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## **1. The Cross**

One may ask, “Why is it important to put a section in this book about the cross?” The title of this book is “The Process”. The reason that the cross is mentioned up front in this book is because it is the cornerstone of everything that follows. We learn in John 14:6 that no man comes to the Father, except that they come through Jesus Christ.

Despite what many are teaching today, there are not hundreds of different ways to be justified with God. There is one way and it is through Jesus Christ and what He did on the Cross. The most important thing that we can do as believers is tell others about what Christ did for them on the cross. In fact, the entirety of the Bible points to Christ and the Cross as the solution, not only to salvation, but to sanctification and victory. The Old Testament points forward to Jesus dying on the cross and the New Testament points back to it.

Once the sinner is born again, the Holy Spirit begins to work in the life of that person to a greater degree. The Spirit gives the individual the power to overcome in this life. Of all the things that I will mention in this book, none of them will be of use without the power of the Holy Spirit of God. It is



similar to a cannon in a way: We can load the cannon with all of our good works and ambitions to do right, but there they sit. We can even light the fuse, if you will, but the Holy Spirit is the agent that acts as the gunpowder that sends these works, dreams and ambitions into motion. Romans 8:2, 10-11 says it like this, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you”. There is no victory or joy that will come to humanity outside of the Cross of Jesus Christ and it is my hope that you will make that choice today if you have not. Man has but one problem and that is sin. Sin only has one solution and that is Jesus Christ and the price that He paid on the cross.

## **2. The Call**

In the Bible, the call is some form of communication from God to man, or man to God that results in a need for a choice to be made. For example, in Genesis 7:1 Noah is called by God to build an ark and save his family from the flood. This call starts with the words “come thou”.

This creates a need for Noah to act by making a decision. There is no way that he can remain neutral at this point, because he has been given a choice. If he does as God commands then he will go, but if he does not, then he resists. Regardless of the choice made, a choice is still made.

I think that this is important to understand, because it is popular in our culture to resist the will of God, when we know it to be so, because it is hard, or the timing is wrong, or a million other reasons. This is still a choice, and results in disobedience. We need to understand, as a baseline, that our lives are created for His glory, and not the other way around. When He becomes the center of our lives, then His plan becomes valuable to us. It is just as easy to say that if His plans are not the most important then He is not the center of our lives.

Whatever the call, whether it is, “come”, “go”, or any other command, it tests the will of the individual. It tests us at the core of our person to see where our allegiance lies, within ourselves, or in the Kingdom of God. This is the foundation on which our process will be built. We know who God is, but this is how we find out who we are. The truth is, outside of Jesus Christ, there is no good in us at all.

As we move through this book, let us ask ourselves, who we are. If nothing else, let this be a mirror, and a doorway that we may enter into awareness of what is going on in our lives, and that our lives are not in vain. What do we do with the call in our lives, and what lessons can we learn from the Bible about those who obeyed and those who did not obey. What might our lives be like if we answered the call set before us?

### **3. The Answer**

In Genesis 7:5, the Bible tells us “Noah did according to all the Lord commanded him.” If we think about this for a moment, it could have just as easily read, “Jason did according to all the Lord commanded him”, or “Jason did not heed the word of the Lord, but went the other way.” It is important to note that no man or woman can do the will of the Lord, without the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We know the stories in the Bible, because we have heard them, and learned the lessons associated with them, for instance, Noah and the ark, Jonah and the whale and David and Goliath. The only thing that is not apparent when reading these stories is the consideration that these people did not know how the stories ended. They were ordinary people, who made choices, which resulted in an outcome of some sort. Sounds familiar doesn't it?

Each and every one of us is writing a similar story that is being recorded in the eyes of those around us, small and great. It will be told by the children to their children, and recorded in time. If we stop and think for a moment and stop the speed of life, we must ask

ourselves, “How does my story end?” It will change the way you write it each day of your life.

I recall when God placed it on my heart to go and address an issue that was taking place at my place of work that I knew was not right. I actually walked away from it and decided not to do it, because I knew the person and anticipated how they might respond when I told them what God had directed me to say and, quite honestly, I didn’t need the excitement in my life at that point. In addition to this, the person was my friend. We had never had a difficult conversation of this magnitude before in the past.

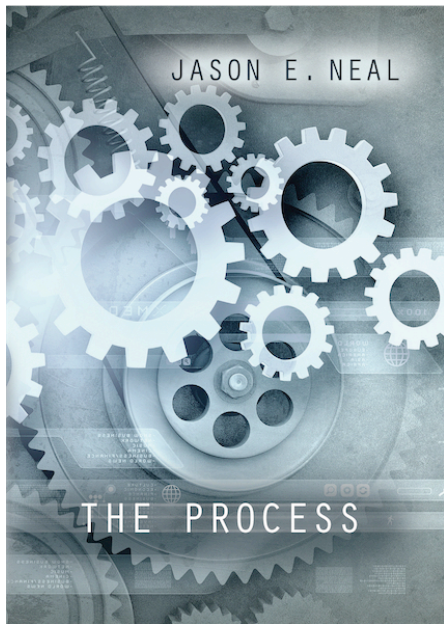
The Lord directed me a second time to do so at a later date. By this point, people were being impacted by the unaddressed actions and decisions of this individual and the surrounding group, but no one was saying anything. I walked away a second time and the Lord stopped me. I felt a heavy burden and conviction to the point that I knew if I walked away this time God was going to deal with me for my disobedience. I turned around and went and found the individual in charge and told them every word that God had placed on my heart. I told them the damage that their decisions were making and the impact that it could have on others. It was honestly one of the hardest conversations that I have had with a person since becoming a Christian.

The individual in the manner that I had anticipated and I was chastised by certain individuals for doing what I know was right. My point being this: We are to follow God and not fear men and their rebuttal, or their vengeance. It is God alone who opens doors that no man can shut and it is God alone who can close doors that no man can open. When we do what he tells us to do and the doors close, or open then this is His will for us.

On the same hand, we are to be wise and have a prayer life with God so that we know His will. It would have been just as unwise, and out of God's will for me, to approach this individual and confront him just because I was angry, or offended. When we act in this manner we are acting in the flesh and not being directed by God at all, which can lead in a completely different direction. The bottom line is that we will know when it is God, because He will deal with us when we resist Him. He knows how to cut to the deepest parts of us and does so well.

Just remember that everyone's answer yields a different return, which is why we cannot look to another's empire. A few examples of this are when David answered the call, and became king, when Saul of Tarsus answered the call, his name became Paul, and the gospel was spread throughout the earth, but when

John the Baptist answered he lost his head to a harlot's request. Each had a time and a place for their destiny to be fulfilled. None were the same, but all were necessary to fulfill the will of God. The one thing that they all had in common was their faith in Jesus Christ in some way, shape or form. Although there are many destinations, there is only one starting point when walking with God and that is through His Son, Jesus Christ.



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