

BECAUSE OF JESUS I AM SOMEBODY

Psalm 139:14-16

14. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

15. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

16. Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

1. What are some characteristics about people that are unique?
2. Which are by characteristics are by choice?
3. God sees us at conception.
4. What are some plans God might have for us?

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

8. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

9. but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

10. that is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

1. What are some "thorns" we might have?
2. How can a "thorn" draw us closer to God?
3. We need to praise God for our "thorns."

John 9:1-3

1. as he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.

2. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?"

3. "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

1. We need to let God shine thru our limitations.
2. What limitations might be consequences of our actions?

Luke 19:1-10

1. Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

2. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

3. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

4. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

6. So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a `sinner.'"

8. but Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

9. Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

10. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

1. Did the crowds give Zacchaeus a break because of his height?
2. Do we give breaks to those like Zacchaeus around us?
3. How do we respond the break God has given us in Jesus?
4. We need to changed people.

John 8:1-11

1. But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2. at dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

3. *The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group*

John 8:1-11 (continued)

4. *and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.*

5. *In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"*

6. *They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.*

7. *When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."*

8. *Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

9. *at this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*

11. *"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

1. What are some reasons people around us "pick up stones?"
2. Compare our response to those who have sinned.
3. Do we have a look in our eyes like the Pharisees or like Jesus?
4. What was the woman to do after Jesus told her she wasn't condemned?

Matthew 22:36-40

36. *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

37. *Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'*

38. *This is the first and greatest commandment.*

39. *And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

40. *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

1. What must we do to be able to love God this way?
2. How must we feel about ourselves to be able to love others?

Matthew 11:28-30

28. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

29. *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

30. *for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

1. Jesus will give you rest today.
2. Be yoked with Jesus for life.

Philippians 4:4-7

4. *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

5. *Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

6. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

7. *and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

1. Let's rejoice in the way God made us.
2. We need to be gentle like Jesus.
3. Start presenting all of our requests to God in prayer.
4. Then you will know the peace that passes all understanding.
5. What a joy to be guarded by Jesus!

