

Unstuck Sermon Series

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The teacher gave definitions
of the new words.
of an image (picture)

Defined

Letting Jesus give MEANING to your life

John 15:12-17



Christ ALONE



Are you stuck?

Not sure WHO you are
WHERE you are headed



The Bottom Line

True **MEANING** in life is found in
God's **DEFINITION** and God's
DIRECTION for your life



12 “This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I
have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Looks like you're stuck

Overcompensating

Isolating

Stop trying



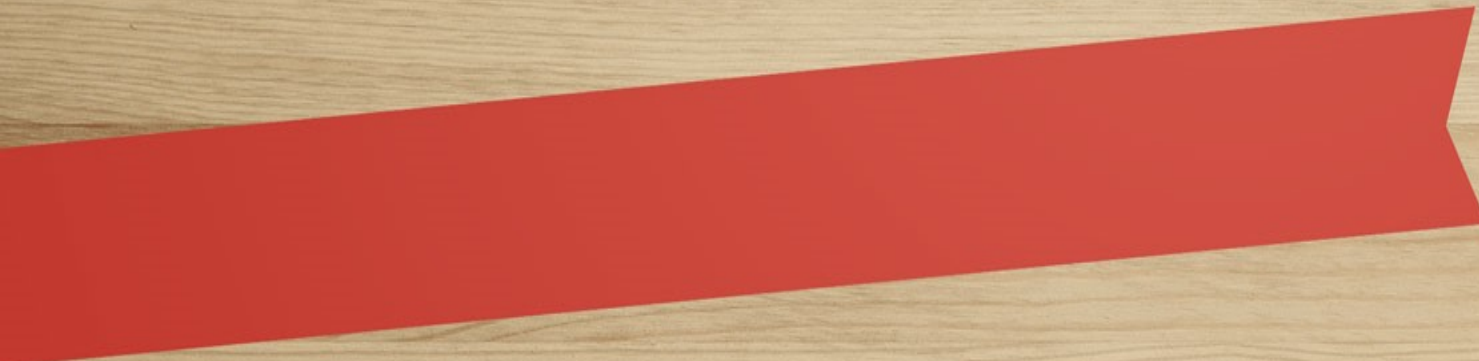
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Distraction

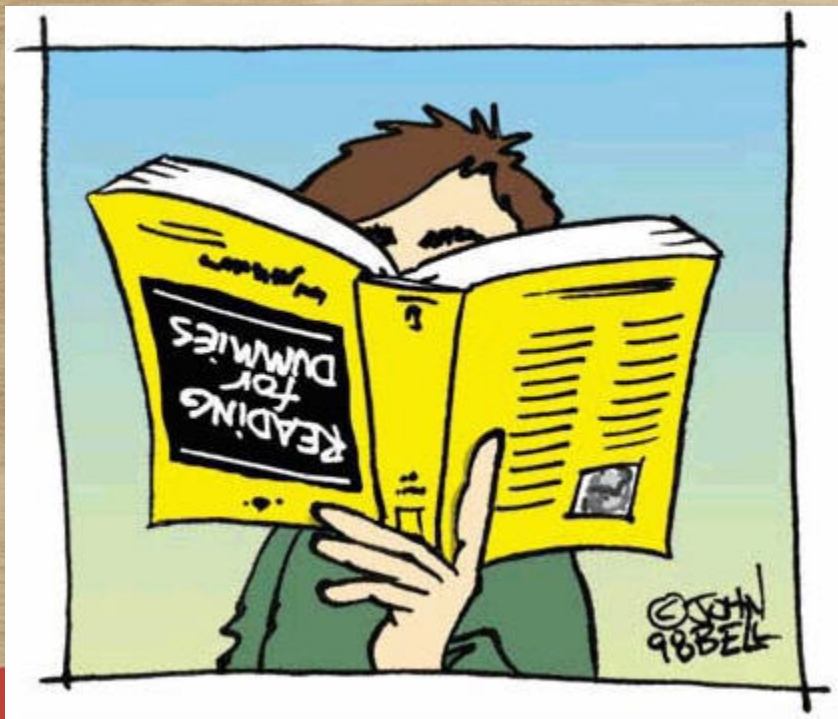
Disappointment

Discouragement

Defeat



We got STUCK because we started using the wrong script and reading the wrong lines



Wrong scripts

Church is about ME

Why is this happening to ME

My spouse is supposed to make ME happy

I should be _____ by now



FOR WE ARE

GOD'S HANDIWORK,

CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS

TO DO GOOD WORKS,

WHICH GOD PREPARED IN

ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.

NIV

EPHESIANS 2:10

How do we get
UNSTUCK?

Find out your name
Follow His direction

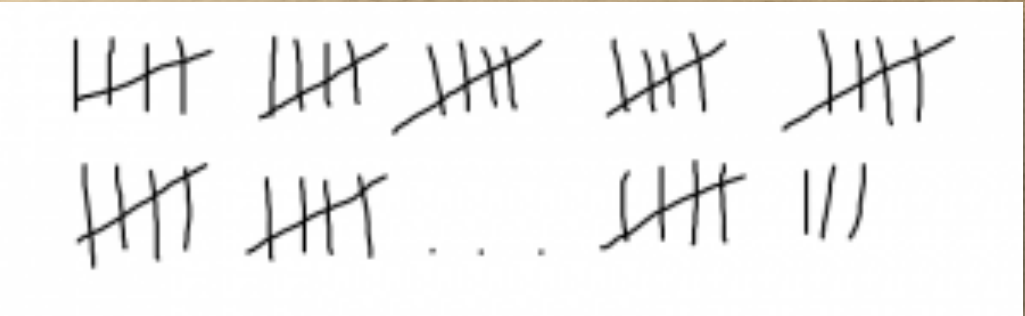


Jesus gives us DEFINITION:
I love you
You are my friend



This love
Unmistakable
Unending
Unmerited
Undeniable

*O, the overwhelming,
never-ending,
reckless love of God
O, it chases me down,
fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it,
and I don't deserve it,
still, You give
Yourself away
O, the overwhelming,
never-ending,
reckless love of God*



That's love

Jesus knows EVERY disciple's flaws
But He doesn't keep score



Jesus gives us DIRECTION

I have called you

I chose you

I appointed you to bear fruit



You are not chosen because of
what you have done but
because of what He has done

God hath chosen the foolish things of the
world to confound the wise; and God
hath chosen the weak things of the world
to confound the things which are mighty.

Madeleine L'Engle

We were **CHOSEN** to bear
God's fragrance
God's fruit



God isn't concerned with your
YESTERDAY

He just wants your
YES TODAY

Getting over a painful
experience is much like
crossing monkey bars.
You have to let go at
some point in order to
move forward.

-C.S. Lewis

