



EPISODE ONE

NEW CREATION

Host:

We may be tempted to put our heads in the sand and hope the issues of our day would go away. But the truth is we need help ... with our passions, fear and behaviour that are detrimental to others. We need help with our selfishness, anxieties, and the fears we feel in times like these.

Questions:

What impacted you the most from Amy's talk?

What does God's promise in Revelation 21:5 mean to you?

Host:

God said, "Behold, I make all things new." God commanded these words to be written down to prove they are trustworthy and true ... to assure us that no matter how much evil and suffering ... how much futility we see around us ... how much discouragement and depression ... He can and will make all things new.

However much of a failure we may feel ... or however much we've messed up ... or feeling we are beyond redemption ... or that our lives aren't worth living ... the God of the universe who is on the throne overseeing everything ... it is He who says, "You can be made new."

Questions:

Does dirt and hard living devalue a 50 pound note? Why or why not? What persuaded you that actually you can have a new heart? How did that come about?

Host:

Nothing can take away the intrinsic value of our lives. Jesus on the cross paid the ultimate price for the most ultimate valuable thing ... us.

Questions:

How does the God of the Universe make all things new? Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Does this mean that it is instantaneous? Does everything change overnight? (of course not and you might want to talk about the sanctifying and gentle work of the Spirit in the believer).

Where can change come for the human heart?

Host:

The God who can make us a new creation as we worship and welcome Him into our lives makes that transformation happen.

Questions:

What does becoming a “new creation” mean to you? What do you need to do to become a new creation? Why would you want to become a new creation? How would you describe this to a non-Christian?

Host:

Testimony of Tomas Tarrants ... an imprisoned Klansman full of racial hatred ... reads Matthew 16:26 in the Bible and discovers the God who was worthy of worship ... surrenders his life to Jesus and his hatred and racism is taken away. Tom starts a prayer meeting with a member of the Black Panthers who was also a new Christian. Because of his unbelievable conversion, others became Christians.

Question:

Read Matthew 16:24-27. This passage is not about being saved by works but the key is in v 24-25. How does this play out in your life?

Host:

Discuss the miraculous testimony of Dunkirk: German 3-day halt makes the evacuation of Dunkirk possible. Through prayer ... through Christ ... God changes hearts.

Host Close:

God can change hearts and through that He can change situations. The Bible says that if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation ... the old has gone and the new has come. God can transform our world and He can transform us.

Host Conclusion:

If you turn to Christ ... through His crucifixion your sins can be forgiven ... the old can be gone the new can come ... the power to live differently ... to turn away from evil ... to seek restoration ... to forgive those who have hurt us ... Jesus offers us this if we turn to Him today and invite Him into our lives.