



CRAFTED

Week 1

BREAKING THE ICE

- What is your favorite dish to make during the fall?
- Where would you go if you could experience autumn anywhere in the world?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, we started our Crafted series with Lisa Harper who spoke on the lifelong process known as sanctification, by which those who follow Jesus are made more like Him.

Lisa shared about a friend who compared the Gospel to the Cinderella story. This did not sit well with Lisa because the Gospel is more accurately described as the step-sister being chosen by the prince. Why would a prince choose a girl like the step-sister? She did not seem like the “obvious choice” for the prince. She was chosen anyway, and she became beautiful in the prince’s embrace. We come to Jesus with all of our brokenness and sin, and He continues to choose us and show us the extent of His unconditional love for us. The moment we realize this, the sanctification process can begin!

1. Do you ever feel you need to clean your life up to be “chosen by the prince?”
2. Do you feel it is hard to accept the love the Father has for you fully? Why is that?

Lisa describes sanctification as an ongoing process. Like the years in a marriage between saying “I do” and celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary. It does not happen in a moment, rather it is a continual refinement as we become more like Jesus! In fact, in 1 Peter 1:16, Peter calls us to be holy as God is holy.

3. We know in Peter’s life, he made many mistakes. How can Peter call us to holiness if he is far from perfect?
4. What does it look like in your daily walk to “be holy as God is holy?”

Lisa ended by telling us that she began her story with Jesus simply wanting to be good. She would do everything she could to perform because she felt she had to earn Jesus' love and favor. She tried to work at holiness and sanctification, but sanctification is not something we can self-generate. Lisa then began to share her story of adopting her daughter. She had to earn the trust of her daughter. Every night, she would rub her feet and tell her how much she loved her.

This is a beautiful example of the Father's love. He will continually show you how He cares for you so that through His love you might be sanctified with Him. We just have to learn to accept it! Hebrews 10:10 says "And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." We have been made holy and sanctified through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We could not earn this, He gave it to us freely as a gift.

5. Have you ever been shown immense love you feel you didn't deserve?
6. Have you ever felt like you needed to work for sanctification?
7. What does the process of sanctification look like in your life right now? How can you continue this process?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the love that you've shown to us through the pouring out of your blood. We thank you for the beautiful process that is sanctification. I pray that you will continue this process with each of us, daily, until you come again. We know we do not need to work for your love because you provide it unconditionally. All you ask is that we follow you. You say you will complete the good work that you have started in us, and we believe that today and every day. Be near Lord Jesus, we love you and we worship you. Amen.

ACTION STEP

-Begin each day this week sitting for just a moment and thanking Jesus for the way He loves you. Ask Him to continue the process of sanctification in you and allow the Lord to show you the ways in your life where you can become more like Him.

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