

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life with Him.**

*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 eternal life."*

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

*Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

3. The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

*1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."*

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."*

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION.**

*1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."*

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*Changing Times, Unchanging God, Relationship That Transforms*

We live in changing times, but our God is an unchanging God. And because God is unchanging, His Word is unchanging through time. God's truth does not change. God's character does not change. And yet very few Christians live out His unchanging truth.

What engenders a young person, or a child to believe, to want to know Christ our Savior?

The making of an individual starts with behavior, and behavior is just the tip of an iceberg where a lot of the mess is hidden underneath the water. What drive behavior are values, and values are formed by beliefs or our view of the world, in whatever lens we are seeing it from.

What causes a child to believe? It is the Holy Spirit, working on parents, to guide the child's beliefs, through relationships! David prayed this prayer that we hope will be our children's prayer too: *"Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you."* (Psalm 86:11). The key that caused David to seek out God's truth is Love (Psalm 86:13). Relationships.

In Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) *"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."* Love does not make the truth, true. Love cultivates the ground so an individual receives the truth. Relationships matter because:

1. Rules without relationship lead to rebellion. Children/young people don't respond to rules. They respond to rules in the context of a loving, intimate relationship.
2. Truth without relationship leads to rejection. We want to share God's truth to our children and our friends. Start with building a relationship first.
3. Discipline without relationships leads to anger, bitterness and resentment. Let the child know that first that he/she is loved.

A massive study was conducted by several universities to find if there is anything more powerful to a child's life than peer pressure, advertising, sex culture, movies, internet, gaming, pornography and other woes brought about by the society we live in. Parents with children going to university were concerned that they might lose their kids spiritually and morally. The study concluded that there is only one thing that will override these pressures – it is a loving intimate relationship with their fathers.

Dartmouth Medical School published the results of 150 scientific studies on young people, in the book *"Hardwired to Connect"* and the results showed that a child that is newly born is already hardwired biologically and physically, to connect in relationships.

Studies also show that if we want to impart our values and truth about Jesus to others we should do two things: (1) develop a loving intimate connection, and (2) model the very truth/values we want to see ingrained in that child or person (to see and to believe). In John 13:15, Jesus said, *"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."*

# Changing Times, Unchanging God

## Part 1: Relationship That Transforms (cont'd)

Columbia University commissioned a study to find out how family structure affects a child's involvement in drugs, alcohol and violence. The study showed that in children raised in a single parent home, where the mother is head, 30% are more likely to use drug, alcohol, and violence. Children who are raised in a two-parent, biological home who have fair and/or poor relationship with the father, are 68% more likely to use drug, alcohol, violence. On the other hand, in a two-parent, biological home with good to excellent relationship with dads, children are less than 6% likely to ever use drugs, alcohol or violence.

Intellectually, we may find evidence that God's truth is unchanging. Moreover we see the love that certain Christians have for each other, but what brings us to God is His love; His relationship with us - a relationship that forms our beliefs, that drives our values and manifests in our behavior. "Long ago the Lord said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." (Jer 31:3 NLT).



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