

Tidbits from Eric Easter's Testimony

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Monday:

The Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit all work together to try to make our lives better. They just need a little bit of cooperation from us.

There's a formula that I believe will help if you're coming out of the drug world, having marriage issues or having financial issues, anything. Watch for these as you read through these snacks.

Seek first the Kingdom. Ephesians 2:4-10 reads, *"But God, Who is rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by faith you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them"*.

So, to me, salvation is just the first part of the goal. I believe that goal is for all of us to get into that relationship with Him and to begin to let Him work through us, to affect other people in a positive way. That, to me, is the end goal of salvation.

Tuesday:

The formula to success, happiness, contentment, and joy in life all come from these three factors:

- Learn to relate to God as Father
- Understand that He loves you
- Surrender your will over to His will.
- I promise you, if you would live your life for Him, He's going to make your life great. He just loves to do good things for His kids, and that doesn't mean being perfect.

When the enemy gets you out here, get your focus back on Him as quickly as you can.

Learn to hear His voice. John 10:27 says, *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"*.

I promise you, if you're surrendered to Him and you're going after Him with everything you have in you, He's going to show up and you're going to learn how He speaks to you. And then, when you start to follow His voice and His spirit, He's going to do supernatural things in, and through you.

When you surrender to Him, He gives you the grace to walk through those tough times.

Wednesday:

The Lord wants us to be free. He wants us to work through anything, any hurts that we've had, anything we've done to ourselves. We have to let go of those things.

When you have things from the past that keep holding you hostage, find somebody to talk to and get past those things, so that you can get your focus onto Him, and not on that stuff..

Do not come to the Lord through condemnation, manipulation, or being scared into making a decision to trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior because of hell. Our Father doesn't want us to be scared of Him. He wants us to know that He loves us.

My kids have never heard me mention hell one time. I tell them about His goodness, and then what I want them to do is go tell others about His goodness, and bring people into the kingdom that way, because all people want to have a relationship with somebody who is good, and who spends more time with them.

When I surrendered to Him and I started trying to do the best I knew how, I started learning what it is that He had for me to do.

After I surrendered to the Lord, I went to the brothers for prayer and I said that I had to quit drugs, and quit this, this and this. They said to quit the drugs, but "*the rest don't bother us. If the Lord starts dealing with you about those things, do it for Him. You don't have to do that for us. We're good with you how you are*". MAN, that did something for me, and I felt this right here (in the heart) for the first time.

Thursday:

God looks at us all equally. He looks at us all, and gives the same love to each and every one of us. There's nobody who is better than anyone else.

Right after I started here, I went to Andy with a problem, expecting Him to tell me what to do. He asked, "*What is it that the Lord speaking to you?*" That upset me! But, Andy was pointing me to a relationship with the Father, and teaching me to learn to hear His voice. He got me into that relationship.

One of the things that both Jenni and I learned through many different situations, was the responsibility of tithing and how, by tithing, we have always been covered; not only financially, but in so many other ways.

Out of obedience to Him, I started hearing the voice of the Lord, and then it just gets better. The more time you spend with Him, the better you get to hear His voice. That's my prayer for all of you, that you learn to hear the voice of the Lord, because that is what guided me out of everything that I got myself into.

When Jenni and I got married out of obedience to His leading- after years of being together, with

two kids, it changed everything in our relationship, our relationship with our kids, everything. The supernatural power of the Lord came on our family when we made that thing right.

There are things that just don't happen unless you're surrendered to a Father Who loves us as much as our Father loves us, and then that stuff becomes natural. He causes supernatural things to happen, and they just become natural.

Through the many, many things that I went through, I learned how important it was to forgive, not only others, but myself as well. Sometimes that is the hardest thing there is-to forgive yourself.

Friday:

Early on in my recovery, as loudly and clearly as I've ever heard the Father's voice, the Lord said to me, "*Who are you, not to receive the forgiveness that I sent my Son to die for*"?

Like Andy has talked about many times, if things in your life don't work out, He's going to give you the grace to walk through it.

Good things can come from things that seem to be bad. Those times when you struggle, sometimes they're for our good. We just have to keep our focus on Him.

Have much faith and trust in Him, and if things for you don't happen the first time, the Father's going to come through when the timing is right.

You can't tell me that God's not good. You can't tell me that God doesn't love you. You can't tell me that God doesn't hear your prayers. He's always there for His kids.

Romans 8:28 says, "*And we know that all things work together for good, to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose*". Through my choice to start using drugs and go into the drug world, and then coming out of that and understanding His grace and love, I had to receive a lot of love and grace from the Father. It became my experience.

Through my mom's death and me choosing to go into the drug world, and coming out of that, I now represent God as the loving Father, the way I believe that He wants to be represented to the world as.

Through her death, I don't represent Him as an angry God anymore. I represent Him as a loving Father, because of my choice to go into the drug world, we can use that for His good now, to help other people out of addiction.

Saturday:

Remember these things:

- ❑ Follow the Lord and His Spirit. Let Him walk you out of whatever your situation is, one step at a time. Know how important your spiritual life is. It's number one!
- ❑ I promise you, when you put our God and Father number one in your life, your marriage, your relationship with your kids, your relationship with your friends, your job, and everything else falls into perfect place.

- ❑ Forgive and ask forgiveness. That's a big thing. Get that stuff out and dealt with and past you, so you don't have to carry it around anymore.
- ❑ Forgive yourself. That was one of the hardest things for me to do.
- ❑ Remember this: "*Who are you, not to receive My forgiveness, that I sent my Son to die for*".
- ❑ If you put the Father first, just expect supernatural things to happen. That's Who He is. That's what He wants to do. He wants to do supernatural things in each and every one of our lives. He can take our bad choices and our mistakes, and use them for His good, if we'll just give Him access to our lives.
- ❑ **Be in relationship with Him.**