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Well, it's nice to see such a nice crowd. Let's just start with prayer.

Heavenly Father, I just thank you that the mic works and I thank you, Lord, for all the women that came out tonight and I ask you to bless each one of us with your word and with a revelation of who you are and how much you love us. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Well, we were doing last week the four gifts of creation, the four gifts in the book of Genesis that God gave to mankind, and I realized that I missed one so there are really five gifts of salvation. We're going to start with the one I missed this evening.

You know, this is clear? It sounds, like, bassy to me but I don't know anything about that. Okay, good.

Okay, so we're going to start with this. We're going to start. This isn't on our Scripture sheets because I didn't know about it until this week, but we're going to start in Genesis 2:1, which reads, "Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made." Okay, we see here that all creation was completed and God entered into rest. Now, the next verse is curious because it says, "This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven."

Now we go into here a second creation account. We have Genesis 1 through chapter 2, verse 3, okay, and it tells you about the creation: the heavens, the stars and the animals and all of that. Then here it goes into, it repeats the creation account so there are actually two. There is the first one and now he's going into a more detailed account of creation and he says, "This is the account," and it talks about God making the animals and the garden for Adam and Eve, then it talks about Adam being formed from the dirt and Eve being taken from his side, then it talks about Satan tempting them and them leaving the garden, then Cain and Abel. It goes on and on and on and tells the whole entire story again and what this is telling me from the two accounts, the first account starts with creation and it ends with the seventh day where God entered his rest, okay? The second

account starts with God's creation but there is no ending to it. It doesn't talk about God's rest. It's the sixth day, the day of man.

That's what the second account of creation tells us about, and I want to say that this is very important and the writer of Hebrews, he talks about this too, because we have to see God like last week, we studied about his sovereignty of being above all, but we're seeing God now in the seventh day of creation, a day of rest. It says he rested with all his works completed and what this does is place God above space and time in all creation. He's above it. He's in this day of a Sabbath rest. When he looks down from his throne, from his place of rest, he sees all of creation completed from day one all the way to day six, and he sees the creation of man and the whole history of man, all the days of it as if they were all completed because God isn't in time like we are, he's in eternity. He's infinite. He's beyond time so he sees Genesis and he sees Revelation and all the account of man in the history of man between those two points.

So God's in this place of rest because he knows in this place that it's all complete according to his plan, according to his program. It's all done and he's seated and resting. He saw all the wars and battles and the sins of men, but they are complete. They all worked out according to his proclamations and his will so everything's done and God's resting, knowing that it's all completed.

Now, it's interesting because Hebrews 3 and 4 tells us that there is this Sabbath rest and he talks about it as a place and he talks about it as a place that was offered to man. The first offering to man was the Exodus generation and it said they were invited to enter my rest but they couldn't enter because of unbelief. Then it talks about it again in Psalm 95:11. David says that there is a Sabbath rest. So the Sabbath rest, if it was about Joshua taking them into the Promised Land and that was their place of rest but they didn't enter because of unbelief, then David wouldn't have mentioned it again, but David mentions the Sabbath rest again in Psalm 95:11 and he said there is a rest for the people of God. Then the Hebrews writer says be careful that you, the church, don't fail in unbelief and not enter his rest. So there is this place that we're invited as members of the body of Christ to enter to be with God in his rest.

It says in Ephesians 2:6 that God raised us up with Christ and seated us together with him in heavenly places. We're seated with Christ in the Sabbath rest but we don't experience this because we don't believe it. I have been using this truth with faith as a calming factor for my soul, like when I can't sleep because, you know, everyone has things going on, and I don't know what to do, I go to this place of rest and there my Father is and he loves me so much and I think, "Father, you're done. All this stuff I'm going through, all the things in life that trouble me, you have a plan and not only do you have a plan for them to be worked out, they already are worked out because you love me so much that you have my life..." David said in Psalm 139, "All the days of my life were written for me before there were any of them." So my life is complete in God's eyes. My day of my death is just as real today to him as the day of my birth and everything in between, and he has a plan in all of it. Then I look at Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father, my victor. He's my Savior. He came on the white horse and he died for me and he defeated all my

enemies so that I can be seated with him in heavenly places. Then there's the Holy Spirit and he's in me to be my strength, my comforter, to do what I can't do for myself.

So there is this Sabbath rest and I realized recently that a lot of believers don't even know it exists. They don't even know there's a place they can go where there aren't problems, where the world doesn't, I don't want to say doesn't exist, but it doesn't affect you because of faith. Anyway. That wasn't an opinion, was it?

But a lot of believers don't even know it. They just go through life and they struggle with their thoughts and they struggle to be better and they struggle to be good, and they never enter into rest but this is the place that's available to all of us. And it says in Hebrews, it says, Hebrews tells us about this day of rest. It says, "While a promise remains of entering his rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it." Don't come short of it. Don't come short of it. It says later on, "Strive to enter this rest." And I want to tell you, sometimes it's a real striving to enter into this rest because the atmosphere just bombards your mind with details, with negativity, with worry, with anxiety, with regret, and it can pound your mind.

So to get from there to this rest, there is a striving. Isn't that funny, you strive to enter rest? You think you'd relax and rest but you strive. But you do, you strive to enter rest but you can enter this place because God is there and this is where it says we can come boldly to the throne of God. We can come to this place of rest. So that I see myself as entering into this rest. This, I think, is the first gift of creation, that God sat down and rested on the Sabbath. He called it the seventh day and the Sabbath with the church isn't Saturday, isn't Sunday, and they all argue about it. That's just a picture of an eternal reality and most people I believe in the Christian community, have no idea that there is such an eternal reality. They look forward to Sunday because they can get their shopping done and get their laundry done. You know, that's just the way it is in the world we live in, but there is a place we can go and it's a real place and he says, "Today, don't harden your heart. Enter into this rest."

So that's our first gift of salvation. Now, last week we talked about the grace provision of creation whereas God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed before they were made. All the provisions they needed for life and happiness were right there and they just had to walk into it. And we as believers, all the provisions we need for the spiritual life, they're already made. They are ours by grace. We don't have to work for them or do anything to achieve it. God has given us all the grace provisions we need to walk in the spiritual life.

The next gift of creation is the gift of free will or volition. And why did man have to have free will? Don't you think it would have been a lot easier if God just made us robots? That's exactly the reason why we have free will, God doesn't want us to be robots. He wants us to choose him. He wants us to love him freely, not because we're forced to or because there is no other option but because we choose to. And that's the reason why God put a tree in the middle of the garden. In Genesis 2:16-17, the Lord commanded the man. Interesting, the woman wasn't made yet. Saying, "From any tree of the garden you may

eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Take note of this: it doesn't say if you eat from it you will surely die, it says the day you eat from it you will surely die. It was prophetic. God wasn't surprised. Nothing surprises God. He knew they would fail. He knew it but he wasn't insecure about it. I mean, he could have said, "Oh, they're going to fail. I won't put the tree there." He says, "No, they're going to fail but I'll make a provision for their failure." It's just like, you get up in the morning, you don't plan on failing during the day but guess what? We fail and it doesn't surprise God. He loves us and he's made a provision for our failure. There's never a reason for us to condemn ourselves. It doesn't give us license to do as we please because we want to please God, but there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. So when you fail and you feel condemned, that condemnation does not come from God but from the evil one. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, but let's make sure we're in Christ Jesus because those that aren't in Christ Jesus are condemned already. Have you ever noticed this world's on a downward spiral? It's getting worse and worse. But we're not of this world. Our citizenship is in heaven. We have a seat with Christ in heavenly places. It's reserved.

But there is something in the tree that is an eternal principle. It's true about the tree then that's true now because just because of the tree Adam and Eve had to live by faith trusting God. Hebrews says in 11:6 that without faith you cannot please God. So Adam and Eve couldn't please God without faith because he's the same. He doesn't make new rules along the way. So Adam and Eve couldn't please God without faith anymore than we can please God without faith. God's pleased with faith. Works don't please him. Nothing pleases him but our faith and the tree provided Adam and Eve with an opportunity to exercise faith.

Now, you may say, "What did they need faith for? They talked with him and walked with him every day. Why would they need faith?" But this is a misconception about faith because we think that faith is seeing and then believing, but faith has nothing to do with sight. Even the devil in James 2:19, he believes in God and he trembles. He knows God is real. He sees him too. So faith is not based on sight, and if it were, I mean, and God proved this to mankind over and over again starting with the Exodus generation. How did they get out of Egypt into the desert? God had all these plagues come on Pharaoh and Pharaoh is in Egypt. They saw it happen. When they hit the Red Sea and the Egyptians were behind them, God through Moses parted the sea absolutely and they walked across on dry land. They saw but they didn't believe.

Miracles do not produce faith. How about Jesus? I mean, he walked for three years on this earth and he healed the blind. He rose three people that's recorded, three people from the dead in front of everyone. He fed 5,000 people with just a couple loaves of bread and a few fishes. You would think that these people would be filled with faith after seeing all these miracles but at the end, they ran. I mean, the apostles ran and they were his most intimate friends. They not only saw the miracles but they had intimate conversation with him and I think if you were with Jesus, and I always think about them maybe sitting around a fire at night and talking about the miracles and the things that happened during

the day, and I know they felt his love. I mean, the Apostle John said, "I'm the one he loves," because he expressed it. He knew how much he was loved by Jesus. Yet all this intimate fellowship and all the miracles they saw did not give them faith.

Do you know at the end of Exodus two people went into the Promised Land? Caleb and Joshua. Do you know at the end of Christ's life at the cross there were two people that believed? The penitent thief on the cross and the Roman centurion. Least likely and they were believing by faith, not by sight.

Now, how does the tree make Adam and Eve have faith? Okay, first of all, when God told them, "If you eat from this tree you will," not if, "When you eat from this tree you will surely die," you know, they didn't know what death was. Nothing ever died before. They never saw death. They couldn't even imagine themselves dying probably. We know we're all going to die because we've seen death, but they don't know it. They had to believe what God spoke was true based on faith.

So just like the kingdom now is based on faith, the garden was based on faith. They had to believe the word of God based on faith, not by anything they saw or they recognized or they knew. It was based on faith and faith is the basis for them believing. It's not that they were given the law that says, "Thou shalt not," or "Thou shalt," because the law, the power of sin is in the law in 1 Corinthians 15:56. I mean, try really hard and you will fail. Trust God and have faith and you'll succeed and you'll be more than a conqueror.

We do what we believe so they really when it came down to it, the temptation with the evil one, they didn't really believe that they were going to die when Satan said, "You will not surely die but be like God." What God said became a lie and what Satan said became the truth to them. We do what we believe and we believe and we have faith in an unseen God.

Now, I think in my personal experience, my best example of doing what you believe, I with all my heart believe in 1 John 2:2, that Jesus Christ died for my sins and not my sins only but the sins of the whole world. Because I believe this by faith, I have a really hard time imputing sin to somebody. Like if you would hurt me, I would be hurt but to count that on your account, it's very hard for me. I've been hurt by people but because I believe that Jesus Christ died, forgiveness becomes a very natural thing for me and it should be for all of us because you do what you believe. And because I do believe that Jesus Christ died for all sins, if somebody sins, I can't hold it to their account. I have to let them go free because Christ bore their sin. I have to forgive or I don't believe in the cross, I don't believe that he died for me and for everyone else.

So we do what we believe so when we're not acting as a Christian the way we feel we should, there is something we're not believing; there's something that Satan maybe spoke a lie to us and we're believing the lie instead of the truth. We always do what we believe and God gave Adam and Eve the opportunity to walk by faith. You know, Satan's desire is that we walk by common sense because faith doesn't make sense a lot of times. Or do we walk by rules and laws or by our desires? We desire something so this is what

governs us? But God wants us to walk by faith and be led by his Spirit because we trust him and we know that he loves us and what he says is what's best for us. So we always have a choice to be women of the word or women of the world.

So volition is designed to give us the opportunity to believe God or not to believe God. It's not to do this or not to do this; to drink this or not to drink this; to smoke this or not to smoke this; to swear or not to swear; to steal or not to steal; to submit or not to submit. That's not what it's about. It's whether do we trust God and if he said it, is it good? Is it kind? Is it loving? Is it best for us? It's about choosing God and choosing to have faith in God. So be careful you don't fall into a works trip because that's going to take you down and down, okay?

So we have to be women of the word and to be women of the word and to trust God and to choose to believe God, we have to read the word. There's no other way to get it into us. So we have to listen to it. We have to read it. You know, in Deuteronomy, the kings of Israel when they became a king, in Deuteronomy 17:18 it said that what they had to do every day was write out the Scriptures and they wrote their own scroll, their own personal. You know how we go and buy a copy of the word, they wrote theirs themselves. Of course, they didn't have as many books as we do but I think it's a good habit, especially when you hear from God in that you read something and it's a promise from God. You don't just sit there and even try to memorize it but that you write it out. If you look at my notes, everything is written out and I write that over and over again, I write these Scriptures over and over again, and every time I write it, I see a little difference. You might miss an adjective when you quote it and even memorize it, but when you write it, you see every word. So it's just a habit that the kings were told to do and I think that we are royalty. So it's not a bad idea when you get a promise from God to write it out.

Okay, the other gift of creation we're going to talk about today is marriage and it starts with the creation of man and then the creation of woman. Of course, we can't have a marriage unless we have a man and a woman. That's true, even though the society doesn't say that. That's the truth, we need a man and we need a woman, and in Genesis 2:7, it says, "Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." You know, it's so different than the creation of the rest of the universe. When God created the sun, the moon, the stars, the planets, the animals, he looked at it and he said, "Let it be," and then he looked at it and said it was good. But not so with man. He got personally involved. It says that he formed the man from the dust of the ground and that word "formed" is the word of a potter or a sculptor. He shaped it like a sculptor. He formed man and do you know when he was forming man, he was forming you? You were in the first Adam. You were in his DNA.

In Psalm 139:15 the psalmist said, "I was made in the dirt, the low parts of the ground." When were we ever in the dirt? The only time we were actually physically dirt is when God was forming Adam. And I see God, you know, the picture of it, of God sculpting out of dirt Adam, it goes so deep into my soul because here he is who knows all things, he's

sculpting this man with his hands and he knows what this is going to cost him. He knows as he does this that this man is going to fail. He knows that all his offspring are going to fail. He knows what it's going to cost him to make this man because it's going to cost him his life because he's going to have to die for this man that he's creating. You would think he would just say, "It's not worth it. Blow the dust away. Get out of here." But no, he continues to sculpt this knowing what he knows.

You know, Jesus said in Luke somewhere that you have to count the cost before you start to build. Jesus said if you build a tower, count the cost so that you have enough to finish it and people won't laugh at you. If you're going to battle, count the cost. Can you win? Count the cost before you go into things and I was thinking about Jesus saying that to his disciples and I wondered if in the back of his mind he was thinking, "I had to count the cost before I made man."

Do you know what I like about this, though? We have a God that's not afraid to get his hands dirty. You know? And he thought it was worth it. I don't know what the end is going to be but you think about what Christ had to go through because of the dirt that he formed into a man. He said it was worth it. The end is going to be so wonderful that what Jesus had to go through is going to be worth it. And do you know what? We're going through, we've got a lot of dirt in our life every one of us, you know, and God hasn't changed. He's molding us with his loving hands. He's taking all this dirt that we create, that people around us create, and he's using us to mold us and shape us into who he wants us to be and he's allowing it because he says it's worth it and we've got to say, "I don't like what I'm going through but it's going to be worth it because I have this Sculptor that's using it to make me who I should be and he loves me so much, he thinks I'm worth it."

Sometimes we look at our lives and we don't think we're of any value. You don't feel your value but knowing God and what he did in even forming Adam, and us in Adam, we're worth it. We're worth it. He has a plan and it's wonderful. Anything that's going to be worth it and here we have a God who puts his hand in our dirt and shakes us and molds us. So whatever you're going through, remember it's worth it because he loves you and he has a plan.

So here we have God shaping Adam out of the dirt. He's making the first man. The fall was no surprise. Way back then he knew. He was the Lamb crucified before the foundation of the world, Revelation 13:8. So we have God creating the man and I can't wait to find the ending why it was so worth it, you know, because he wouldn't have done it if it wasn't worth it.

So let's go back to Genesis, okay? What's the order? God made man and then the next order of the way things happened in 18, no in 16 he said to the man, "You can eat from any tree in the garden but you can't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." So he gave him the command and then he said to the man, "It's not good for a man to be alone." So he made the woman. No, that's not what happened. He made the man, he gave him the command, and then nothing happened. He told Adam to go and name all the

animals. Now how much time did that take? Really, how much time could it take? All the animals and it says whatever he named it, that was so. That's what its name was.

So God said that man had this need. It wasn't good for him to be alone, but he didn't fulfill the need right away. He made him wait. I don't know if he was letting man know his need. So many times we ask for things and we think, you know, you pray for things and you know it's God's will, you know you're praying according to the Scriptures and it doesn't happen that way. You're praying for your husbands, your kids, your family, your mother, your friends, people you love, and you're praying for God to grant them repentance to set them free, to provide for us the way he said he would, but things just don't happen and we're forced into this situation of waiting because just like faith was a principle in the garden, patience is an important principle in the kingdom of God. Patience. We are told we have to wait.

In James 1:4. I'm a little bit out of order here but it says, "let patience have its perfect work in you that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." Let patience have its perfect work in you. There is a work that patience does and it does a work in us. It makes us who we should be, perfect and complete, lacking nothing. Patience does the work.

The process of patience is more important than the answer to whatever we're waiting for. So you're waiting for your husband to get right, the process of you waiting is more important than the product of the process because while we wait, God is working in us. And in the garden, Adam had to wait and we have to wait. We have to wait.

In Isaiah 40:31, we're familiar with this, I think. It says, "Those that wait upon the Lord will get what they ask for." No, it doesn't say that. It says, "they will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not be weary. They will walk and not faint." Those that wait upon the Lord. These things happen in the waiting process.

I remember waiting for Dan to get right. That's when God did all the work in me, as I waited. We're waiting for God but in the meantime we don't have our eyes on what we want, we have our eyes on the Lord because the more important here, the first line of this Isaiah 40:31 is so important. It says, "Those that wait on the Lord." So many times we're waiting for the thing we want instead of waiting on the Lord. He provides us with everything we need. He's the one who has the answer to our prayers.

So we're waiting for him and waiting for God is so different than waiting for man because man, you can wait all day for man, but God, we wait with expectation, with hope, and we know that while we wait, our strength is being renewed. We get wings of eagles. Do you know what? So we can be in that heavenly place looking down, knowing everything's done. We can fly up above our situation and it gives us inward strength to run and to walk. The process of waiting changes us and it's so important to wait on the Lord and not on man; to take your eyes off of a person. It's God that grants repentance. It's God that salvation is of the Lord. It's not of a person.

So we're waiting for him. Our eyes are on him. We're waiting. We're waiting. We're waiting and expecting from God. If you look to a person and wait for them to change, you're going to have a long wait and you're going to be really disappointed and you won't have the patience that's going to do the work that's going to change you. I mean, God's holding back not because of them, he's holding you back because of you, because he wants to do something in you.

So we're waiting on the Lord and Adam had to wait on the Lord and God made him wait. He had him look at all the animals and name all the animals and he didn't give him the thing he desired. And one of the things I want to say here, it says it wasn't good. God said it was not good for man to be alone, "I will make a helper suitable for him." I know that a lot of people read that that don't know who the Lord is. They think that being a helper to a man is a demeaning position for a woman, but the Scriptures are very clear that the woman was made for man, man was not made for the woman. And I have to say just being around as long as I have and observing as much as I have, that men are much more needy than women. Anyone that's married, men are more needy because it's not good for them to be alone. They have a need and the woman was designed to fill that need.

The word "helper" here is the word "ezer" in the Hebrew and it's a real important word because it's used to describe God himself. In Deuteronomy 33:29, God uses the word to describe himself as the helper of Israel. It's the same word when God said he's going to make the man a helper. David said, "The Lord is my help." It's the same word here. So the same word that described the God as a helper is ascribed to the woman. Does that make that a demeaning position because she's called the helper? No, she's very powerful. We are very powerful. The Holy Spirit of God and the power of God flows through us with divine power to help but we have to be willing to be the vessels for the flow because we can stop that flow. We know that.

But we have been called to be the man's helper and it wasn't good for him to be alone, but God had him wait, and I don't understand because it doesn't go into the reasons why. People say he saw the animals and it does say he didn't see anyone suitable for him amongst all those beasts, so I guess God was showing him his need. But he had to wait, and then God created the woman.

In Genesis 2:21-22 it says, "So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The LORD God fashioned," or the word "built" is a good translation, "into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to him." Now if we look at Genesis 1:27, if we back up a little bit, it says, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." When he created man, he created the woman but she was inside of him. She wasn't an afterthought. He didn't after he created the man say, "Oh, it's not good for him to be alone. I'm going to have to do something about that." She was in him and he knew this because they were to be one and what he was doing in this creation process of the woman was revealing a kingdom mystery.

Here again, I had to go back and think about God doing this surgery and putting Adam into a deep sleep because God was going to be made in the image of man. When man was made in the image of God, God was going to be made in the image of man and the man Jesus Christ, and the deep sleep of death was going to come upon him, and just like the woman came out of the first Adam, the church was going to come out of the second Adam. So while he was surgically removing the rib from Adam, I know he was thinking of you and me, that we would be the church. You know, this is why he came to the earth, that we could be born, born again to be part of him.

In John 12, there is an interesting story. It says the Greeks came to Phillip and Andrew. The Greeks, and they wanted to see Jesus. Now these weren't Jews. The Jews had free access to them. But the Greeks came, and I guess they were distinguished because the Jews didn't want have much to do with Gentiles, they would be more likely to ignore them, but there was something about these Greeks that Phillip and Andrew went to Jesus and said, "They want to see you." And Jesus' response was real strange because it says he was very grieved. He said, "My soul has become troubled. Father, save me from the hour but for this purpose I came." This purpose I came so that the Greeks would be in him and would come out of him and be part of the church.

So we Gentiles, I don't know if we have any Jewish women here, but we Gentiles will be invited into the kingdom of God, the new creation. And when Jesus saw these Greeks, he was grieved because he knew what he came to do and it wasn't something that he relished doing, it's nothing that...who would want to come and die for the sins of the world? Who would want to take the sins of all mankind? Jesus was a man and it made him sorrowful to even consider this but he said, "This is why I came." Then he said, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains by itself alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Jesus Christ knew that he had to die for us so that out of him when he died and went into the ground and went into that deep sleep of death, that we would be taken from inside of him just like Eve was inside of Adam that was a mystery and he was showing, nobody got it, not until now. I mean, it wasn't revealed until the church age.

Christ, we were in him. He took us into his body in his death and he died for our sins but not only did he die for our sins but we were actually in him and we were crucified with him and then we were buried with him. When they took Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took his body off that tree and laid him in the tomb, we were with him. We were in him. You. You. You. You. Me. We were all in him and that was the end of who we are by our first birth by the first Adam.

Then he rose from the dead and we were in his resurrection body and the moment we believed in him, a portion of Christ became ours. I always think of God taking a portion of himself and hurling it from the throne room and saying, "She believes," and this bright light came into our being and it was part of him and we became part of him. And when Jesus ascended into heaven and the apostles stood around and watched him go up, we were in him them too. And then he is seated in heavenly places and we're still in him.

This is who we are. Just like Eve was in Adam, we were in Christ and we were born out of his death just like Eve was born out of Adam's death and this is why through faith we can enter the first gift, the Sabbath rest because of who we are. We're part of him. I mean, think about it. I don't know, sometimes I think everyone thinks the way I do but nobody is in your head but you. I think about Christ being in me all the time and I think it's because I know I'm weak and I can't but he's in me to do what I can't do and Christ in me is a real reality to me. Like I said you do what you believe, when I pray, I don't, like, pray way far away God because I know he's right inside me so I say, "Lord," and I know he's there and he hears me and he fulfills my innermost desires. But I also was in him.

So Christ is in you but you are in him. We're just surrounded by God. I mean, I wish I had the visual eyes to look at all of you and see Christ, see that portion of Christ in you, but then again, see Christ just the aura of Christ surrounding us because we're in him. It's the best place to be. It kind of, doesn't it force away all the crap in the world? But we've got to consider these things. We've got to take our imaginations, which are God-given, and use them to visualize the things we believe by faith, and when we start to embrace the things we believe by faith, we begin to grow and we have peace and we trust him and he just loves us so much. I mean, the visual of God making Adam knowing what he was going to do, when I was reading that this week, I saw this great love. I mean, he loves us so much he knew what we were going to do, he knew our failures, but he says we're worth it. You're worth it. You're worth it. So I just thank him that even though we don't feel worthy, we don't feel like we're worth it, that he considers us worthy and he considers us worth it, to pay that great price for us.

So there's our first, that's the five gifts of creation and next week we're going to attack the fall and see what happened there.

So thank you, Lord, for this day. I thank you for this study. Lord, let these words be imprinted on our hearts. Give us thoughts from you so that we realize and accept that you love us so much and that you are forming us into the image of your Son; you are taking all the dirt around us and making us and molding us into the women you want us to be, women of the word and not of the world. I thank you, Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.