

*** PREACHING at Marysville High School – Doug Bird
ARRESTED – TEAM MEMBER called a girl a “HARLOT”

SLIDE – CONFESSIONS of an IMPERFECT LIFE – Pt. 2
 7 ROCK VALUES – WHOLENESS

7 Rock Values are the HEALTHIEST QUALITIES, Suzie & I saw in the HEALTHIEST PEOPLE/CHURCHES we ever met

- THEY are the QUALITIES of JESUS & the ONES HE WANTS ME TO HAVE.
- TRUE INTIMACY WITH GOD will bring GRATITUDE & JOY into EVERY SITUATION we will ENCOUNTER.
- When you KNOW GOD’S HEART for you . . .
- How MADLY in LOVE with you HE IS, your HEART will OVERFLOW with GRATITUDE & APPRECIATION
- THAT LEVEL of HONESTY with GOD, WILL MAKE YOU WANT TO BE HONEST & OPEN with others.
- GENUINE TRANSPARENCY is the DOORWAY to BECOMING a WHOLE PERSON.
- WHOLENESS gives us IDENTIFICATION & a BURDEN to HELP OTHERS in the way GOD has HELPED US.
- If you CAN’T IDENTIFY with SOMEONE, you’re NOT SURE YOU CAN FULLY RELATE TO THEM.
- That’s why we have a “MY STORY” every week.
- I’m NOT STANDING HERE today BECAUSE I’M a PERFECT REPRESENTATION of JESUS.
- I’m STANDING HERE BECAUSE JESUS RESCUED ME & HE STILL IS . . . EVERYDAY
- I’m STANDING HERE WANTING TO BE “GRATEFUL” EVERY MOMENT of MY LIFE
- I’m STANDING HERE, WANTING to BE “JOYFUL” EVERY MOMENT of MY LIFE
- I AM LIGHT-YEARS MORE WHOLE than I WAS, BUT PERFECT is really PERFECT, & I’M NOT PERFECT

SLIDE - Interactive Question #1 (for those who have been faithfully attending The Rock for six months or more)
 Q. Are you categorically more whole than when you first attended The Rock of Roseville?
 A. Yes
 B. No

“I have been healed, I am being healed, I will be healed”

VIDEO – SEABISCUIT

SLIDE - Interactive Question #2

- Q. How do you relate to your past regrets & sins?
- A. I am regularly tormented
 - B. I am a little saddened
 - C. I don't have a problem with my past
 - D. I have turned over my past to Jesus

SLIDE – HOW DO YOU GET WHOLE

1. REPENT – (turn away from sin toward God)
2. FORGIVE – (yourself, others)
3. RELEASE – (your past hurts and sins)

- **Q. What RESPONSIBILITY would the person have who DISCOVERED the CURE for CANCER?**

- **A Few Months Ago, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart: “I’VE GIVEN you the CURE for CANCER of the SOUL!”**

- **I FEEL an ENORMOUS SENSE of RESPONSIBILITY**

SLIDE – How Do You Know You Are a Whole Person?

You are content in every situation in your life.

- Your **CONTENTMENT & WHOLENESS has NOTHING to do with ANYONE or ANYTHING AROUND YOU.**
- **If you think YOU’D BE CONTENT if SOMETHING on the OUTSIDE of your life WERE TO CHANGE ...you’re ACTUALLY DECEIVED...**
- **you’re actually . . . GOING THE WRONG WAY.**
- **You’re GOING DOWN A DEAD END.**
- **I.E. DIFFERENT . . . HOUSE . . . JOB . . . SPOUSE . . . STATE . . . BODY**

SLIDE – Phil. 4:11-12

I have learned in whatever state I am in, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. **Everywhere** and in **all things** I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

- **This may shock you...WHOLENESS is a LEARNED EXPERIENCE!**
- **PAUL WROTE THIS FROM JAIL!**
- **Whatever state I am in...DEPRESSED...WORRIED... FEARFUL...NEEDY...PRESSURED...FRUSTRATED**
- **EVERYWHERE...IN ALL THINGS...FULL...HUNGRY**
- **You say . . . “I CAN’T DO THAT!”**
- **That’s why Paul gave the NEXT VERSE . . .**

SLIDE – Phil. 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

SLIDE – WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET WHOLE:

1. You need to receive what Jesus did for you.

SLIDE – 1 Pet 2:24

...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might **live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed.**

- **God wants us to LIVE RIGHT!**
- **God wants us to BE HEALED!**
- **Because of Jesus we can be WHOLE!**
- **Jesus, “YOU COMPLETE ME!”**
- **“YOU HAD ME AT HELLO!”**
- Many of us in this room were **EXPERTS** in trying **ENDLESS WAYS to BE COMPLETE!**
- **BUT . . . there’s only ONE WAY!**

SLIDE – Col. 2:9-10a

For in Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and **you are complete** (*Gr. satisfied, filled up, fulfilled, made full, perfected*) **in Him** . . .

SLIDE –

JESUS IS WILLING TO HEAL EVERYONE.

SLIDE - Mat 12:15b

And great multitudes followed Him (Jesus), and **He healed them all.**

- **SOME HEALINGS take PLACE ON EARTH . . . SOME IN HEAVEN.**
- **...BUT JESUS HEALS everyone one FOLLOWS HIM**

SLIDE - Luke 4:40

When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases **brought them to Him;** and **He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.**

- **UNWHOLE PEOPLE with EVERY IMAGINABLE ISSUE CAME to JESUS**

SLIDE -

Jesus is willing to heal whatever is not whole in our lives.

- **BUT we have to be WILLING to SHARE our issues.**
- **No One’s Interested in HOW WHOLE you are, UNLESS you are 1st WILLING to SHARE your UNWHOLENESS.**

SLIDE - Mat 4:24

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and **they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments,** and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and **He healed them.**

- BRING your UNWHOLESNESS to JESUS.
- BRING your DISESASES to JESUS.
- BRING WHAT TORMENTS YOU to JESUS.
- BRING your DEMONS to JESUS.
- BRING WHAT PARALYSES YOU to JESUS.
- W/O sharing WHO WE REALLY ARE (WARTS & ALL), we will WIND UP MISREPRESENTING who GOD CREATED US TO BE.
- FEAR will KEEP you from GETTING FREE.
- EVERY TIME I PRESENT MYSELF to OTHERS as BEING COMPLETELY TOGETHER, I AM SAYING, “I USED to NEED the CROSS, but NOT ANYMORE!”
- PLEASE DON'T TRY & PRESENT YOURSELF as BEING COMPLETELY TOGETHER at THE ROCK, because WE ALL KNOW: NONE of us ARE.
- The ROCK is a PERFECT PLACE for PERFECT PEOPLE.
- JESUS can ONLY SET US FREE FROM what we're WILLING to ADMIT is KEEPING US BOUND.
- You don't have to PUT ON “SPIRITUAL MAKEUP” here TO LOOK BETTER.

SLIDE - Isaiah 57:15 (NLT) – The Lord says,
“I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.”

- This is a “COME AS YOU ARE” CHURCH.
- . . . for the CRUSHED, the HUMBLE & REPENTANT
- IT'S a “COME AS YOU ARE” PARTY.
- . . . ONLY the HOST is PERFECT.
- & HE'S INVITED YOU...BECAUSE HE'S MADLY in LOVE WITH YOU.
- JUST as YOU ARE . . . W/O MAKEUP
- W/O COSMETIC SURGERY.
- NO “COVER UP!”
- LET YOUR HAIR DOWN!
- A LA NATURALE!
- No AIRES!

SLIDE - 1John 1:5-7

...if we **walk in the light** (*Gr. to make known one's thoughts, to be transparent, to break the silence*) as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- “COME AS YOU ARE” & BE ACCEPTED.

- **WE DON'T WANT to ACCEPT SIN IN US.**
- **I HATE SIN...BECAUSE it's TRYING to DESTROY ME . . .**
- **BUT I ACCEPT & LOVE "ALL SINNERS" . . .**
- **BECAUSE JESUS DIED for SINNERS**
- **JESUS HATES SIN . . . BUT LOVES SINNERS**

SLIDE – WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET WHOLE:

2. You must have faith (be fully convinced) that God can heal you

- **FAITH MEANS "BEING FULLY CONVINCED"**
- **FAITH MEANS "BEING UNWAVERING"**

SLIDE - Rom. 4:20-21

He (Abraham) **did not waver** at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and **being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.**

- I'd call Abraham's relationship with Hagar at least a **WAVER**.
- Especially when that **LITTLE WAFER**, Ishmael was born

SLIDE – WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET WHOLE:

3. Your healing will match your faith

SLIDE - Mat 8:13

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "*Go your way; and **as you have believed, so let it be done for you.***" And his servant was healed that same hour.

- People's priorities are **NOT usually God's priorities.**
- They'll do anything to **change the way they LOOK.**
- To **CHANGE THE SHELL . . .**
- . . . When **God wants to CHANGE THE PEARL.**
- I'm not getting down on anyone for having done it.
- I'm just saying, you're **NO MORE WHOLE FOR HAVING DONE IT.**

SLIDE - 2Cor. 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though **our outward man is perishing**, yet **the inward man is being renewed day by day.**

- At some point...you've got to FACE the REALITY that...
- **the UNWHOLENES of your INWARD MAN is what's distorting your view of your OUTWARD MAN**

SLIDE – 2Cor. 4:17

For our **light affliction**, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory . . .

- **This is my ETERNAL "WEIGHT GAIN" PROGRAM**

- That's why **Mother Theresa was the most respected woman** of the 20th century . . . **NOT Marilyn Monroe**
- There are **LOTS of GORGEOUS BODIES** walking around with **MANGLED SOULS**.

SLIDE - Interactive Question #3

If you had to choose, which would you most like to have whole (complete), your temporary (70 year) body, or your eternal (trillion year) soul – mind, will, emotions?

- A. My body
- B. My soul

SLIDE – DEBBIE WARD

- I'm **GRATEFUL** that many of us have **EXPERIENCED BOTH . . .** but **IF WE HAD to CHOOSE ONE . . . MAKE IT ETERNAL.**
- If people spent as much time on their **inward (eternal) man** as they do on their **outward (temporary) man**, they'd get the **WHOLENESS** their **HEART'S DESIRE**.
- It's like **REDECORATING the MOTEL ROOM** - you're **IN FOR ONE NIGHT.**
- . . . while you're **ETERNAL HOUSE** is a **SHACK** . . .

SLIDE - WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET WHOLE

4. You've got to desire wholeness more than your own will

SLIDE - Mat 15:28

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "*O woman, great is your faith! **Let it be to you as you desire.***" And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

- Some people would **RATHER FEEL SORRY FOR THEMSELVES** THAN GET WHOLE.
- They'd **rather be a VICTIM, than a VICTOR.**
- **WE'RE A NATION OF VILLIANS ALL CLAIMING TO BE VICTIMS**

SLIDE - WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET WHOLE

5. Many people want Jesus to touch them, but are NOT willing to touch Him.

SLIDE - Mark 3:10

For **He healed many**, so that as **many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him.**

- Q. Are you willing to **press into Jesus & touch Him in order to be healed?**
- **That's one of the many areas I'm NOT LIKE JESUS.**
- **But, JESUS NEVER TIRES of us COMING TO HIM.**

SLIDE - Luke 6:19

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for **power** (*Gr. miraculous power, abundance, strength, mighty works, wonderful works*) **went out from Him and healed them all.**

- **LET'S PRAY!**