

OUTRAGEOUSLY GOOD NEWS!



*Satan's Secret Strategies to Harm Us Exposed.
God's Plan to Love, Empower, and Bless Us Revealed.
To Bless the Church and the World as a Disciple of Jesus.*

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Introduction

Are you a Christian who loves God but has left church? Do you still go to church, maybe you're even a minister, but you're feeling beat up and burned out? And since the world has changed and makes no sense, are you one of many who is concerned, confused, and feeling hopeless? No matter who you are, is the cry of your heart to God, *"Where's the love, and where's the power for blessings in my life?"*

If so, I have **Outrageously Good News (OGN)** for you. A mystery that existed before the creation of the universe, that is the key to experiencing God's love and power, has now been revealed. It's in the Bible, but it has been missed by many of us. Here it is.

CHURCH REFORMATION REVELATION
"Christianity is not about being good for God
It's about getting in agreement with God
What He believes in His heart, thinks with His mind,
Speaks with His mouth, and does with His body,
To be ONE with the Father as a Disciple of Jesus."
(John 17:1-26 At - one - ment)

THE FRUIT: Jesus' original Discipleship Church Model will be restored to Reform the Church. You as a Disciple, will possess God's supernatural love and power to be blessed. And then bring Revival to the world with signs and wonders following.

Why is this seemingly shocking statement, that Christianity is not about being good for God, true? First, the bible clearly states that the law – which is the knowledge of good vs. evil and our efforts to be good, cannot save us from our sins (Romans Chapters 3 - 10). In fact,

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Isaiah 64:6 says, “All of our righteous acts are like filthy rages”. And Eph. 2:8-9 states, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not works, lest anyone should boast.” Only through faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior are we saved from our sins – not by being good for God.

Second, Romans 3:10-12 says no one is good, not one! So why would a loving Father God ask his children to do something that’s unattainable – that would only bring frustration and torment. They answer is He wouldn’t and didn’t. But what is attainable is to get in agreement with God, to become ONE with the Father through Jesus – to experience God’s love and power. *Please understand, this book is not soft on sin.* To the contrary, getting in agreement with Father God, by being transformed into a Disciple of Jesus, brings the highest level of holiness. Here’s why.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:4). So, what was Jesus’ “Way” to be the only person in history to live a sinless life? Was it being good for God? No, because when the rich young ruler said Good Teacher, Jesus said, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.” (Math. 19:16-17). Jesus was without sin because He was in agreement with the Father. He only said what He heard the Father say and did what He saw the Father do (John 12:49-50 and John 5:19). He and the Father were ONE. And His last prayer before he went to suffer and die for us was in John 17. Jesus says we can become ONE with the Father just like Him – where everything we have is the Father’s and everything the Father has is ours. We will literally share in the Father’s glory – His light, love, and power. Now that’s the deal of the century and Outrageously Good News! *The mystery of God’s plan to love, empower, and bless you, and bless the church and the world through you as a Disciple, stated in John 17, has been revealed!*

And here’s an interesting Biblical fact. The word Disciple means taught one follower. The most important thing Jesus taught and modeled for His Disciples was to be in agreement with the Father. And once they were transformed into Disciples, they received supernatural love and the authority to cast our demons and heal the sick. So, becoming a Disciple of Jesus by getting in agreement with the Father is the answer to your cry of “where’s the love and power?” (Please read Part 1 “Jesus’ Discipleship Church Model” in the Home Group Booklet before you begin reading the book).

Now let’s take the concept of being a Disciple of Jesus to an even higher level. Could one word describe the source of all the problems in both the church and the world? And, be the solution to all of those

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problems? It seems impossible, but it's true! *The one word is Disciple.* Jesus' original Discipleship church model, that is clearly presented in the four Gospels and Book of Acts, has been replaced with a man influenced church model. This model in the western church produces virtually no disciples. That's why the church has little love and power and is bleeding members and becoming weaker and weaker.

And Jesus' discipleship church model sent them into the world, to make disciples of all nations – to literally change the cultures of communities and countries. Since virtually no disciples are being sent out now, the western nations are being filled with the Devils Doctrines – which is why the world has changed and makes no sense – where good is called evil and evil is called good. BUT GOD! Because when Disciples are restored, the church will be reformed and revitalized – full of love and power. And these Disciples will be sent out to bring Revival to the world, with signs and wonders following – to make Disciples of all nations. Millions who are currently deceived and under the Devils Doctrines will be set free! That time is now.

One last thought. The word Disciple appears 269 times in the New Testament. And the great commission given by Jesus to His Disciples in Math. 28:18-20 was to go and make Disciples of all nations – not to just get people saved and then have them be members of a church. There is a big difference!

In summary, Father God wants to replace your inferiority, fear, and anxiety with His supernatural love that casts out all fear. And with His supernatural power, He wants to replace the curses of financial, health, and family problems with blessings. And then use you, so He can do the same for others in the church and the world. But you must become ONE with the Father as a Disciple of Jesus first!

THEN ADD TWO PRINCIPLES: There are two other principles that need to be applied as you read this book to become ONE with Father God to be a Disciple. They are THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS and HOME GROUPS*. In 33 AD Jesus died on the cross, was raised from the dead, and Christianity was born. Believers met in homes in true loving fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus, His cross, and resurrection were preeminent i.e., the most important thing in their lives. And they were truly transformed into new creations in Christ, in agreement with the Father, with access to supernatural signs and wonders as Disciples of Jesus.

But in 313 AD something happened that changed the emphasis, course, and impact of Christianity – which represents one of Satan's

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secret strategies to harm you. The emperor Constantine legalized Christianity. This appeared to be a move that would help the church flourish, but instead things took a turn for the worse. It led to the church being organized instead of being energized. It took on many characteristics of a worldly organization rather than an organism – The Body of Christ. *The focus was now knowledge and works and a return to the law to be good for God.* Once you get saved it's about knowing right from wrong and doing what's right to be good – to achieve value, love, and blessings based on works – which is performance! And believers began to meet in church buildings instead of their homes. The result was Jesus' original Discipleship Church Model was replaced with a man influenced model – which does not produce much love or power.

So, I would encourage you to first read this book on your own. And every time you sit down to read, ask the Lord to reveal what He wants you to personally understand. And I suggest the first thing you ask is, "Have I left my first love Jesus?" (Rev. 2: 2-5). If so, repent, and make Jesus and His Cross preeminent again. Also, after you read each chapter, refer to the questions in the Home Group Booklet – they will help you get more out of the book. And if you are currently in a home group, share this book with them. If you're not currently in a home group, ask the Lord to help you form one with the pointers in the Home Group Booklet.

THREE PRINCIPLES: So, there are three key principles in this book:

1. Christianity is not about being good for God, it's about getting in agreement with God, to become ONE with the Father, as a Disciple of Jesus. To be filled with God's love and power, to be blessed, and bless the church and the world.

2. The process takes place in a loving, trusting, and transparent home group for fellowship and support for follow through. Think of these groups as Church of Acts home groups that served as incubators to birth Disciples.

3. Based on the preeminence of Jesus and His Cross (and returning to your first love), you take Satan's secret strategies to harm you – which you have unknowingly been in agreement with – to the Cross to repent and get in agreement with God to be ONE with the Father.

Now what's the fruit of these three principles? 1 + 2 + 3 = Disciples of Jesus who are filled with Gods supernatural love and power. Who are sent out from His Reformed church, which has

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restored Jesus' Discipleship Church Model – to make Disciples of all nations with Revival!

THE UN-BOOK: Many good books have been written on how to tap into God's love, power, and blessings by giving people a formula, or set of rules to follow. This book is not a how-to formula. In fact, in a sense, it could be called the "un-book". In this "un-book", I hope to open up a conversation among Christians and Pastors who long for more than what conventional Christianity has to offer. I also believe that people who don't know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior will be attracted to Him as they see Christianity in a different light.

There are many questions in this book for individuals to ask themselves and for groups to discuss together. The Lord is the one with the answers. My prayer is that He might use this book as part of a dynamic process in your life as you seek to move beyond conventional Christianity, to get in agreement with Father God, to become ONE with Him as a Disciple of Jesus.

Finally, I take no credit for anything in the book – they are the Lord's, and I couldn't have figured them out in a billion years. That is why my name is not on the cover of the book.

Do you want to have Satan's secret strategies to harm you exposed and have God's plan to love, empower, and bless you revealed? And then be used in a mighty way as a Disciple of Jesus to bless others? If your answer is yes, join the spiritual journey, and get ready to experience *Outrageously Good News!*

Rick Suarez

**These Home Groups are for every Christian – those who are not in a church and want to form a home group – home churches – churches that meet in buildings who currently have or want to start home groups.*

About the Author

Rick Suarez was born the son of a blue – collar worker and lived next door to his Ellis Island immigrant grandparents. He was a devout Catholic in his youth and planned on becoming a priest. However, things changed dramatically for him, and he became an atheist during the turbulent 60's. Money and pleasure became his God. He started a business with his brother at the age of 19 and became a millionaire at age 24, with over 150 employees.

By God's grace, he then experienced a dramatic conversion to Christianity. Because of his wealth and wild lifestyle, he struggled to make a wholehearted commitment to the Lord. But through God's strength, he finally dedicated his life totally to the Lord. He later became an ordained minister, along with being a businessman.

Then something unusual happened. Instead of his life getting better and being blessed, things got worse! He went through a long period of fiery trials and suffered great loss. During this time, God began to give Rick revelations about himself and the church. He found out that down deep inside he had been devalued by rejection in his life. And his quest for great success was an attempt to find value and love based on his performance.

He also learned that the church had lost its way. It had left its first love Jesus, and many believers no longer met in home groups – for true fellowship within trusting and loving relationships. And the church's emphasis had become knowledge and works performance to be good. This was now the key to being valuable, loved, and receiving God's blessings.

So the conventional Christianity he knew and lived was replaced with a walk that focused on getting in agreement with Father God to become ONE with Him – starting with high value and love apart from performance. And with Jesus and His Cross being preeminent and a

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Home Group for support. This revelation became the book ***Outrageously Good News!***

His passion and purpose is to now to proclaim **Outrageously Good News (OGN)**. Especially to those who love God and have left church, or attend church now but are feeling beat up and burned out. And also to those who are searching for spiritually but have been turned off by conventional Christianity. Rick's belief and prayer is that through the OGN message, God will reform His church, one heart and one believer at a time – to bring revival to a hurting and troubled world.

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The majority of people I know feel the number one problem in their life is a love deficit. If only my Mom and Dad had loved me more and did a better job at parenting. Or if my siblings, teachers, and coaches had treated me better. Then I would be much better off than I am now. Would you agree?

Second is a blessing deficit. If all these trials and problems in my life could be turned to blessings, I would feel so much better. The conclusion is if I had been loved the way I should have been, and if I was blessed the way I should be blessed, everything would be okay. But although all of us have some degree of a love and blessing deficit, that is not the number one problem in our life. Our number problem is a truth deficit. You want me to prove it to you? Okay!

A third of the Angels fell in heaven and Adam and Eve fell in the Garden of Eden. The Angels lived in the Manifest presence of God. The Bible says, **“God is Love”** (John 4:16 NIV). So did they have a love deficit? NO! Adam and Eve lived with God in the Garden of Eden. Genesis says God walked with them in the cool of the morning. So how could they have had a love deficit? NO!

How about a blessing deficit? Did the Angels who lived in Heaven have a blessing deficit? Did Adam and Eve, who lived in Heaven on Earth in the Garden of Eden, have a blessing deficit? No. Okay. So, I’m not saying we don’t have a love deficit that needs to be filled. And I’m not saying we don’t have a blessing deficit that needs to be filled. But what I am saying is that is not the root cause of all of our problems.

Do you know what the root cause of evil and the problems in the world is? It is a truth deficit, and I will prove that fact to you. It is in Genesis Chapter 3:1-7 where Satan’s temptation of Adam and Eve is recorded. They were tempted in a place where there was no love deficit and no blessing deficit.

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This is what Satan said concerning eating of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. God knows that in the day you eat of that tree you will become like him. Satan is cleverly saying “if God really loved you” and “if God were really good,” He would want you to eat of that tree. Satan is implying God is not good. And that Adam and Eve in their current state were not good enough.

Now unfortunately the lie is this – they were already created in God’s image and likeness! But he said if you eat of that tree, you’ll become like God. They were already like God. And God valued them, loved them, and was blessing them – totally apart from performance. So Eve feels enlightened and agrees that God is not good. And this is followed up with her thinking, and I’m not good enough in my current state. So she eats of the fruit and so does Adam. Now their value, love, and blessings are attached to performance – what they know and do. It was a deception that devalued God and man. That led to value, love, and blessings being attached to performance. It is the root of all evil. It’s how the disastrous fall happened. This is the first of Satan’s secret strategies to harm us being exposed.

This is a life-changing concept. Let’s go to Satan himself. You can read about it in Isaiah Chapter 14. Satan was not what individuals usually think he was. His name was Lucifer. He was one of three arch-angels. Lucifer means beautiful and means light. He was in charge of praise. He was wonderful and held a very high position. And yet he had a deception that devalued God and himself. He did not think God was good or he was good enough. Now, how do I know this was in Satan’s heart? Because Jesus says, “***Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.***” (Math.12:34 NIV) Therefore, if Satan spoke this to Eve, it was already in his heart.

So, Satan is thinking, God if you’re really good, you’d be humble, and you would want me to be God. You are arrogant by refusing to think my way. Satan continues to reason within himself. And, by the way, even though my name is Lucifer, and I’m an Angel of Light, I’m not good enough. I’m not satisfied with my position that I have right now. Are you beginning to perceive the rock bottom truth? We usually look at Satan as full of pride. But do you know what Satan’s root issue was? It was Inferiority! He did not think he was good enough. He grasped for power on his journey to being good enough. Yes, he had to be more. The one thing standing in his way to feeling good about himself was God. So, he talked some Angels into joining him and together they stormed the Throne of God.

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I repeat, it is a deception that devalues God and man that is the root cause of all evil. It is the false conclusion that God is not good and I'm not good enough. And my performance will bring me value, love, and blessings. Deception represents darkness. What was the first thing God created? It was light. Why was light first? It was because it was the most needed. What could you create in darkness? Could Michelangelo or Da Vinci have created their masterpieces in the dark? And the first chapter of John backs up this truth that light must come first before love. It starts with "In the beginning" and in the first 18 verses light/truth is mentioned nine times. So we are exposing this secret strategy of Satan to harm us my shedding light on it!

I'm going to back up here for a second. Now again picture Adam and Eve in the Garden. I used to think that if I could only get back to the Garden before the fall, that I would be okay. Right? There's only one problem with that. Adam and Eve believed in the devaluing thing before they even fell. It's freaky, isn't it? Let's just go down this path for a second. They never really had a high-value on God and themselves, even pre-fall. I'll prove it to you.

What if you knew a person in your life that you genuinely respected, a man or woman of God? They have been there for you through thick and thin. And you've known them for 30 years. And some total stranger comes along and says, "I just want to tell you - that person you know and respect - they're a child molester!" Would you believe it? No, you wouldn't.

Well, how about if a snake came up and told you that? Like in a Disney movie the snake can walk, and he comes up to Adam and Eve and says, "God's not good. God doesn't love you. God's holding out on you." Why in the wide world of sports would they believe that? Because they never had a high-value on God in the first place, even before the fall.

We're going somewhere with having high-value. My daughter Kristin always had high-value. Then there was a basketball coach that devalued her. And she made the decision to just move on from basketball. I talked her into staying and things went from bad to worse. Later she told me, "I will never again allow a person or situation to devalue me, because I love myself too much to let that happen." I apologized and said, "Way to go girl!" So the same thing that happened with Adam and Eve happens to us. But in our case, it's with people, influenced by Satan.

So now we know getting back to the Garden isn't enough. But wait - do not pass go - do not collect \$200 - instead, I'm going to

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Heaven! Getting back to Heaven will work, right? Wrong! Picture heaven, and the Angels have been living with God for a long time and know His character. Lucifer comes up and says to a third of the Angels, “God is not good and you’re not good enough.” And they bought into it? Why? Because just like Adam and Eve, they never really had a high-value on God or themselves even before they fell. So, is Heaven going to work? No.

So now you’re probably saying, where do I go to get this high-value I desperately need? Well, it’s very, very interesting. We get it from Jesus. But before I can tell you how, I need to share something I learned about Jesus in the Bible that I never understood before – and it’s amazing! We all understand John 1:1-3 (NIV) that says, ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing that was made that has been made.”***

So Jesus is God and has been God from the beginning. But now Col. 1:15 – 16 (NIV) says, ***“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created;”*** (I added underline for emphasis). I never saw that before! If Jesus has always been God, how could He be the firstborn of all creation? Well now to another very famous scripture John 3:16-17 (KJV), ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.”*** (I added underline for emphasis). So Jesus was the Father’s only begotten Son who was born *before* He was sent into the world.

Now this is getting very interesting, so I looked up the word “begotten.” In the original Greek it’s “Monogene.” Mono means only one – gene means come to be, come into being. And the other Greek word used is “Gennao” which means to procreate, bear, beget, be born, bring forth. Now Proverbs 8:22-31 is what finally helped me understand this. It talks about wisdom being the first thing “brought forth” before the creation of anything else. And we know from Corinthians 1:24 Jesus is the wisdom of God.

The Hebrew word for “brought forth” in Proverbs means telescope. Picture a telescope you hold in your hand, that has two parts. But you must pull the other part out for it to be fully extended. That is how Jesus was “brought forth” out of the Father. It’s a little hard to understand, because Jesus is God and always been God. So He

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was always in the Father. But to be the firstborn of all creation and the Son of God, he had to come out of the Father, to be born, right? To be a separate member of the Trinity.

So now back to the question of, “Where do I get this high-value I so desperately need?” Think of Jesus in the moment when he was brought forth as the only begotten Son of the Father. And for the first time apart from the Father, he looked at the Father and the Father looked at him. And guess what? When Jesus looked at the Father He did not say, “Why are you the Father and I’m the Son? If you were really good, loving and humble, you’d want me to be the Father and you would be the Son. And gee I’m not good enough as the Son, and Father you’re not good.” *This never happened!*

Instead, when He first looked into the Father’s eyes, He said “Father, you’re good. I love you. And you know what? I am made in your image and likeness. I’m wonderful.” JESUS, AS THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION, IS WHO WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO. THAT’S BEFORE HEAVEN AND THE GARDEN WERE EVEN CREATED. This is a key element of God’s plan to love, empower, and bless us that is being revealed.

We will never get truth that produces high-value any place else. Jesus is the only one that has it. And it’s no accident: He is the Prince of Peace. And do you know what the word peace is in Hebrew? Shalom. And it means safe, sound, whole, happy, healthy, and prosperous – the Father’s plan to bless us!

I trust this registers with you. That’s why Jesus is preeminent. He is to be preeminent. He is to be our first love. He is the only way to get that high-value.

Earlier I talked about truth. I pointed out that truth is first. The first thing created was light. So, does it start with love or does it start with light? It starts with light. This is very, very exciting. Light must come first. And it’s the pathway to everything else. The root source of all evil on the Earth and our problems is not a love deficit or a blessing deficit. It is a truth deficit. It is a deception that devalues God and me that says God’s not good, and that I am not good enough. The antidote to that is truth that produces high-value and proclaims that God is good and I am wonderful. And then that triggers a sequence.

I am not against “how-to” formulas, but I think there’s something better than a how-to formula. It’s Kingdom principles, in sequence, that become a lifestyle. These principles will produce high-value. They will take care of your love deficit. They will eventually take care of

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your blessing deficit. And you will be enabled to go out and bless others. And that's **Outrageously Good News!**

Hebrews Chapters 3 and 4 tells us not to harden our hearts. Heb. 3:7 (NIV) says, ***"Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."*** It then goes on to describe the provocation in the dessert and how everyone over the age of 20 never made it to the Promised Land. I've read Heb. 3 and 4 many times and it's very, very complicated. And it closes with they never entered His rest.

There are three key words in those chapters – unbelief – hard hearts – disobedience. That's why they never entered into His rest and the Promised Land. They followed a sequence that devalues God and man. If you are deceived about who God is and who you are, will you have unbelief with regards to God being good and you being good enough. That is interesting, isn't it?

Whatever truth you have is what you believe. I cannot believe God is good unless I have that truth. I'll give you an example using Zeus. In ancient Greece Zeus was the god of the sky and ruler over all the gods on Mount Olympus. That's what they believed, so that represented their faith. Was it correct? No. Were they sincere? Yes. Can you have faith without truth? No! You cannot have faith apart from truth. Now we can understand better what they did when God brought them out of Egypt. They said, did you bring us out here to kill us? What were they saying? God, I don't believe you're good and you love us. They had unbelief. So, based on a deception that devalued God, they had a hard heart towards God.

Let's just be real and not super spiritual. If we have a really good relationship with someone, and you find out I'm doing very nasty things to that person, or I start doing nasty things to you, what will naturally happen? You will no longer believe that I'm a good man. Would not your heart that was for me and soft towards me harden? It truly would harden.

But there's more. They also said it would be better for us to go back to Egypt – to be slaves again – not God's chosen people to be free and blessed in the Promised Land. So the deception devalued them as well, and produced unbelief that they were God's chosen people – and a hard heart towards themselves as well!

So, a deception that devalued God and man, produced unbelief in His chosen people, on the way to the Promised Land. And that unbelief produced a hard heart towards God and themselves. You can now see this snowball effect. We're going down and we're going down

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fast, right? Where did it all start? Was it a love deficit? No. Because of God's great and love and concern, He delivered them out of Egypt. Was it a blessing deficit? No. They came out with gold from the Egyptians. It was a truth deficit.

Now we understand this very profound sequence in Hebrews 3 and 4, a deception that devalued – that created unbelief – that created a hard heart. What's the grand finale? Disobedience. Forget you God and your chosen leaders. We will form a golden calf as our god. We will take over. We will go back to Egypt. We are going to take matters into our own hands.

Sounds familiar with Adam and Eve, right? They lived in a world where they believed God was good, He valued them, loved them, and was providing for them. Then they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good vs. evil. Now, it's going to be on what we know and what we can do. They ended up with a lifestyle of self-protection, self-provision, and self-esteem. God said, now that's not going to work. When you eat of that tree, you will surely die. And so it was with the Hebrews – their bodies fell in the dessert. This is what I call the second fall, the provocation in the dessert. The first fall was in a garden.

Now what is the opposite of the two falls? It is truth that produces high-value. Now I'm getting excited. God is good. He values and loves me. He's taking care of me. He's protecting me. He's providing for me. And you know what? I'm wonderful. Because God took a piece of himself and put it in my mother's womb. So I'm made in His image and likeness and God is wonderful. This "truth that produces high-value" is a completely different start – that produces a totally different lifestyle and ending. So the above revelation about Hebrews Chapter 3 and 4 is a huge help to expose Satan's secret strategies to harm us and reveal God's plan to love, empower, and bless us.

I'm going to share a story, to help us further understand this high-value truth start. Some people have trouble getting this because they think it's pride. It has nothing to do with pride and everything to do with truth. I was taking a walk one day. And to set the stage for this walk, I want to share something with you. I achieved success at a very young age in business. I owned a large company with hundreds of employees. But I still struggled with inferiority. I believe it went back to being an accident when my mother got pregnant. The lie is because your unplanned, your unwanted. A deception that devalued me.

God had been dealing with me about inferiority for a long time. As I was walking, my heavenly Father said to my heart, "Rick, I think you're great." I didn't really know how to process this. And then the

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Holy Spirit said to my heart, “why don’t you agree with the Father?” It’s a good idea to agree with God, isn’t it? So, I said, “Father, I think I’m great too.” AND IT FELT GOOD! The Holy Spirit then said to my heart, “why don’t you tell Him He’s great.” I said, “Father, I think you’re great.” And I truly meant it. And here’s the punch line. There was a pause. God’s got better timing than Johnny Carson ever had. And the Father said to my heart, “I think I’m great, too.” I stopped walking. This was a profound theological doctrinal moment for me. And the Father then said to my heart, “son, now that we both know we’re great, everything’s going to be okay.” Now let’s pause and process this. Is God being an egomaniac when I said I think you’re great and He said I think I’m great, too? Is he being an egomaniac or is he telling the truth? No, He is speaking the truth. And was I being an egomaniac when I said I think I’m great to agree with Father God? No, and I’ll explain why below.

Now, I’m going to tell you a secret. We’re going to hold on this for a second. This is a medical fact, 40% of all healthy sperm and egg that come together never produce a human being. Scientists don’t know why. There’s no answer for it. But we know why from the Bible in Genesis and James. James 2:26 (NIV) says, “***the body without the spirit is dead.***” Genesis 2:7 (NIV) says “***the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.***” The Hebrew word for breath is *Ruach*, which means spirit. So God made the decision to put a piece of His spirit into Adam, and that is how he came to life. So it is with the conception of human being. Just a sperm coming together with an egg does not produce a human life. No, God must decide to take a piece of himself and put it in that sperm and egg, and then it becomes a living creature with his spirit in it. Now, since God is wonderful, and the piece of Him inside of me makes me in His image and likeness, doesn’t that make me wonderful?

I’d better be wonderful and valuable. Because if based on false humility I say I’m not, then I’m saying God isn’t wonderful and valuable. And God’s saying I can assure you of this. I AM WONDERFUL AND I AM VALUABLE. And since you’re made in my image and likeness, you’re wonderful, too. So what’s the conclusion from my walk? False humility is a lie from hell.

As Christians, we are all familiar with this song “*Amazing Grace, how sweet the song, that saved a wretch like me.*” Excuse me. I was never a wretch. Even before I was saved, I was wonderful. Was I

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fallen? Yes. Was I lost? Yes. But please, don't call a human being with a piece of the Father in him a wretch.

The reason the Father sent Jesus and went through all the trouble to get me back (because I was fallen and separated from Him) is because I'm valuable. This changes everything. I'm telling you it will change everything. Now we've got truth that God is good. And I'm wonderful. So, we must have high-value first. Then second comes humility, to recognize we are fallen sinners in need of a Savior, to be reconciled back with the Father.

All of us have struggled with faith. I call it the organ grinder with the monkey trying to crank up faith. What believer hasn't been there? I gotta get more faith. I'm going to get more faith. If I could just get more faith. And you try and try and try, and suddenly you feel worse than you did at the beginning. In fact, I now feel like I have less faith. You're cranking and cranking, like the organ grinder. But remember Kingdom principles in sequence that become a lifestyle? What if you genuinely get the revelation that God is good and you are wonderful and that's what you now believe is the truth? You know what? I It is now easier to have faith.

Now I know that my faith is in Jesus Christ. It is how I get reconciled to the Father and my sins are forgiven. I'm not skipping over Jesus, believe me, because He is the author and finisher of my faith. But do you understand how truth will produce faith and how a deception will produce unbelief? High-value truth is God's good and I'm wonderful. When I believe that truth, that is faith. Abraham is the father of faith. And the Bible says he believed, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Now, what does what I believe (faith), produce? Love.

Love means I now have a soft heart for God and a soft heart for myself. Which means I'm 2/3 of the way there. Jesus said the two greatest commands are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your strength, and all your might. And second, love your neighbor as you love yourself. Now if I obey the command to love, that means I have obedience. Now I have all three: faith vs. unbelief – love/soft heart vs. hard heart – obedience vs. disobedience.

Guess what these three things lead to? The promised land. You will receive God's promised blessings and fulfill your God given destiny. And you will enter God's rest. We now understand Heb. 3:7-4:11. Plus there is another thing we all struggle with – fear. And this is the bonus with truth that produces high-value. 1 John 4: 18 (NIV) says, ***“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out all fear,***

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because fear has to do with punishment." We now know that Father God values and loves us totally apart from our performance. That's perfect love. And he wants to bless us, not punish us. So when we believe that God is good, and He thinks we're valuable, loves us, and wants to bless us – we are set free from fear!

The Lord has led me to write this book to tell you something. It's that you, the reader, are wonderful. He thinks you're great. He's not kidding. He created you. You are his child. God has tremendous thoughts towards you. He has plans for you. He has not lost sight of his plans for you. They are to give you a future and a hope – for your good and not for your evil (Jer. 29:11). God thinks you're great, and by the way, He thinks He's great – it's true!

I'm going to share one more story. I was the life coach of Leif Hetland. People consider him an Apostle of love – to impart to people the love of the Father. And he also traveled to the mid-east on very dangerous missions to spread the Gospel to Muslims. So, you would think the last person to have a problem with loving himself and having high-value would be Leif. So he's sitting at my kitchen table and I looked at him and said Leif, you're valuable. He then says, I know. And the Holy Spirit tells me, Leif doesn't get it. I said Leif, you're valuable.

I know, my ministry is to understand the Father's love, so I know I'm valuable. Again, the Holy Spirit tells me, Leif still doesn't get it. Five times I said Leif you're valuable. On the fifth time, the Holy Spirit shared with me, I'm going to tell you how he's going to get it. What if you had two pieces of art – a velvet Elvis and a Picasso – how would you handle them? Here's how you would handle a Picasso. You would have guys with white gloves and humidity control and a Brinks truck with guards. And the reason you take such great care is because it's a very very valuable Picasso painting. But if it was a velvet Elvis, you would throw it in the back of a pickup truck and hope it didn't rain. How do you handle yourself, Leif? Like a Picasso or a velvet Elvis?

And I then said to him, do you know who two of the biggest people who get abused in this area are? Ministers and mothers. Because they give out to everybody else, but they don't take care of their own selves. And Leif Hetland wept. And then he said, now I understand. I'm an apostle of love. I know how to love everybody else, but I don't know how to love my own self, because down deep inside I don't see myself as valuable – a Picasso.

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For all of us, it's not having high-value that breaks the Father's heart. How do you handle yourself? Do you take care of yourself? Do you put God first and get in his presence? Do you take care of your health? Do you do things for yourself or is it always doing for others, doing for others, doing for others? Helping others is great. But if at your core the reason you're helping is to gain self-esteem, I can assure you of this – God's not impressed. You don't have to do anything to earn God's love and be valuable in His sight. God values and loves us totally apart from our performance. And He wants apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, businesspeople, mothers, and everybody else in between to have truth that produces high-value.

You probably don't remember the first event that led you to devalue God and yourself. But this is a huge point. The event, no matter how horrible, is not the root problem. It is the lie attached to it. The lie that somehow God's not good. He didn't protect me. And I'm not good enough – I deserved the bad thing to happen to me. God wants to debunk that lie in your life.

My Closing Prayer for You

Lord, I speak to anybody who's been verbally abused, physically abused, sexually molested, or devalued in any way, that you will extract the poison of the viper out of them. The lie that is attached that says somehow, you're not good because you did not protect them. And the lie that they're not valuable. Remove that and replace it with the truth that You are good, and they are wonderful.

And anybody that has been devalued, put down, demeaned, told to shut up, go to the back of the line, and you're not good enough – extract that also. Look them in the eyes right now. Breathe into their nostrils and let them know the truth, that they are wonderful and that they are valuable. And Father God, I ask you to get this snowball going, that as they receive more and more high-value truth, they will have more and more faith then – more and more love – then more and more obedience. To enter your rest, your promised land, to fulfill their destiny and purpose to be blessed and bless others.

Father do your sovereign work in the life of the reader of this chapter. Enable them to be catapulted forward based on this simple principle of "Truth that Produces High-Value." Jesus, we honor you. You are the firstborn of all creation. You are the only one who has this "High-Value Truth." That's why you said I am the way, the truth, and the life and I came full of grace and truth. You embody this truth. Fill us with this truth. Picasso truth. Let us start handling you and our own selves like a Picasso, because that's the right thing. Jesus, in your holy name I pray.

Amen. Thank you, Lord.

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