

Rent to Own

Intro

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-Story 1. Moving is hard

-How many people hate to move? I HATE moving!!! Moving is hard!

-The last time I moved was 9 years ago and there was a lot of stuff to move. We were settled in.

-Truth is, in order to experience a new thing, you have to MOVE away from an old thing!!!

-I love the passage about the Israelites I read at the beginning because they had to cross the Jordan River, they had to transition/ move into the promise land God had for them. CRC you are in a season of shift!

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-It's hard leaving old things cause although the new thing looks promising, the old thing is comfortable!

-God has not called you to stay in the season you are in, God has called you to move towards something new, and the truth is, it's gonna be hard, its gonna be difficult, but if you can get past the transition, if you get past the move, it will be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

-As a homeowner for 9 years, I can say, there's a big difference between renting and owning...

Main Points

1. To move from Renting to Owning attitude is everything.

Story 2. Renting for 8 years

-Over the span of 8 years we have lived in 2 different apartments and there was a time I thought I would rent forever!!! I said stuff like, "Who needs grass? This patio is fine. I don't want to deal with a yard! When I rented, I had pool access, gym access, and if something broke I'd just call the landlord to fix it, life was great!

-**Do you know, you can rent for so long, you can talk yourself out of owning anything!

-You date so long you talk yourself out of marriage. It's not for me.

-You're in that position at your job so long, you talk yourself out of owning a business.

-You've been sick so long, you talk yourself out of your healing.

-You've been hurt so bad by religion, you talk yourself out of a relationship with Jesus.

-Heres the problem: Renting may be ok for a season, but in the end it leaves you with nothing!

-10 years ago we adopted our daughter Vava, and my whole attitude about renting changed!

-We realized that although renting worked for a season, it was not the promise land, because it may have been fun for a while, but we had nothing to leave to our baby girl! We knew we had to own something!

-No one in the Bible knows more about renting than the Israelites.

-Before Joshua (the second leader of the Israelites after Moses) could be an owner, he was a renter. He rented in the wilderness with the Israelites for 40 years before crossing over the Jordan into the promise land like he was directed to do in Joshua 1:1-3.

-Why did the Israelites rent in the wilderness for so long?! I believe this passage holds the key.

-Numbers 13:27-28NIV- They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large.

-The Israelites had enough faith to get out of Egypt, but not enough faith to get into the promise land!!!

-God already told them, in Numbers 13:2NIV- Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites.

-When you rent faith, you know how positive something is, but only talk about the negatives!

-You can GO, you can SEE, you can BRING BACK EVIDENCE, but you don't BELIEVE something that good, can be for you.

-You can go...You can see...You can bring back evidence...But you don't believe something that good can be for you!

-You go on the interview, you see how amazing the opportunity is, you even got evidence the employer likes you, but you don't believe you will get a call back,

-You go on the date, you see they love Jesus, you even got evidence they were a really nice person, but you don't believe nice people exist so you settle for the loser that treats you bad

-You go to church, you see that something is different about this place, you even have evidence because you feel better after you've left, but you don't believe you can have that live a better life, because you are so used to things being the way they have always been.

-So why do people only speak of the negatives when a situation looks so positive?

-Numbers 14:2-4 NIV- 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. **Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?**" 4 And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

-You only talk about the negatives even when something is so positive because, you are so comfortable with where you've BEEN that you're scared of where God wants to take you!

-When you get comfortable with where you been, you make yourself an owner of something that wasn't meant for you to own! These people would rather own slavery than freedom!!! (Eleutherphobia) fear of freedom.

-Don't be scared to be free from addiction, sex, lies, because who the Son sets free....

2. **To move from Renting to Owning you can never be too comfortable.**

- You know what else renting for too long does? It makes you feel like an owner, so you want to do all the things an owner does, but shouldn't, because it only makes a mess when you are trying to leave!**

Story 3. Fixing my old apartment

-Every place I have ever lived, although I was renting, I try to make it feel like a home, (excellence) so I start doing stuff to it! Paint, shelving, murals, I really dig into a place.

-I painted all this cool stuff in my apartment, put up all this cool shelving, and when I had to leave all the stuff I enjoyed looking at so much became my nightmare when I had to move!!!

-Too many people are taking ownership in RENTED SPACES! YOU TOO COMFORTABLE!

-People are dating, and having sex with your partner, but it gets messy when you want to leave, because what you once enjoyed becomes a nightmare! RENTING!!!

-People are so comfortable in situations that God only wants you to be in momentarily, that you get frustrated about how hard it is to leave when He calls you forward! RENTING!

-Isaiah 43:19NIV-See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

-Its time to stop renting and start owning! God never brought His kids out of Egypt to rent in the wilderness, He brought them out to own in the promise land!

-You may feel like you are in Egypt or the wilderness today cause your job ain't working out, your moneys funny, your credit won't get it, your relationships are ridiculous, and your friends are ratchet, but you can be different like Caleb and Joshua!

-Caleb said in Numbers 13:30NIV- "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

-Joshua said in Numbers 14:9NIV- "And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

You don't have to confess what everyone else confesses about the situation, you can have faith, and conviction, and own all the good things God has in store for you!!!!

-Joshua 21:43-45NIV-So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands. 45 Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

-Gods children aren't comfortable renting, we are owners because our Father owns everything!

Conclusion

- Story 5. How we got the house

-2 weeks before we were supposed to close on the house I got a phone call from my direct lender that our deal to close on the house fell through. I just start arguing with God, like why would you bring us this far? (SOUND FAMILIAR)

-I called my wife we prayed and cried and I said, this is our house in Jesus name!

-1 minute later, my direct lender calls me back and says, Terrance, I'm going to try and work a miracle, I'm not making any promises though. I said, "Do whatever you have to do, it's already done. Get me my house."

-The same day I drove to that house, I put a drop of oil on my finger and touched the keyhole and said, **"God You hold the key to my house in Jesus name!"**

-We closed on the property two weeks later, no delays, no extensions, no problems, and during the closing, my lender, a man that is not a big time believer walked into the closing with a gift in one hand, a smile on his face, and the first words out of his mouth were, "Praise God!" Terrance and Johanne, the hand of God was all over your file!!!" My response was, "Amen!"

-When your faith moves from “Rent To Own,” you are going to move right into the new season that God has for you, and when you do, others will be encouraged to believe by your OWNERSHIP!!!!

-YOUR FAITH NEEDS TO GO FROM RENT TO OWN...

-Renting faith says, God please let us get a house. Owing faith says, this is my house in Jesus name!

-Renting faith says, God please keep me safe. Owing faith says, no weapon formed against me shall prosper.

-Renting faith says, God please help me figure out my purpose. Owing faith says, I am Gods workmanship created to do good works in Christ Jesus.

-Renting faith says, God please give me strength. Owing faith says,, the joy of the Lord is my strength!!!

-Renting faith says, God please heal me. Owing faith says, by His stripes I am healed!

-In order for you to take ownership over your life, its going to require you to move from where you are to where you want to be in Christ Jesus! If you want rest on every side like Joshua, you have to move!!!