they display God's goodness which heals your brokenness. This is the responsibility of a Pastor, to lead you to the goodness of God!

Galatians 5:22

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness...

So be sure to attend Sunday service, your small group, at least one night

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of corporate prayer or soaking, read your Bible daily, show mercy & goodness to others and have a daily quiet time!

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6. We Can Do This! Together!

We have an amazing opportunity to chase God together and encounter His goodness. Be strong and endure the process! We have to do this together. We cannot do it alone. This is our destiny and legacy. There is no nobler cause on earth.

Many are now becoming eager for God's good Kingdom! The Spirit is once again drawing all nations to the Father. Even to the outcasts of Samaria. The Kingdom of God is manifesting the goodness of God right now!

Luke 16:16

“Until John the Baptist, the law of Moses and **the messages of the prophets were your guides.** But **now the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached,** and **everyone is eager to get in.**”

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7. End-time Warning! Get Rid of Your Baggage Right Now

Jesus gave strict warnings to us about how we must be focused and careful in the end-times.

Luke 21:34-36

“But **take heed to yourselves**, lest your **hearts be weighed down** with playfulness, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and **that Day** come on you unexpectedly. For **it will come as a snare** on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch therefore, and **pray always** that you may be **counted worthy** to **escape** all these things that will come to pass, **and to stand before the Son of Man.**”

Hebrews 12:1-13

...let us **lay aside every weight, and the sin** which so easily ensnares *us*, and **let us run** with **endurance** the **race** that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus**, the **author and finisher of our faith...**

The Discipline of God

⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the Lord loves He chastens,

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And scourges every son whom He receives.”

⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

¹¹ Now **no chastening seems to be joyful** for the present, but painful; nevertheless, **afterward it yields the peaceable fruit** of righteousness to **those who have been trained by it.**

Renew Your Spiritual Vitality

¹² Therefore **strengthen the hands** which hang down, and the feeble knees, ¹³ and **make straight paths for your feet**, so that **what is lame** may not be dislocated, but rather **be healed.**

8. Have You Been Seeking the Lord?

If you have been seeking the world more than the Lord there is no reason to be ashamed of yourself, but it is time to repent. We want to help you, not shame you.

Let us confess this and ask God for help. He will forgive & hear your cry.

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James 5:16

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

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1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

Do not despise prophecies but test everything...

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