



Sermon Notes: Becoming

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

Text Reference: 2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%205%3A21&version=NIV>

God made him who had no sin **to be** sin for us, so that in him **we might become** the righteousness of God.

Power Points:

- **Mission Becoming. The Ministry of More: Expansion**
- **How God Works the Paradox – Conflict and Contradiction: Embedded in the Christian experience**
- **Becoming Process: Change requires time**
 - **Identification: negative labels**
 - **Focus: not on your doing but what you are becoming**
 - **See a new beginning in every ending**
 - **Express Gratitude: The bridge of future blessing**
 - **Divine Suddenly: follows gradual Change. Often after compound attacks.**

Mission Becoming

As Pastor My responsibility is to not just move a ministry. But to move people...spiritually, (death to life) inspirationally (from stagnation, devastation, desperation to fulling assignments and purpose) Provoking and pruning underperformers into dominators. All while keeping compelling men to Christ as the central theme.

Teaching for Revelation to See.... Not to produce clones. Because clones turn into to clowns...because clowns masquerade in life. Having no internal relationship with God. No Personal blueprint for their lives. Short sightless...

Move people to a place a destination of Becoming all God wants them be, have and do... the destination of Becoming.

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.

The Becoming Process:

- Identification: negative labels
- Focus: not on your doing but what you are becoming
- See a new beginning in every ending
- Express Gratitude bridge of future blessing
- Change your H.A.T: Habits Attitude Thoughts
- Decision means to cut off
- Divine Suddenly: following gradual. Often after compound attacks

Negative Labels: Correct Identity

1 Chronicle 4:9-10 NLT

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

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

¹⁰ 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 Terrority)

Jabez means:

- He who cause sorrow
- He who cause pain

People project their pain on others. Jabez mother through what she named him was projecting her pain into his life.

Example Jacob parents named him sir planter, deceiver

The root of all your issue is in your identity.

Change what you call yourself

Your identity, what or who you identify with dictates your behavior. Your Behavior follows belief

"You are not your pain. So don't allow your hurt to become your identity." BDC Bronner

Despite a bad label in his name. Jabez had nobility in his character.

Focus of Becoming

Your focus should be more on:

What you are becoming more than what you are doing. (Doing is important, however we must understand and embrace process)

What you are doing now is not your final destiny (EX: The Life of David)

1 Samuel 16:13

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%2016&version=ESV>

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 17:15

https://biblehub.com/1_samuel/17-15.htm

but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

Prophetic Destiny

I am becoming into more of what God has Prophetically, declared, made me to be. Destined to be.

What you are doing right now is not who you are.

Note: People lock their identity into what they are doing now and not be in what they are becoming.