

# TALKING POINTS

## FIND HOME HERE - THE FOUR CHAIRS

### LEANING IN

Whether as children or adults, we are prone to wander. It's not unusual to find ourselves in a place of asking - "how did I get here?". The thing is, wandering can put us in a place we never intended, far from what God has for us. To know if we have wandered, we have to look at our spiritual lives as though we are sitting in one of four different chairs.

CHAIR ONE - *the surrender chair* - this person is totally surrendered to and in love with Jesus. They know their life is NOT their own - they are totally surrendered to God's will for their life and they *love* it.

CHAIR TWO - *the self chair* - this person pursues only their own purposes - MY Life, MY Truth, "You Only Live Once". This person hasn't surrendered ANY of their life to God, so they are missing out on God's blessings.

CHAIR THREE - *the religious chair* - this person has traded relationship with Jesus for religion. They regularly attend church, but they come to *get*, to *criticize*, to *judge*. They've missed the heart of Jesus, even if they know the bible.

CHAIR FOUR - *the shame chair* - this person defines themselves by the wrongs they've done. They believe the wrongs they've done are *who they are*. This person says, "God can't love me - I've done too many bad things".

Read Galatians 2:20, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:5-8, Romans 8:1-2

How many of these "chairs" have you sat in? How do you get to chair #1?

### LIVING IT OUT

If we're going to find our way into Chair One, we need to be aware of God's promises for us when we choose to sit there. Here are four important promises from God for those who surrender all:

**You're Made Right By Your Position, Not Your Performance** - it's not about how bad your behavior is, it's about how good God is and how much love He has for you.

Read Galatians 4:7, Ephesians 2:8-9

Why do we get so preoccupied with our performance over God's grace?

**God Doesn't Allow Consequences To Set Us Back, He Allows Them To Bring Us Back** - God can redeem anything which has happened to you and use it for His glory and your good.

Read Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20

Have you ever experienced God taking a bad experience in your life and using it for *good*?

**You Are Never Too Far Gone That God Can't Redeem You, Restore You, Forgive You** - God's grace is greater than your sin. The cross covers everything you've done.

Read Romans 5:6-8, 10

Do you ever forget God has forgiven you? Or just don't believe He has?

**The World Knows Your Name And Calls You By Your Sin, but God Knows Your Sin And Calls You By Your Name** - when you follow Jesus, you are not who people say you are, you are who *Jesus* says you are. A child of God.

Read Galatians 3:26

What can you do to remind yourself of who you *really* are in Christ?