



FORECLOSURE TO FAITH

EPISODE 3

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Introduction

“...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”
– 2 Corinthians 5:17

Foreclose: To take back property. Faith: A strong belief or trust in something or someone. The Zambranos owed a debt they couldn't pay. From Parent Compass Episode 3, Jonathan and Julee with their children Isaiah and Mackenzie tell us the story of how their foreclosure led to their faith.

So grab your Bible or online Bible app, and as you answer the following questions, keep in mind: What's God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?



Spinning Out of Control

1. As they talked about in the video, have you ever been in a situation: Where you felt like you were spinning out of control? Where things were too much to handle? Where you felt like a mess, physically and mentally? Write what has caused (or does cause) you to feel that way.

New Creature

“I ended up on high blood pressure medication, anti-anxiety medication, anti-depression medication and feeling like I was spinning out of control” – Jonathan (6:10).

“It was too much for us to handle” – Julee (5:09).

“We lead a prayer ministry...we lead a small group...we're involved in our children's ministry...It's definitely different. There's much more purpose in our lives. Now it's a God driven life” – Jonathan (2:00).

“We honestly don't have time to think much about the old stuff anymore” – Julee (3:00).

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What caused the transformation in Jonathan and Julee?

According to these verses what happens when a person comes to a saving faith in Christ?
2 Corinthians 5:17; 5:21; 5:14-15; 5:7

The Zambranos' home was foreclosed on by the bank and their home was taken away. They owed a debt they couldn't pay. They walked away from their home, but God did not walk away from them. Their foreclosure led to their faith in God. “Debt” is often used as another word for sin. Our sins (things we do wrong) are a debt we cannot pay. Knowing this, God sent His one and only Son to pay the price for our

sins instead of us. Jesus paid the “debt”. Then, whoever believes in and accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior - who saved us from our sin by dying in our place – is forgiven and has a new life, and a new home in eternity with God.

If you are unsure whether or not you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, do not wait to decide, do everything possible to seek Him and know Him. You can go to Know Him at the back of this workbook or online at www.parentcompass.tv/know-christ/ and/or click the Chat button on the parentcompass.tv website and ask any questions you have about Christ. They will be glad to chat with you.



It's Definitely Different

3. “She talked to God. What does that mean? How do you talk to God? It doesn’t make sense. I didn’t understand it. Her last breath was praising God. I said, ‘Well, if someone could face something that ugly and just hold onto her faith and praise God the whole way down, there’s something there.’” – Jonathan about his co-worker Cathy who fought cancer (8:00). According to Philippians 4:6-7 and Matthew 6:5-13 what might Cathy have meant when she said she talked with God?

4. “I met a guy on the team. I was chatting with him on Facebook and he mentioned, ‘I’m having Bible Study tonight. I go to a really cool church you should come.’ That was it... At church, I felt like I got a true look at what being a Christian and what Christianity is all about.” – Jonathan (8:20-9:25).

a) Read John 1:45-46. Why did Jonathan decide to go to church? If you attend church, why did you start?

b) Read Acts 2:46-47. What did Jonathan experience at church?”



The Old Life is Gone; A New Life has Begun

5. “Jonathan now is an example of Christ’s love...somebody that definitely I even look up to for inspiration – Julee (10:30).

a) Read the words in Colossians 2:2-7. According to Col 2:2-3, 6-7 what happens when a person who comes to a saving faith and continues to “live” in Christ?

b) According to these verses how are we to act? Eph 5:1-2; Eph 4:29, 31-32; Col 3: 5-10, 12-15

6. Jonathan observes, “We see so many people in our age group getting divorced or falling away, and we are going the opposite way. We are becoming a more tight-knit family. I really believe that is through what we are learning about Christ’s love, about church...”

Julee encouraged, “You have to get people in your life that are like-minded as far as followers of Christ.”

What happened to Jonathan and Julee as they began to meet with God regularly? Do you attend a worship service or have a group you meet with to pray or study God’s word? If no, are there things you can do to make this happen?



Forgiveness

7. Jonathan discussed about Julee, “A lot of times I will feel badly because she will feel she is not doing a good job, I wish there was a way to make her step out of herself and see what she does for our kids and for our family” According to these verses what happens when our identity is in Christ? Romans 8:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:4-7; Ephesians 3:12

8. Jonathan says, “Without knowing Jesus, a lot of times, if you have a fall, or if you do something wrong, you’re subjected to society’s view of ‘you’ve done something wrong, and you’re condemned,’ and you don’t think there is any way that can help you out of that. Living your life with Jesus, you’re forgiven. There are stumbles, and that’s expected. We’re human and we’re going to do that. We’re covered by Christ and we can continue on. That’s nice to know as a parent, too. We know that if we kind of stumble somewhere, it’s going to happen. Hopefully, it’s a learning experience and teaching experience for the kids.” Based on these verses what has Christ done for us? Ephesians 4:7; Acts 2:28; 10:43; 13:38; 26:18

People to Follow

9. Julee encouraged, "You have to get people in your life that are like-minded as far as followers of Christ." What steps could you take to make this happen?

Let God Control

10. Jonathan recommends, "Put the pride aside and let yourself be vulnerable and open up, let God take control. He'll take control, once you are ready to let him in." What differences are explained in these verses from when our sin is in control or when we let God be in control? Romans 6:12-14, 16-18, 23

Pray a prayer giving control of your life to God. You may write the prayer in the space below. If you have prayed a prayer like this before, recommit to God and give God control of areas of your life that you may still may be controlling, such as parenting or a spouse. (As needed, a sample prayer is below.)

Sample prayer: Dear Gracious and Magnificent God,

Thank you for loving me enough to send your Son to die for my sins. I recognize I am a sinner. I ask your forgiveness for all things. Please help sin not to have any power in my life. I give control to you, God, and ask you to be Lord of my life, guiding me with your love and wisdom. Help me to love and follow your plans all the days of my life. Amen.



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