

010718 New Year Reboot Final

Why do so many of our resolutions go up in smoke with in a few weeks ...or worse we fail so often we don't even make them any more.. I will tell you why? we try to make changes on the fly...as were living our lives...just adding more to them...sometimes before we can go forward we have to reboot the system...

Starting a new year series entitled Re-boot...ever wonder why when you computer seems to be having problems the first thing a technician tells you is to restart or reboot the computer... why can't the system simply just fix itself while it is running? Well, because it can't — the code has encountered a problem and stopped working completely, so there's no way for it to continue. By restarting, the code can start from square one ...reboot the operating system and hopefully it won't encounter the same problem again...it in a sense often realigns the operating system which has punched some wrong code in along the way. when the power button is pressed to reboot the computer, the power supply unit gives power to the motherboard and its components so that they can play their part in the whole system. The next step of the boot process looks for problems with any of the hardware. then examines and loads to memory the operating system Soft ware preparing the computer system further use.

And we are like a computer...in the running of the computers of our lives...to go forward and keep operating we sometimes need to reboot...and get our code...back to operating...basics...last week Pastor Tony spoke about Fear...today I want to examine the core operating system of Truth...

The problem with adding more to our lives or operating systems... while the computer is already running often at capacity ...is the lies we tell our selves we can do more... it will be easy....focus better.....in fact we lie so well to ourselves, we actually believe our words...when the reality is we are not really going to do this, hence the reason so many New Year Resolutions never last the first month.....

The problem with this lying is that the thought no matter how noble it is... is usually not realistically connected to the effort, time, commitment, and endurance required to actually implement the resolution...which is so easily and reasonably announced to ourselves and often others....and even to God! ...

We need to reboot our system...making sure all that we are doing is working well...and make the corrections to those programs that are not... because often our soft ware...our hearts and thinking say yes...when the operating system our abilities says No...

Jesus said a succinct masterful statement ...that is so difficult to apply....

*Matthew 5:<sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*

- the simple yes or no ...is the result of a complex thinking through the question being asked, whether by our own self or others...
- if that initial process does not take place...we will be shown to be liars...which is exactly what the evil always does...

- Jesus speaking of the Devil said this: he is the father of promising and not fulfilling...if fact that is what all sin is...falling short of the mark that has been set.

*John 8:44....When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

- This lying to ourselves and others undermines our credibility...when we do not consider the cost first of what we are currently committed to...and simply add more...we set ourselves up for failure!!
- Reboot...is making sure what you currently possess is working well...then you are in a position to set goals and challenges for the future...
- we need a reboot to prioritize the operating system to accomplish any new goals...

**You know... Another word for lying is Pride! We think we are far more capable than we are...therefore set ourselves up for failure**

*PR 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

- **Pride** is a lofty and often arrogant assumption of superiority in some respect... an exaggerated self estimate of one's own abilities ...
- **One does not fall until one exalts themselves above their own abilities or knowledge or experience ...while also minimizing the obstacles and difficulty and usually training involved to succeed... therefore leading to destruction and fall...**
- **I asked my grandson what is the greatest lesson he learned after being brought up from the freshman football team to varsity for the last five weeks of the season including the playoffs...he said to finish...to finish every work out to finish every drill, to finish every play, to finish every tackle...all the time... you see starting is always easier than finishing.**
- **But finishing what you start is the character quality that give you CREDITABILITY...**
- **CREDITABILITY is attained not from what you start..but by how you handle Crisis! Because to finish well you will have to learn how to handle and overcome Crisis!!!**

My dad had a tire business, and was the owner of four stores...with a plan in place to open many more...but at the age of 48 found he had pancreatic cancer (his hard drive was failing) and given the devastating news that if he was lucky he had a year to live. **He needed a reboot...the future would look different than what he planned...but the present was right in here right now.....so he first needed to make sure he was his current programs were working well.....**He was married, a business partner and owner, and had eight children living at home ranging in age from 5-17 years old and all in parochial elementary or high school...and he was dying...That was the truth...

I remember he and my mom going to the cemetery to purchase plots for not only my dad, but he purchased one for my mom, and two for his parents not knowing then, that his own father would die with a few months, and another for his mentally disabled brother...and even an extra for the first of his children should they pass at a young age...that plot is the one that holds my son's body ...as he was the first to go to heaven of the next two generations... my dad is a good man!

During those last month's I can remember at two times my dad spreading out on the dining room table... all the paper work my mom would need to become familiar with and educated about as the time of his leaving was approaching ....

He set the paperwork out in little columns... one column had all his life insurances policies, another business papers and contracts another the mortgage documents and car payment, another the medical bills... another his social security paperwork, and the last his mortuary documents... and then explaining to my mom as she took notes... all that she needed to do and when things ought to be paid...and what she should expect to receive financially... I remember them going to the accountant, and overhearing my dad tell my mother that if she was careful, she would not have to work outside the home and would be able to stay home and take care of the kids and keep the home also! My mom followed all my dad told her...and it worked out just as he planned!

But if he would have rejected the truth of his current condition...and did not care care of current stuff...the future care of his loved ones... would never have taken place the way he wanted to .....

My Dad finished!! but a reboot was needed to fulfill the future.. He took care of his family...the one God gave him responsibility for...Bless Him!!

Reboot enable us to refocus...repair..restart so we can move forward! whatever that looks like

The problem with me (this computer) is I lie to much to myself.....i think I am smarter, I can do more than I can, I can figure out everything by myself, I can find a shortcut..., there must be an easier softer way... I am different than others... lies move us to avoid right action..

**You know your lying to yourself when you say "this is not what I signed up for"...well you signed up for it...that is the truth...the lie you told yourself is that "this" is you did not expect to happen...though obviously it was possible!**

**Your life will always express the result of our dominant thoughts regarding any issue!**

The truth moves us to take proper action...

**Jesus put it this way...** *sums up the lies we tell ourselves in this way..*

*LK 6:41 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"*

- **Jesus assumes that 1) as we are aware of other people's issues (specks) and 2) we are also aware of our issues (planks)...**
- **The problem is we usually lie to ourselves and call their failings planks and our failings specks!!**
- **The truth Jesus is saying is this....it is a whole lot more labor intensive dealings with our selves then others and if we are not willing to do the hard work on us... ..we are in no condition to do lessor work on others...**

**lets reboot this concept for a minute...**I am sure this image came from Jesus' personal experience as a carpenter who worked with wood.

### SAWDUST

- He is talking about that **speck of sawdust that gets into your eye**. If you have ever had sawdust get into your eye, it hurts doesn't it?
- In fact, what is the first thing that you do when you get something like that in your eye? You close your eye, it is instinctive... You close your eye and it tears up to try to dislodge that speck of sawdust. And if you try to open the eye that has sawdust in it, how well do you see? first off it is hard to open your ...everything is blurry from the tears. we often need someone to help us get it out...but they need to be gentle

### PLANK

- If a plank of wood were to be embedded in the eye...one would be rendered at the least blind incapable of seeing at all, and there is the possibility of collateral damage even possible brain damage ...the person is
- this person is clearly not in a position to remove a speck of sawdust...merely an irritant in someone else's eye... **Now what is this plank? This is our lying self.** It is the truth we don't want to look at. But, if we are to grow as Christians into the place God wants us to be, we must look at it.
- **The truth Jesus is saying is this.... ous issues are way bigger than others issues...therefore it is a whole lot more labor intensive dealings with our selves then others and if we are not willing to do the hard work on us... ..we are in no condition to do lessor work on others...**
- **in fact he calls it hypocritical...or liars...**

*LK 6: 42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail (intentionally fail) to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

- **in verse 41 Jesus says the plank is known to be there by the person but they pay no attention to it....in verse 42 he says the plank is intentionally overlooked...why intentionally? because it is impossible to be unaware of a plank in your own eye.**
- **which is a call to reboot...something is out of place in the operating system...we are lying to ourselves... you have no credibility to help others when you do not help yourself...finish !!!**
- **People know what they need to change or that something is missing in their lives... the fact that billions are spent each year on personal improvement products...books, downloads, seminars and conferences is testimony to this knowledge.....**
- **But interestingly...Research has shown...that 85% of people who purchase personal improvement books never finish them. The rate of people who purchase gym memberships and not use them is even higher... There is more information available today on relationships than ever before..yet the divorce rates hover around 50%. with all the information about healthy eating...we are one of the most obese nations in the world. and the list goes on..and on**
- **It is apparent...Recognizing and identifying and even learning about our issues are easy ...but working to solution rarely happens... this is where we need to reboot...where is my operating system or my hard-drive glitching...**
- **There is nothing which so hinders a person from heart-searching self-examination, nothing which so hardens him in self-complacent pride, as the habit of being preoccupied with other people's sawdust...**
- **A person under the master technician Jesus will only challenge another person, will only seek to take the speck out of their eye, out of a deep sense of humility, and only when called to do so by the Holy Spirit. For they know the difficulty of keeping objects out of their eyes!**

- **Like a computer that needs regular reboot to run properly, I know that I am still blind to many of my own faults, because I keep on discovering more faults in me that were there all along.**

People love a testimony of how screwed up I USED to be. as if one reboot is all we need... They aren't interested in how screwed up I am NOW. But the fact is, that we are screwed up. Then. and Now.... it's a safe bet to assume, the rest of the time we're alive. we need regular reboots! Check the hard drive... the operating system...Windows! the soft wear my spiritual walk...emotional care...and before I am able to get the future me in order...

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..lets take some time this month to Reboot ...to check and see what we already have said yes too...is it still operating in yes mode....and what we have already said no too it it still operating in no mode.....and see if that is in proper operating order.. then we will be in the position to add new programs or delete old ones...so we can free up some space to move forward.

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