



## **Sermon Notes: Becoming Part 2 Between Your Ears**

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**“All Progress comes by way of Process. In Christ we are becoming MORE”  
– Pastor Joe Starling**

**Text Reference:** NIV 1 John 3: 2-6

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John%203%3A2-6&version=NIV>

3:2 Beloved, we are God's children **now**, and what we will be has **not yet** appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

### **Power Points:**

- **How God Works the Paradox – Conflict and Contradiction: Embedded in the Christian experience**
- **Between Your Ears – Enlarge My Territory**
- **Life Changes Triggers:**
  - **Opportunity**
  - **Relationships**
  - **Revelation**
  - **Decisions**

## How God Works:

### *In all thy getting, get understanding*

Call things that be not as they were. "The God of Now/Faith (The Author and Finisher Hebrews 12:2); paints on the canvas of gradual progress." – Pastor J. Starling

## **The Paradox – Conflict and Contradiction: Embedded in the Christian experience**

### **Contradiction/Oxymoron**

1 John 3: 2-6

3:2 Beloved, **we are God's children now**, and what we will be has **not yet** appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

Be Vs Be-come (we are, while in process of our arrival...) oxymoron contradiction  
you are what you have not totally arrived

God call things (prophetically) that are not as if they are

Shall these dry bones live?

Believe you have and you shall have...Mark 11:

Call things (**now**) that **will be** (destiny/purpose/assignment)

Romans 4:17 KJV

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+4%3A17&version=KJV>

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 4:17 AMPC

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+4%3A17&version=AMPC>

17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and

speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

**Power to become** the sons of God. God supplies the power.

Does Not yet appear but we shall be like Him

The same Spirit that raise Christ from the dead shall quicken your mortal body.

**Isaiah 34:16 kjv**

<https://biblehub.com/isaiah/34-16.htm>

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

**Becoming is a Process**

**Between Your Ears: Increasing Your Territory**

1 Chronicle 4:9-10 NLT

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Chronicles+4&version=NIV>

<sup>9</sup> Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez,<sup>[c]</sup> saying, "I gave birth to him in pain."

<sup>10</sup> Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

**Enlarge my territory my field of responsibility**

**"It is my lot in life"**

**A lot is never given without responsibility**

**Enlarging the territory your ears (not in external things)**

**The territory between your ears**

**People get money, but don't get the territory between their ears enlarged**

**3 john 2**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=3%20John%202&version=KJV>

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Prosper by expanding your growth of your soul

Soul:

- Mind
- Will
- Emotion
- Imagination
- Intelligence

**Life doesn't change by the passage of time; it changes Only for:**

Same thing done the same way (no innovation) a realm of responsibility.

### **1. Opportunity: Your life is defined by opportunities**

Opportunities (the one's you take or don't take) you must see/recognize them.

***You must see them to seize them.***

*Some people are not better than you. They got a chance. And took advantage of the opportunity. (You must recognize your opportunities)*

The past is in your head. The future is in your hand. Sow for it. It's a seed. Is an opportunity for to be/have much more than what you are. It's what do you do with the seeds of opportunities that come your way?

You have more power to change your situation than you realize.

Stop agonizing over what you should be strategizing over.

God show me have to seize this opportunity.

(Stress is about what you haven't figured out how to do. Potential is about what you CAN do! – BDC Bronner)

Potential is based on what you can do or what you have not done yet.

The difference between who you are and who you want to be is somewhere between:

- a. Doing what you don't want to do but need to do.
- b. Doing it consistently

Example: Les Brow "You Gotta Be Hungry"

[https://www.google.com/search?q=les+brown+hungry&rlz=1C1GCEA\\_enUS933US933&oq=les+brown+hungry&aqs=chrome.0.0i67i355j46i67j0i512j46i512j0i512l2j0i22i30l4.5032j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:38d6bdaa,vid:uFBqCPj6n44](https://www.google.com/search?q=les+brown+hungry&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS933US933&oq=les+brown+hungry&aqs=chrome.0.0i67i355j46i67j0i512j46i512j0i512l2j0i22i30l4.5032j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:38d6bdaa,vid:uFBqCPj6n44)

Your life will be the same except for the opportunity.

## 2. Relationships.

**God is The God of relationship (Not just miracles): Abraham, Issacs, and Jacob. (God works with people. God loves people)**

Relationships change your life for the good and the bad.

Relationships are the currency of life.

Life works based on who you know not what you know.

Ex: Knowing Jesus

John 16:23-24 KJV

<https://www.bible.com/bible/1/JHN.16.23-24.KJV>

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Your life is summation of the 5 closest people in your life.

The people that are closest in your life determine your destiny.

Those critical people that see something in you and encourage it....

They can make you or break you.

**Daily Relationship Check Points (focus on life purpose)**

- Give Thanks to God
- Who needs me? (God, family, ministry, community) ask yourself this question. Remember you are not called to serve things, but people...) what changes your life; are associations, people, and relationship.

***Purpose always ties you to people (Purpose keeps your priorities focus)***

Ex: Jesus redirected the life of Peter and John (Follow me, I make you fisher of men...Jesus connected them to the Purpose of People...Just because Jesus walked into their lives.) apostle Paul meet timothy

People needs People

- Focus on being kind in your relationship.

It better to be kind. Than to be right all the time...

- Who do I need?

The question you should ask those that are in close association: Who do you know that I should know? You must have someone in your life that challenge you. That provoke you. People that stimulate you to growth. People that bring out the best in you.

### **3. Revelation.**

- Revelation deals how you:
- Think
- See
- Hear
- Understand
- Discern

Real revelation produces a revolution. If what a person call revelation, that doesn't produce change. Was just a fantasy.

### **Hagar Names God: El Roi**

Genesis 16:13 NIV

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2016%3A13&version=NIV>

<sup>13</sup> She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen<sup>[a]</sup> the One who sees me."

Hagar (The African Girl/Single Mother) out of gratitude,  
 is the first person in scripture that named God. "EL Roi: The God that sees me..."  
 Abraham and Sara never referred to her by name.

Every human has a need to be seen.

Being seen adds value to a person life.

God chooses to validate the vulnerable (SP).

She had a revelation of God.

Revelation is the prerequisite for transformation.

Revelation Comes from God:

- The Word of God
- The Spirit of God
- The Gift of the Spirit
- Dreams
- Gifts of the prophets

#### 4. Decision

##### **The decisions that you make**

"You don't rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems."

James Clear

*Systems are created by your decision.*

You must decide the cost you are willing to pay for what God has called you to do.

What are you willing to let stop you:

What people say

Lack of support

How hard it is

Your Decision determine:

- Conduct
- Character
- Destiny

All change begins with a decision.