



When You Can't Take It Anymore

Lessons From Left Field

By Chuck Bittrick

The Mechanic & the Unfixable Car

Once upon a time, there was a mechanic who owned and operated the Unfixable Car Repair Shop. He knew he could fix any unfixable car because he used a special manual that gave instructions on how to fix any kind of unfixable car in the world. The only problem was that it seemed to him that some unfixable cars just didn't want to be fixed. This made him very sad yet he was determined to fix every car that was brought to him

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Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

- Elliot Ness Jun 17, 2015
- Chris Little Jun 24, 2015
- Larry Harper Jul 15, 2015
- Ray Ortiz Aug 3, 2015
- Dennis Case Aug 12, 2015
- Chris Green Aug 17, 2015
- Brent Harden Sep 3, 2015

Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:

- Randy Cody Aug 8, 2015



We recently had a house meeting in an attempt to help one of our men recognize the self-destructive path he was on. As often happens during one of these meetings, the more we tried to help, the more resistant (and rebellious and obnoxious and ...) the man was.

These meetings often leave me drained. The energy expended to help a man who has asked for, yet continues to resist the help being offered can leave a mark on one's spirit.

This particular session had me thinking (and reflecting to Pastor Jon) how much I enjoy functioning within the administrative gifting I have recognized for most of my life and how tired I was from functioning outside of this gifting. My hope was to return my focus to this area and leave the more "pastoral" work to those like Pastor Jon (PJ). But God...

Within a couple of weeks later, we received a brochure for a training seminar that offered to teach us how to help "clients overcome resistance to change." I

was ready to single-handedly approve the budget to fly PJ to Arkansas to attend this seminar.

What was being offered was training in Motivational Interviewing, a counseling technique based on empathy, honor, and collaboration. My research into this showed me that its goal is to tap into the reasons and capacity for change already resident in clients. Wow, so much like the Kingdom principles we already teach the men! God has placed the truth in our hearts from the beginning. (Romans 2:14-15) We've been created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and God-given greatness resides in us. (Romans 8:11)

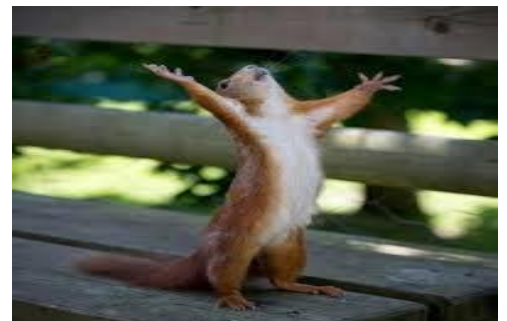
Needless to say, I'm stoked again to learn something new to help me to help those I'm called to serve. It's just like God to allow me to get to the point where I think I can't take it anymore before He reveals His limitless resources to bring healing, deliverance, and Kingdom transformation to the lives of His precious children. The best part is that I have to change to participate in this. Change is good. -CB

From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

Labor Day

Labor Day 2015, a day that many give little thought to as they enjoy a long weekend. As with much of our American ways (even in the Church), we have lost touch with the roots of our heritage. Few realize the cost of that which we take for granted today. There was blood shed in pursuit of not only a day to honor those who labored to build this nation, but the very concept of a two day weekend and fair compensation. Today the spirit of entitlement is pervasive throughout our culture with nearly 50% of our nation receiving some form of government assistance. The Church is positioned to redirect people's hands up rather than out. The question is, are we ready?



The Word tells us the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few, pray for the increase of laborers! Don't be surprised if the Lord asks you to labor with Him in harvesting that which you have not sown (John 4:38).

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as he believed that with his special manual, he could fix every unfixable car in the world.

One day a car was brought in with only three wheels. The owner told him that as far as he knew, the car had always had only three wheels. The car with three wheels could get him around town okay but it was always awkward and he felt that one day, the car with three wheels would get in a wreck and could never be used again. So, he brought his car with three wheels into the Unfixable Car Repair Shop.

The mechanic drove the car with three wheels around the block a few times to get a sense of what the problem was. He noticed as the car drove, it seemed to lean a certain way to keep the side of the car with the missing wheel from scraping against the road. It was like a man who had injured one leg and began to favor the other in order to avoid pain.

So, the mechanic drove the car with three wheels back to his repair shop and started to carefully read through his special manual so he could figure out how to fix this unfixable car with three wheels. It took him hours and hours of hard work on the car before he could get a fourth wheel on the car. The car seemed to resist his every effort to fix it.

After adding the fourth wheel on the car with three wheels, he again drove it around the block a few times to check out the work he had done. Even though he had added a fourth wheel on this car with three wheels, it still leaned that certain way to keep the side of

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The heart of New Name is to raise up servant leaders to answer this call. The question is if they can submit themselves to a process that will bring them to the planned end that they have been called to? Often we hear the call on our life and don't stop long enough to realize that there is a process involved in becoming that which He created us to be. We either run from or right by the very thing we're longing for with trust being one issue and timing (His not ours) being the other.



All too often, I see men come out of prison thinking prison was their process and now, upon release, that they're ready to go. I'd say they're half right, prison likely was part of the process, but the process is progressive and not an event, it will last for eternity. Why be in such a hurry? Guilt, shame and fear drive us to believe that either we'll never

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the car that had had the missing wheel from scraping against the road. It was like a man whose injured leg had been healed yet he still favored the other because he was afraid of the pain.

When we are injured by life, we often compensate in ways to avoid further pain. Sometimes, after our injury has healed we return to normal and leave that compensation behind because we remember how good it was to be whole. Yet there are other times when the injury was so long ago or has taken so long to heal, we do not remember being whole so all we know is how to compensate for the pain. True healing is a fearful and foreign thing that may keep us in our injured state forever if we will not choose to trust the Healer.

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be able to achieve great things or that we've squandered our years and need to catch up to prove ourselves to others and/or to God as being worthy of acceptance. Truth is, those chosen by God are already accepted by the only One we need to be accepted by! Why do we reach for something beneath us? I would venture to say it's because we haven't really submitted ourselves fully to Him yet and still value the acceptance of the world more than God's. Essentially we filter our lives through the eyes of orphans, seeking approval of man when we've been adopted by God. When we strive for position, power or wealth to establish value, or for that matter seek approval (affirmation of value) from any source other than God, we are stuck in an orphan mentality. What a consistently exhausting struggle it is to seek approval rather than the Kingdom. The Word tells us in Matthew 6:33 that as we seek the Kingdom that all these other things are added to our lives and in Hebrews 4:11 that we are to labor to enter into His rest and not be unbelieving believers.

This Labor Day, I am appreciative of those who took a stand for the value of laborers; while remembering the life of Christ Jesus who labored unto death so that all could receive the gift of eternal life through the forgiveness of all sin and the promise your peace that transcends all earthly understanding (John 14:27).

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