

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

## **REVIEW:**

### **THE RHYTHM OF GRACE**

**Roman 7:4**

**1. THE RHYTHM OF GRACE EMPOWERS YOU WHEN HIS BODY DIED**

**2. THE RHYTHM OF GRACE EMPOWERS YOU TO BELONG TO HIM**

**3. THE RHYTHM OF GRACE EMPOWERS YOU TO BEAR FRUIT**

## **MSG: ALL THINGS CONSIDERED**

**SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 7:15 NLT, PHIL. 3:7-8 NIV**

**SZN 1: REVIVAL THROUGH RHYTHM**

**Romans 7:15 NLT**

**"I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate."**

**Philippians 3:7-8 NIV**

**"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ"**

## **INTRO:**

As we talked about the rhythm of Grace last week

You see rhythm has its ebbs and flows,

it up. It's downs. It's pauses. its breaks. Maybe over your life there has been inserted what pregnant pause

A pregnancy pause, also known as a "diapause," is a temporary suspension of embryonic development in mammals, including humans.

Environmental factors like Stress, malnutrition, or lack of resources can trigger a pregnancy pause. Changes in the levels of hormones such as progesterone and estrogen can also cause a pause.

Also Delayed fetal growth where The fetus may experience slowed growth during the pause. Increased risk of miscarriage: Pregnancies that experience a pause may have a high or even Premature birth, If the pause is too long, the fetus may be born prematurely.

See All things considered, Some of you feel as if God has his goodness on pause, his plans on pause, your dreams on a pregnancy pause.

Where it may seemed as if life was to be predictable and clearly going one way and then something drastic happened, where there was a pause of purpose or a pause of of destiny, a

pause of love or pause of joy, and maybe what was inserted in that space was depression, the space of dysfunction or the space of ambiguity and in all of this, we find ourselves having to make sense of these moments make sense of these beats and somehow try to find a cadence and a rhythm in which we can live in the fullness of a revived life!

You see if you simply believe that life with Jesus is predictable and mundane and monotonous and trouble free. You have not been properly educated on what walking with Jesus really entails.

But as you understand that there is a rhythm of grace, there is a cadence, there is a movement there's a groove there's a way in which we can live move and have our being in Jesus empowered by the grace of God.

All things considered, There should be a zooming out or a 30,000 foot view of what's happening in your life, an overview perspective of what is God actually doing in your life, through your life with your life and I believe all things considered is the way that we embrace a full view of what God is doing. And what He is doing is a good thing.

Who you are becoming is more loving, more compassionate, more like him... All things considered!

## **1. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, THE LAW SHOWS MY STRUGGLE WITH SIN**

### **Romans 7:12-14 ESV**

**"So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin."**

### **THE LAW HAS DIAGNOSTIC POWER**

#### **Romans 7:12 NLT**

**"But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good."**

-The law shows us where we're wrong

### **THE LAW IS GOOD BUT IT'S LIMITED**

-the Law is limited and incomplete because the -the Law couldn't save us! So what do we do

### **THE GOSPEL HAS DELIVERING POWER**

#### **Romans 1:16 ESV**

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."**

## **2. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, TRUSTING JESUS' POWER ABOVE YOUR POWER**

### **Romans 7:15-19 NLT**

**"I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that**

the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway."

### **WILL POWER WILL NOT DEFEAT SIN'S POWER**

Romans 7:20-21 NLT

"But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong."

### **MOTIVATIONAL POWER WILL NOT MOVE SIN'S POWER**

Romans 7:22-23 NLT

"I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me."

### **HIS POWER OVERCAME SIN'S POWER**

Galatians 3:13 NLT

"But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'"

## **3. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, KNOWING JESUS WILL SAVE YOU FROM YOU**

Romans 7:24 ESV

"Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

**Wretched**-enduring toils and troubles, afflicted

This adjective describes someone enduring hardships and troubles!

### **CARRYING YOUR SIN CARRIES YOUR DEATH**

"Body of Death" (carrying a dead body as torture)

-During Roman times, a particularly horrific torture involved tying a living person to a decaying corpse. Though some sources attribute the practice to the Etruscans, Romans were known to use it, especially in the provinces, to maintain public order.

## The torture of the "body of death"

This gruesome punishment, sometimes referenced in a metaphor by the Apostle Paul, was a slow and agonizing death.

The binding: The condemned person was shackled or tied to a rotting corpse, often face-to-face and limb-to-limb.

Decay and disease: As the corpse decomposed, the living person would be forced to endure the putrefying stench. The decaying flesh would become rife with disease, and toxins and infection from the corpse would slowly poison and infect the living person, leading to a horrible, agonizing death.

A lasting deterrent: Like crucifixion, this vile form of punishment was intended as a public display. It was meant to be a deterrent to others in the Roman provinces and a calculated show of dominance.

-Carrying your sin only brings your exhaustion

## **BUILDING A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP OVER BELIEVING A THREATENING RELIGION**

### **Romans 7:25 ESV**

**"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin."**

-God is not trying to get you, He's waiting for you to trust Him

## **KNOWING JESUS SAVES ME FROM MY OWN TROUBLE**

### **Philippians 3:8-9 ESV**

**"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith"**

Malice said "All things considered I've been forgiven"

...ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, WE NEED A SAVIOR!