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When Faith
Touches The
Anointing, It
Releases The
Power Of God

**BOGIO WORSHIP
SCHEDULE:**
SUNDAY'S
10:00AM
THURSDAY'S
7:00PM

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Putting God In A Box- A series on how we limit God's work in our
lives

Traditions

By: Patrick Bucksot

The very word, "Tradition", will strike a chord with many people. Those that are locked into traditions will become defensive and either explain their reasons, or they will just walk away from the conversation. Then there are those who don't believe that they hold fast to any traditions. Those in this group will say to themselves, "Brother so and so needs to read this because I have been telling them that their traditions are wrong". In spite of what either group may believe about traditions, every one of us has room for improvement in our lives. But before I jump head long into this writing, I want to preface this by saying that not all traditions are not bad for us.

That's right, not all traditions are bad. For example, in our home, my family celebrates Thanksgiving with family and friends every year. We invite family that can come and any friends who do not have a place to go. We see it as our opportunity to open our home up to allow God's love to be poured through us. People are touched by this and have asked if they could invite others to this feast. We have met so many incredible people through the years. We too have been touched by their kindness toward us. This tradition is not about us. Our desire is for people to come into our home and experience the presence and love of God. It is both our blessing and joy to honor God with this tradition.

Another tradition we have comes at Christmas time. On Christmas Eve, my brother and his family do the same thing as my family at Thanksgiving. They invite family, friends and acquaintances over for spaghetti and taco's and then presents. It is such a great time. On Christmas day things are different at my home. I am usually the first one up prepping for our cinnamon rolls and waiting for the kids to get up. They are usually up before their mother but we wait for her before we do anything. Whenever she wakes up, which has been as late as 9:00 AM, Christmas is allowed to begin. Before we open presents I take the opportunity to read from the Bible about the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My wife and I remind the kids that Christmas is not about the presents but about His presence.

I believe that most, if not all of us can think of traditions that we do that are very similar to these. And as you can see, traditions do not have to take on a negative connotation. Certain traditions are set to celebrate specific occasions, like the Hebrews release from Egypt. God had commanded Moses to celebrate the victory over death, the last plague, with a Passover meal. God said that a death angel would go through out Egypt and slay the first born of every house.

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Pastors Corner- Off to Uganda Africa

“And He said to them. “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16

I spent 21 years in the United States Marine Corps protecting the United States of America from possible attacks from any enemy that may try to cross our borders or cause harm around the world. I remember sitting in an intelligence briefing in the early 1970's where a Marine that was giving a briefing on communist nations around the world and their threats on free nations. As I was sitting there looking at a world map and the areas of free nations were in a color of blue and it seemed to cover so much of the map. Then the Marine took an overlay of red to represent the communist nations and other threats around the world and it was mind-blowing! There were so many red areas and many were so close to the United States. It blew me away because even in the Military I still did not comprehend how close and how big the threats were. I never forgot that briefing. I remember seeing the former Soviet Union and how big that area was and looked at a country called the Ukraine. I also remember saying that I would defend this nation and what we believe in at any cost.

I spent many years studying and training to do just that. Then when I saw the Soviet Union break up and become nations standing on their own I remember saying that threat is no longer a threat.

When I retired from the Marine Corps and became a pastor, Brenda and I took two United Methodist Churches in Bath and Winsteadville, NC. After several years building those two United Methodist Churches into the place they could each have a pastor Brenda and I remained at Bath, United Methodist Church in Bath, NC and another pastor took the church in Winsteadville. I started to feel the calling to the Nations. Little did I know that over 20 years after the Communist Briefing in the Marine Corps I would be standing on the flight line at the airport walking with Kent Mattox into the customs office in Kiev, Ukraine to minister in the largest Church in the Ukraine Pastor Sunday's Church named Embassy of God, and the first man I bring to the Lord is a Ukrainian Marine! Wow God is so cool. I was ready to die to protect our nation from this man and now I had the honor to bring him into the arms of God! It is etched into my heart forever.

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As I read this scripture I could just imagine seeing Jesus looking around at His disciples knowing that what He was about to say was going to the end of time. As they listened deeply to His words with expectation and excitement He spoke some really powerful words to them that would go through them into all of us 2011 years later and through us to the end of time. *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”* The impact of that word would shake the world. That word would take a retired US Marine all the way to the Ukraine and bring a Ukrainian Marine into His arms.

I could almost hear the words that must have been spoken by the disciples like, How? Where? When? The awesome thing here is that it is the one thing that every believer in the world can do but rarely steps up into. If we look into the power of this mission, this promise, this honor to share the lifesaving message of Jesus to the world we would see the impact it brings. When we put fear under our feet and walk our faith out we see the opportunities that are presented to us daily.

The really awesome thing is that this scripture is a promise also, a promise to change lives, to set people free and to bless you. Yes I said bless you. Because it is an indescribable blessing to see someone living in pain, hurt, disappointment, darkness to be given life, refreshment, excitement and new heart. When you see that person's life change it becomes addictive! When you share the love of a Father that is so committed in loving you (them) that He was willing to give His Son (Jesus) so that they could live with the Father for all Eternity they see an opening in heaven as His love pours over them for the first time.

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As you lead them through the sinners prayer and their eyes and heart are opened and made new your blessings run overflowing.

Some say I can't, I'm shy or what if they say no or if they walk away or talk about me? What will other people think? Fear is the number one killer of opportunities. Why is this witness thing so important? There are other people that want to do that witness thing. That witness thing is just not for me. Justification of fear is number two killer of opportunities.

Why is it so important?

He who believes will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

You have a part in the awesome blessing of being a guide for the people to the Lord that brings them into a place with Him forever! If we allow fear or justification of fear to rule our lives it also will rule the lives around you that you have the opportunity to change. The cost is greater than you can imagine. Sometimes we look at sharing the Lord as someone else like an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor or Teacher. But if we read the following scriptures in Mark 16:17-18 it speaks of the Believer will see.....

You may say, Well I can't go to the nations! I am not called to missions. But you can go even if you do not step physically on the soil. How? With your prayers and support you are going with the person that is representing the kingdom of God. You are as important as the one stepping into that country. When you pray, when you sow seeds into missions and mission trips you are not only making it possible you are going with them. When you pray you are tearing down strongholds and soaking them in the love and power of the Father so they can share the Gospel with power. Keep praying and Keep supporting those called to the nations.

I am presently preparing for a powerful Ministry trip to Uganda, Africa August 15-25. I will be taking two other people with me, Frank Segreto and Joshua Bolafka. Please pray for us. We are excited and expecting the Lord to move in powerful ways.

Also, Our nation, region, counties, cities, neighborhoods, next door neighbors need the love and grace of our Lord. You can reach people right here in our stores, marketplaces, gas stations, restaurants, recreation places, schools, workspaces by sharing a lifestyle of His Word in your lives.

My Grandfather raised me most of my life and he was (is) one of my earthly best friends. He is now with the Lord Jesus in heaven. He shared with me so many wonderful phrases for life. One of those that touched my life so much was “You can be and do anything you desire, nothing is impossible, the only thing stopping you is you!” So what is stopping you from fulfilling the mission, *And He said to them. “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16*

Keep making Jesus Famous
Only believe

Ron Estes

Putting God In A Box- A series on how we try to limit God's work in our lives

Traditions By: Patrick Bucksot

The only ones who would be spared were the homes who placed lambs blood over the lentils and door posts. When the angel saw the blood, he would "pass over" that house. This tradition was more of a command so this event in the history of Israel would be commemorated throughout all generations.

With all that is good with traditions, there is also enough bad with them as well. Jesus said in Mark 7:6-9; "...These people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. However in vain do they worship me, teaching the doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things you do. Full well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition". Jesus was very adamant that we ought to follow the command of God rather than man. The type of traditions that He spoke about are found throughout our denominations. Some examples that I have heard of are these: Woman can't wear jewelry or make up. Women can't wear pants. Men can't shave their beards. Musical instruments are not allowed in the church. The only instrument in the church will be a piano. Guitars are allowed but no percussion instruments will be allowed. These are just a few of the man made traditions that have surfaced that do not have any bearing on an individual's salvation. By the way, a church that will not allow any percussion instruments, yet has a piano, does not realize that a piano is a type of percussion instrument.

The reason that Jesus gave such a stern warning about the "traditions of men" was because He knew that their traditions would keep people from entering into the real presence of God; whereas the commandments of God are an invitation to enter into His Holy place. Another thing about manmade traditions is that it becomes about us and our works for God. We put them in place as a way to show God and others our good works. If you will remember the Pharisee and the tax collector

who went into the temple to pray; the Pharisee began to rattle off about how often he fasts, that he gives to the poor etc, etc. He was reminding God of his good works by honoring him with his lips. The heart of the Pharisee was far from God because he judged himself and his works better than what others do, namely the tax collector. Jesus said that when we fast, no one else is to know, but the Pharisee, in this story, was making a public profession of his fasting. His boast was not in the Lord but in his desire to receive a pat on the back.

God does not take pleasure in our boastings. When we follow the commands of God, our boasting is in Him alone. When we design commandments of men that cannot be accurately backed by scripture we end up deceiving people into believing a lie. Jesus told the Pharisee's that they made commands of the people that they were not willing to follow for themselves. In other words, they had a "Do as I say and not as I do" attitude. This attitude is only lip service. Jesus called the Pharisees "white washed sepulchers" because they only displayed an outward appearance of obedience toward God, while their hearts were full of dead men's bones.

Our traditions also dictate how our church services are conducted. We play a couple of songs, listen to the pastor and then go home. I have even seen church bulletins that have times indicated of when everything is supposed to happen. Their argument may be that the Word says that God is a God of order, but it is supposed to be His order. When they dedicated the temple in 2 Chronicles chapter 5, I am sure that they did not mind the Spirit of God taking over. I believe the reason we limit our church service is because we are afraid of God's presence. We are afraid that, if God shows up, we will realize that our holiness and righteousness will be exposed as filthy rags. The very thought of the Holy Spirit showing up in complete power and authority should be intimidating, but I believe that He is what we need more of to have a life that is truly pure before God. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

We have all heard the phrase, "Think outside the box". This is often used by someone who is trying to help another person, who is stuck in the rut of doing things a certain way because it is all they know. I believe that this phrase is one of error though. Instead of thinking outside of the box, we should be getting out of the box. Our problem is the fact that we stay in the box and only think about what might be on the outside. We imagine a realm of possibilities from inside the box. I say that if we get out of the box completely, the realm of imagination is completely unhindered. WE then have the opportunity to see God do exceedingly, abundantly above all we can hope or imagine. It is when we are outside of the box that God can show us all of who He is. When we dwell outside of the box, we have no boundaries or limitations that hold us back from truly experiencing what God has for us.

Traditions don't have to be a bad thing, but we need to make sure that we are honoring God by them. He has to be the center of what we do. He has to be the center of who we are. And, He has to be the center of our attention. With that said, we need to examine ourselves, our lives and our traditions. Are we bringing honor to the Lord or are we seeking to become known with our boasting. One final thought. Are our traditions drawing people into the kingdom of God? Are they changing the lives of others? Everything we do for the Lord must do both of those things. If they are not, we must see where we got off track and do everything we can to become centered in the will of God.

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THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE – That's Your Question.

A group of friends who prided themselves on their intelligence set out to have a contest of wits. Each person in turn asked a question, and anyone who volunteered an answer that was wrong dropped out. If no one could answer, the questioner himself had to answer, and if he was wrong, he dropped out. Each dropout had to put \$5 into the pot.

Eventually the matter boiled down to Thompson and Brown, and the erudition of each one boiled up so that both were held even for half an hour.

Finally Thompson said, "How does a gopher dig a hole without leaving a mound of sand at the lip?"

Brown thought about that and said, "I can't answer that. However, since it's your question, you had better answer it."

Thompson said coolly, as he reached for the accumulated pile of bills. "Easy. The gopher starts at the bottom of the hole and that's where he leaves the sand."

"Hold on," said Brown heatedly, grasping Thompson's wrist to prevent him from taking the pot. "How does the gopher get to the bottom of the hole in the first place?"

"That's YOUR question," said Thompson as he took the money.

You are WORTHY of Salvation!!!

"For God so loved the World that He Gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."
"John 3:16-17"

Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden we have been in a displaced relationship with God. We were created to dwell in fellowship with Him, but our sins placed a barrier between us and God. Man has attempted to bridge that gap through many forms of religion and good works, but the fact remains that we cannot build a bridge over this gulf created by Adam and Eve. In God's infinite love and mercy, He sent His only son Jesus to pay the penalty of sin and forever bridge this gap. It is through His love that sin is forgiven. The only thing that we can do is repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us through the sacrifice of Jesus. **Romans 10:9&10** says that if we confess with our mouth, the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. For with the heart, man believes, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. You may be thinking that you have done too much wrong to be worthy of God's grace. The point is - **GOD LOVES YOU!!!**

YOU ARE WORTHY of salvation because Jesus already paid the price for your sins. You can't do anything more or less to make God love you any more than he already does. He desires to have an intimate relationship with you because **YOU MATTER TO HIM!**

Please Pray This Prayer with Me

Jesus I love you and I know I am a sinner. I have sinned against you and I am sorry. I believe in you and want you in my life right now. Change my life and take away anything unholy. Help me through each day and to seek you in everything. Teach me to pray, give me desire to read the Bible and place me into a church. I can't do it myself; only with you can I make it. Help me Jesus. I praise your name. Put Joy in my heart and mouth. Thank you Jesus, I love you. AMEN.

If you have given your life to Christ please send me an email at bogionews@hotmail.com I would love to read your testimony!



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Psalm 34

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Date

16th - **BOGIO Men's Breakfast**

24-27 – Joan Hunter Miracle Services

26th 10:00 – Joan Hunter with pastors

Special Note: If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed it is because I do not have the information. If you would like them listed please get your information to Brenda so she can update the church directory.

BIRTHDAYS

1- Judy Styborski	1 – Glenda Holt	3 – Kristina Baldwin
10 – Mary Roberts	12 - Tiffany Brinson	12 – Brianne Hunt
21 – Melanie Brinson	24- Hannah Cooley	24 – Lydia Mitchell
24 – Louise Mitchell	29 – Shirley McCullough	

ANNIVERSARIES

20 – Mr. & Mrs. Keith Poole

30 - Mr. & Mrs. James Brinson