

PILLARS FOR RENEWING YOUR MIND by Jarrod Davidoff – August 25, 2019

The Bible gives us powerful tools for how we can walk in soundness of mind -- healed, saved, and delivered.

This healing comes from knowing our identity in Christ and then flows into loving ourselves and then loving others. Relationship with God and then with ourselves and then others either set us up for success or failure. I would like to share some truths about how our views of God, of ourselves, and of how we view others according to God's Word can bring freedom.

When the children of Israel came out of Egypt, it was because God had delivered them by His mighty hand.

His intention was to lead them into the promised land.

Egypt represents the kingdom of the world.

Moses, the deliverer, is like Jesus, the Deliverer.

The promised land is your kingdom inheritance.

Yet the children of Israel got stuck in the wilderness.

What was between an 11-days and 20-days journey turned into a 40-year experience.

The same happens with us as believers.

God has great and mighty promises as well as a great and mighty inheritance that He wants us to experience, but many times His children never do inherit the promises.

God doesn't want you to spend years in the wilderness -- He has a purpose and a destiny for you.

He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, yet Egypt was still in them.

They began to murmur and complain to Moses that they were better off.

They were looking back instead of looking forward.

They were looking at the giants instead of the giant-destroyer, God.

They looked at all the enemies Jesubites, hitites.

You too are looking at the Husbandites, wifeabites, childrenites, financialbites.

How are we going to make it?

THERE NEEDS TO BE A SHIFT

Look up to our God. He is awesome, He is powerful, majestic, holds the universe in the palm of His hands, nothing is too great nor too difficult for our God.

SHIFT YOUR THINKING

RENEW OUR MINDS to the goodness of God, the greatness of God

Most of the Israelites died in the wilderness.

Just Joshua and Caleb, and about 1.5 million who were children grew up.

I'll tell you how we get into the promised land, IT'S OUR THINKING

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.

If you see yourself as broke, busted, and disgusted, you will be.

If you think of yourself as a success, you will be.

You can think your way into freedom.

You can think your way into joy.

You can think your way into peace.

“But Jarrod, I’ve been thrown under the bus.”

Haven’t we all. It’s time you started riding the bus.

1. RENEW YOUR MIND TO HOW GOD SEES YOU

Do you sometimes feel shame for who you are and what you’ve done and think that God is unapproachable?

So because you don’t measure up, you would rather run from God than towards Him?

Well I want to tell you what God’s Word says about how He sees you today.

The truth is that God sees you through Jesus – so in His eyes you are ALWAYS PERFECT, ALWAYS MEASURE UP, AND ALWAYS WORTHY.

That is why Jesus died -- so He could take our place and be judged, so we can walk free and forgiven.

You need to believe the Word of God that says:

God loves you

Maybe your parent has never uttered these words.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

You are not His enemy

He's not angry with you. You haven't disappointed Him.

Romans 5:10-11

[10] For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **[11]** And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

God has great plans for you

Even if you have messed up in life, school, business, relationships. Maybe you were trying to be the captain of your ship. Let Him now take control.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

[11] For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **[12]** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **[13]** And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. **[14]** I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity

2. RENEW YOUR MIND to HOW YOU VIEW GOD

You may have been taught that God is an angry God and that He is waiting for you to mess up, so that He can teach you a lesson and give you a spanking or a time out.

The truth is that God is a LOVING Father and never wants anyone to perish.

Let's look at other characteristics of God.

You need to believe the Word of God that says:

God is my PROVIDER and He MEETS MY NEEDS

God will use a company or person to be a great blessing in your life, yet ultimately, He put it on their hearts to help you.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

God is MY FRIEND and He is ON MY SIDE

I am a friend of God. God is my Father but also my friend.

Romans 8:31-32

[31] What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? **[32]** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

God is FAITHFUL and will NEVER leave me nor let me down

I can testify that we have been in some pretty hot spots in ministry, and the Lord always comes through.

One preacher said, "Why, Lord, is it that you always come through at midnight. Can't you come through at 3pm in the afternoon?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: ' The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'

Psalm 46:1-3

[1] God *is* our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

[2] Therefore we will not fear,

Even though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

[3] *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled,

Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

God is MY HEALER

I have seen Him heal time and time again.

Exodus 23:25-26

[25] "So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. **[26]**

No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

3. RENEW YOUR MIND TO HOW YOU SEE YOURSELF

Before we can love others well, we need to love ourselves and count ourselves as worthy.

You need to believe the Word of God that says:

GOD SAYS I AM CALLED

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Say - I have a special calling. Yes, there are things you were born to do, and there are people waiting at the other end of your obedience, so you better get on with it.

GOD SEES ME AS RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

This is my inheritance and my position in the Kingdom and before the King. I am righteous in Him.

I am in right standing with Him because of Jesus

I AM EQUIPPED TO COMPLETE MY ASSIGNMENT

When God calls you, He will equip and prepare you to effectively complete your assignment on time.

Hebrews 13:21

Make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am His representative

This is an awesome honor. It's one thing to represent your country, company, or family. BUT GOD

2 Corinthians 5:20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ.

I am an overcomer

Philippians 4:12-13

[12] I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **[13]** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

There is nothing too great a challenge that I can't take on with God in my life and with Jesus by my side.

I am abundantly spiritually blessed

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ.

We are there positionally, yet faith will make this reality manifest in our lives.

I am fearless and protected

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

I will never forget when I did that school campaign in Kayelitcha, South Africa, and a gang invaded the school...

I knew I was protected; therefore I could be bold.

4. RENEW YOUR MIND TO HOW YOU SEE OTHERS

See people the way God sees them. In that way you will be more patient, kind, and forgiving.

We need to walk humbly before our fellow humans.

See them as lost without Jesus.

And if they know Jesus, see them on a journey of discovery.

Here is some encouragement to you:

Do not judge

Mathew 7:1-2

[1] “Judge not, that you be not judged. **[2]** For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

Be a blessing to people

I'm a blessing to everyone who knows me and who I meet.

I'm a blessing with:

:My words of encouragement - call people. If they do, we'll compliment them.

:My time - is precious, so I give it as a gift to people.

:My gifts and talents - sow them.

:My finances - sow. God gave it all to you, didn't He? He gave you your brains, tenacity, wisdom, open doors, favor, and the list goes on. Come on, get over yourself. Give praise to Him Who gave it to you.

I'm a blessing to my family.

You have a responsibility.

Do it for your kids, if not yourself

Your friends

Go the extra mile.

Be a blessing to your community.

Be a blessing to the world.

Proverbs 11:25

The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered himself.

Matthew 10:7, 8

[7] 'The Kingdom of Heaven has come near.' **[8]** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. **Freely you have received; freely give.**

If God forgives me, I can forgive others

"But pastor Jarrod, you don't know what they did to me."

I know. They probably did it to me also.

Matthew 6:15

"But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Walk in love

This is easier said than done. Surrender to the Holy Spirit and do it by faith.

1 John 4:19

We love because He first loved us.

Be the salt and light

This doesn't mean you will always be popular, yet God didn't tell us to try and be popular. We are called to be the salt and light.

Matthew 5:13-16

[13] “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

[14] “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **[15]** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. **[16]** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.