

BELIEVE

BUILDING BELIEFS THAT WILL BENEFIT YOUR LIFE

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT OTHERS? - PASTOR BRAD HOWARD

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...you are a chosen people...his very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9 NLT

GOD CREATED PEOPLE...

TO KNOW HIM.

He (God) made the entire human race ... so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him... He's not remote; he's near.

Acts 17:26-27 MSG

TO LOVE OTHERS.

This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

John 15:12 NLT

TO LIVE FOREVER.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the One sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then He said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." **Revelation 21:3-5 NLT**

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

1. PEOPLE ARE LONELY—THEY NEED FAMILY.

God places the lonely in families... **Psalms 68:6 NLT**

God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:5 NLT

2. PEOPLE ARE BROKEN—THEY NEED COMPASSION.

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **Matthew 9:36 NLT**

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Compassion – A deep awareness of the suffering of others accompanied with a response to relieve it.

Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:22-23 NKJV**

3. PEOPLE ARE DIFFICULT—THEY NEED FORGIVENESS.

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **Colossians 3:13 NLT**

- *Forgiveness is not minimizing the offense.*
- *It's not pretending it didn't happen.*
- *It's not restoring trust without proven repentance or establishing wise boundaries.*
- *Forgiveness is releasing my right to get even.*

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **Romans 12:19 ESV**

THE 2-STEP

1 - GIVE THEM SPACE

Wise people will ignore an insult. **Proverbs 12:16b TEV**

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. **Proverbs 19:11 NIV**

2 - GIVE THEM GRACE

Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. **Luke 6:28 NLT**

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OUR PRAYER:

Lord, I believe You are full of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and full of love. You love imperfect people with perfect love.

Father, please help me see the truth about myself and apply the healing power of Your Word to my heart and mind. Deliver me from any stronghold that causes me to hurt people with my words and actions. Save me from self-destructive patterns. I need Your help in my relationships. Please give me wisdom on how to love others well. Show me how, when and where to place boundaries in my relationships. I believe You are my healer and I trust You to guard my heart and mind. Give me a new level of compassion for people and show me how to truly help them. Let Your perfect love cast out all of my fears related to my relationships. I surrender my will, my wants, and my opinions regarding people to You. Please transform me into the person you want me to be.

In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.