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Episode 210
Living Captivated by the Besorah

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Chandalee

Thanks for joining us today.

00;00;05;15 - 00;00;07;11

Jenn

Yes. Welcome back to the podcast.

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Chandalee

Today, Jen and I are talking about some of the things that were most impactful in our conversation with one of our pastors, Darrell Davenport, over the last couple of episodes.

00;00;17;10 - 00;00;17;22

Jenn

Mm hmm.

00;00;18;03 - 00;00;30;11

Chandalee

We're going to be looking at besorah, which is the good news in Hebrew and a particular passage that you really might not think would be about the gospel. So I'm excited to dig into that.

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Jenn

Yes. Is that is that passage in the Old Testament?

00;00;33;29 - 00;00;36;10

Chandalee

Any chance it is in the Old Testament? All right.

00;00;36;11 - 00;00;38;04

Jenn

I'm excited to see how that works out.

00;00;38;05 - 00;00;40;20

Chandalee

It's amazing how the gospel is in every book.

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Jenn

And yeah, even the old test.

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Chandalee

Even the Old Testament. Sit back. Listen in. Hope you enjoy the conversation. Yes. Over the last two episodes, we've had the conversation with Darrell about besorah in the mountains of Honduras ministering to the Lenca Indians.

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Jenn

Mm hmm.

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Chandalee

Both of us have been there. It's a place that we love and that we really see the gospel on the ground.

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Jenn

Yes, it is the the beauty of the mountains and just the area in and of itself in the people are just so precious. They are awesome.

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Chandalee

They are. In one of the conversations we talked about living captivated by the gospel and how I see that lived out there. They truly live captivated by what Christ has done in their lives. And it's just a beautiful picture for me to have witness that and being there. And it makes me feel a little convicted that I don't do that as often as I should.

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Jenn

Yes, You're referring to the story that Darrell talked about. The little boy.

00;01;50;04 - 00;01;58;24

Chandalee

Yes. And the mamalisting. Yes. And she was completely captivated by the gospel being spoken. Did not even notice that her little boy was peeing all over Darrell.

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Jenn

I love that story. Yes.

00;02;00;26 - 00;02;04;01

Chandalee

Yes, that is funny. And that it happened to Darrell. Makes it even better

00;02;04;01 - 00;02;05;13

Jenn

Yes.

00;02;06;06 - 00;02;21;14

Chandalee

Just that sole focus that she had of hearing the gospel for the first time. And I want to live that way every day as if I'm hearing the gospel for the first time. I don't want to get past that honeymoon stage, right?

00;02;21;20 - 00;02;37;19

Jenn

Yeah, because we definitely tend to do that and we have some excitement in the beginning and then it seems to wane after a while. But yes, if we could get to the point where we are captivated by Jesus every day, it would it would change a lot of things.

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Chandalee

It certainly would. It certainly would. Hey, Jenn, can you read Psalm 27:4 for us? I think this just really puts on paper what our lives would look like if we live captivated.

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Jenn

Yes, Psalm.27:4. For one thing, I have desired of the Lord that will I seek, that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

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Chandalee

If we lived that way daily. I think so many of the struggles that we deal with and wouldn't be struggles anymore. Right?

00;03;14;16 - 00;03;17;17

Jenn

And just looking to him for everything, you know?

00;03;17;27 - 00;03;33;28

Chandalee

Yeah, absolutely. What could that look like in our lives? Living captivated. I mean, we see that singular focus that that mom in Honduras had with no regard to anything or else around her. What would that look like today in our lives?

00;03;34;21 - 00;04;07;29

Jenn

I think it would it would look a lot like putting different priorities in place. And we're talking about the good news. I think that would become more important to us to be able to not to be able to or able to do it, but to share it, to actually live it out and take advantage of opportunities. We're definitely living living in a time where things are changing so quickly and and people are looking for truth and they don't quite know they don't quite know where to turn.

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Jenn

And so I think we have more of an opportunity than we ever had before to share the good news with people in a in a loving and kind and winsome way, if we just would take advantage of that. But I don't know that we're looking for that as much as we should.

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Chandalee

Be able say that Jenn are going through right now called encountering God with Kelly mentor Kelly gave an illustration last session or two that she said a bird hit her front window and apparently it was her fault, according to her Google search.

00;04;41;24 - 00;04;42;16

Jenn

Wrong Windows.

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Chandalee

That's right, the wrong windows. You know, she cares about the birds, but not \$20,000.

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00;04;47;12 - 00;04;49;08

Jenn

Worth of care. I have to agree with her on that.

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Chandalee

But her point is that the birds see the reflection of the sky and the trees and they think they're flying into the sky or the trees. Right. But they're not. They're flying into something hard and solid that's detrimental to them. We are like that, too. We see the reflection of things, reflection of the gospel. But is it true gospel?

00;05;13;06 - 00;05;33;28

Chandalee

Mm hmm. And a lot of times I think our lives run into that not true gospel. And by living solely captivated and focused on the an end in awe of who God is keeps us from flying into those reflections that keeps us flying into the true gospel.

00;05;34;00 - 00;05;34;11

Jenn

Yes.

00;05;34;23 - 00;05;37;05

Chandalee

Or makes us fly into the real the true gospel.

00;05;37;16 - 00;06;01;21

Jenn

And she in this Bible study, it focuses on the different disciplines, a spiritual disciplines. And the one we were studying was study, a study studying God's word. And we have to be in God's word in order to know what is true, what is truth, because there are so many things out there. And in order to recognize what is right and what is of God, we have to be in his word.

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Chandalee

Yeah. And a study we did earlier this semester was he is where the joy is with literally Kabul. And she mentioned in there that U.S. officials I forget what department it is that currency, when they're studying the currency, they can't possibly study all of the counterfeits. They can't know all the counterfeit. So what they do is they spend all of their time focused on the truth.

00;06;33;02 - 00;07;02;06

Chandalee

Mm hmm. Currently, yeah. And they know that you currency so that when they come up against something that isn't the true currency, they know that it's not the true. Because they know what the truth is and all the ins and outs of it. And the more that we spend in the word and in study of the word, we're able to come against those false reflections as false truths, because we can't possibly know all of them, but we can know the truth and we can compare those false things to the truth.

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Jenn

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Yes, I'm even Paul in in his letters, the epistles. He was constantly warning the churches against false teaching, against false religion, against false worship, so many different things that he was constantly encouraging them to be aware of because they were bombarding it. And that was that would you know, sometimes he had just been there, but this was something he was having to immediately come back to.

00;07;32;05 - 00;07;49;07

Jenn

Oh, and we just we definitely see that as an issue throughout. It's so important to be clear on what is true. And the only way to do that is to be in the word and to know know what the truth is so we can share the gospel. The good news with others effectively. Yeah.

00;07;49;23 - 00;07;59;07

Chandalee

And living captivated by Christ allows us to do that right when we aren't distracted by every other little shiny thing that comes along.

00;07;59;24 - 00;08;10;26

Jenn

Yes. I mean, Psalm 27 for the verse we read, it starts out with one thing I have desired and I mean this. The one focus that he's talking about here is almost is saying this is what I've desired to one thing.

00;08;10;26 - 00;08;37;11

Chandalee

You know, and Paul, in the first and second, Timothy is talking to Timothy about that. Mm hmm. Chapter four in second. Tim is chapter three, rather in second. Timothy says in verse 14. You, however, must continue in the things you have learned and are confident about. You know who taught you and how from embassy, you have known the holy writings which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

00;08;37;17 - 00;08;48;19

Chandalee

Hmm. He's. He's telling them no. The true thing. You know, the one thing focus on the one thing that you were taught and not all the other things that the world is throwing at you.

00;08;48;26 - 00;09;16;07

Jenn

And I find it interesting that he was taught these things by his mother and grandmother primarily. So that was something that they had passed down to him that he had taken a hold of. And then Paul came along and he was like a son to Paul, and and Paul was able to continue to encourage him in growing up in the Lord and the truth.

00;09;16;17 - 00;09;20;27

Jenn

But he had that foundation that was put there by his mother, mother and grandmother.

00;09;20;28 - 00;09;37;19

Chandalee

Right. Which shows the generational aspect of the gospel that we talked about with Darrell, that it can be familial or it can be extended acquaintances, spiritual mothers, fathers, people that pour into our life.

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Jenn
Mentors.

00;09;38;09 - 00;09;40;17

Chandalee
Mm hmm. So discipleship.

00;09;40;29 - 00;09;41;20

Jenn
Exactly.

00;09;41;21 - 00;09;56;07

Chandalee
Discipleship plays into this with besorah, with the gospel, because it shows how we live in community. Yes. And when we're living in community, we have the relationships with our children and those in our circles of influence to be able to pass the gospel on to you.

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Jenn
Right. Right. And his his mom and grandmother lived out the Deuteronomy passage where they were to whether they were sitting or rising or walking here, you know, on the door post. And it was constant that they had it before Timothy that's what. And he, he caught more than he was taught probably. Yeah.

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Chandalee
I love a quote talking about the gospel being passed on by Robby Galati. In his book Growing Up, the gospel was on its way to someone else when it came to you.

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Jenn
I love that quote. And because it's so true, I mean, as it got to me, I mean, it's just it hits along along the way. And so many people are affected by it as we go.

00;10;41;22 - 00;10;52;19

Chandalee
Yeah, we don't we don't get the gospel. We aren't given the gift of the gospel to hoard it right. And to hide it away. But we're given it to pass on.

00;10;52;24 - 00;10;53;05

Jenn
Mm hmm.

00;10;53;13 - 00;11;02;23

Chandalee
That's right. With our kids, with our grandkids, with those inner circles of influence, with our coworkers, our neighbors, with whomever God places in our path. Where to pass that on. Right.

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Jenn

And as Darrell mentioned, he was talking about the churches that have developed over in Honduras and how they started with a piece of property owned by a family, a mother and eventually the church was built there. And now her son, who is the pastor and just that generational impact that continues and, you know, there's going to be many that come through that church that the gospel goes to them and then it keeps on going to somebody else, you know?

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Chandalee
Absolutely.

00;11;38;13 - 00;12;02;25

Chandalee
Another aspect that we talked about with Darrell was the persecution and the incorrect theology. Right. That the Catholic Church there in Honduras has. Right. Of how they have to pay they pay the church. They pay the the the priests. And if they don't, they're told they're not going to heaven.

00;12;03;04 - 00;12;03;15

Jenn
Right.

00;12;04;02 - 00;12;07;23

Chandalee
That brings to mind Ephesians 2:8-9. Can you read that for us?

00;12;07;24 - 00;12;17;16

Jenn
Yes. For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing. It is the gift of God, not a result of works. So that no one may boast.

00;12;17;29 - 00;12;18;06

Chandalee
Mm hmm.

00;12;18;23 - 00;12;42;09

Jenn
You know, I mean, that's very clear. That's the that is part of the gospel. And the fact that it is a gift of God, that nothing you or I or anyone can do can earn that gift. God gives it to us, and we accept the gift. But we must accept the gift in order to have salvation. But it is by grace.

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Jenn
We are saved through faith, not of anything we can do, you know, pay somebody off or or whatever. Absolutely. And the that just the persecution that they have there is real. And it's generational as well. So that's what a lot of what they're overcoming. Yeah. When they go when Darrell and the team goes to preach the gospel there.

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Chandalee

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Yeah. So as we've talked through these different aspects that we discussed with Darrell, something kept coming back to mind. With me is the story of Habakkuk. So let me read chapter two, verse one real quick.

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Jenn

And this is in the Old Testament.

00;13;22;08 - 00;13;23;10

Chandalee

In the Old Testament.

00;13;23;14 - 00;13;24;29

Jenn

And he was a minor prophet.

00;13;24;29 - 00;13;31;17

Chandalee

He was a minor prophet. And like we talked about before with Hosea, not because he was more important or less important.

00;13;31;20 - 00;13;32;08

Jenn

Right?

00;13;32;08 - 00;13;43;11

Chandalee

It was just because the length of the book. This book is three chapters long, like 56 verses, I think. Okay. Very short, short book. But it's pretty impactful with the gospel.

00;13;43;14 - 00;13;43;29

Jenn

Awesome.

00;13;44;14 - 00;14;06;24

Chandalee

Chapter two Verse one says, I will stand at my watch post. I will remain stationed on the city wall. I will keep watching so I can see what he says to me and can know how I should answer when he counters my argument. So what's happening here leading up to this? Israel had divided, like we talked about with Hosea a few weeks ago, into two nations, Israel and Judah.

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Chandalee

Israel was conquered by the Assyrians and sometime in between that conquering and when Habakkuk wrote this book, God told him the nation of Judah is still not turning back to me. And because of that, I'm going to empower the Babylonians, which is another powerful nation that came in, and they're going to come in and they're going to wipe you out.

00;14;30;11 - 00;14;57;11

Chandalee

They're going to carry you off into exile. And so Habakkuk is complaining to the Lord of all the sin that's happening in the nation. He's saying, look at all these false things that are happening,

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all the idolatry that they're worshipping, everything that I see in our world today. It's like in chapter one, reading out the violence and the depravity and the greed and all of the things that Habakkuk is complaining about or things that you could turn on the news and see today.

00;14;57;17 - 00;15;04;08

Jenn

And that interesting is it was this was so many years ago, thousands of years ago was and so is.

00;15;04;14 - 00;15;26;08

Chandalee

In this God is is telling him, okay, I'm going to I'm going to provide I'm going to I'm going to take care. But I'm going to do it by sending this nation. I'm going to empower them. Evil, evil, evil nation. Very evil Babylon, very cruel. But I'm going to let them come in and I'm going to let them carry you off into exile, and I'm going to deliver you that way.

00;15;26;17 - 00;15;27;02

Jenn

Okay.

00;15;27;13 - 00;15;43;26

Chandalee

So Habakkuk had a change of heart. He changed position in chapter two, verse one, and he says, I'm going to go sit in my watchtower, and I'm going to wait and keep watch. I'm going to wait, and I'm going to keep watch for the besorah, for the good news.

00;15;43;26 - 00;15;45;03

Jenn

News, good news.

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Chandalee

I'm going to keep looking. And you don't really understand the significance of that until you understand culturally what a watchtower is and what a runner with the besorah did. So in that time period, Watchtowers were stationed and built around the edges of the city so that they could see and they could see the whole valley. They could see the hills around them.

They could see the roads coming in and out, and they could see if there was someone attacking. They could see if someone was coming with a message. They just kept watch. Always to watch for for the news. Whatever news. Good news. Bad news. And if a nation was at war, they would send a runner with the besorah. The good news if they won, they would send it back to the city so that the king or the city would know that, hey, we've won, we've won the battle. And Habakkuk was saying, I'm going to sit in the watchtower, and I'm going to watch for the good news. I'm going to watch for the besorah that God is going to provide.

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Chandalee

I'm going to watch for the the salvation and the deliverance that he is going to bring for his people. And he's doing that so that he can tell the people the good news. He can tell the people around him the good news of the Lord, which is such a beautiful picture, that he he changed his posture. He changed his position to wait on the Lord.

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Chandalee

He first recognize what was going on with the sin, but then He changed his posture and position to wait. And while he did that, I would be tempted if it were me to complain. Oh, which are everything that was going on, all of the depravity that was occurring that Habakkuk, in that change of posture, begin praising the Lord.

00;17;29;03 - 00;17;29;13

Jenn

Mm hmm.

00;17;29;25 - 00;17;37;15

Chandalee

So he praised him while he waited in the midst of the depravity and the sin and the greed and all of the evil that was happening around him.

00;17;37;21 - 00;17;53;02

Jenn

It is amazing what Thanksgiving will do for you if you are going through a difficult time. And that's a, you know, a way of changing your posture. If you if you're tempted to complain, to just start thinking about all the things you have to be thankful for and naming those off.

00;17;53;13 - 00;17;53;17

Chandalee

And.

00;17;53;19 - 00;17;54;24

Jenn

Raising in the Lord for them.

00;17;54;24 - 00;18;17;14

Chandalee

And not even just if you're tempted to complain, but if you're discouraged, if you're burdened, changing that posture of looking and waiting expectantly for the good things. Right. Because God has promised that he's going to provide those. Yes. Might not come in the way we expect or we really probably won't. Probably won't. Like with Judah.

00;18;18;17 - 00;18;24;18

Chandalee

They were going to be delivered, but they were delivered through the pain of another nation conquering them.

00;18;24;18 - 00;18;26;06

Jenn

And it was going to be a minute and it.

00;18;26;06 - 00;18;48;19

Chandalee

Was going to be a minute. It was quite a quite a few minutes before they before they were actually able to come back. So as we're recognizing what's going on in life around us and we're waiting for the deliverance for the besorah are the good news and praising God in the

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midst of the storm. This picture came to mind with me that God, the father is the watchtower, that we wait on.

00;18;48;24 - 00;18;49;06

Jenn

Yes.

00;18;49;16 - 00;19;14;09

Chandalee

Proverbs 18:10 tells us the Lord is a strong tower. God, the Spirit is the runner. Bringing the good news to us, bringing the besorah to all who would hear it. 1 John 5:6 tells us the Spirit testifies the truth about Jesus. And then, God the Son is the besorah, to redeem and to restore his people. John 1:29 tells us He's the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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Jenn

So this is what you've just shown to us is a beautiful picture of the gospel. It's not the gospel, as we see it in the New Testament book is that we're talking about Jesus coming. But it's a picture of that.

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Chandalee

A foreshadowing.

00;19;30;19 - 00;19;31;18

Jenn

Foreshadowing, yeah.

00;19;31;21 - 00;19;48;20

Chandalee

Yeah. So God, the Trinity is our defender. He's the messenger, and he's the good news of redemption and restoration. It all originates in him. He just asked that we recognize the sin in our life. We wait for his deliverance and we praise him in the midst of it.

00;19;48;29 - 00;19;50;21

Jenn

Oh, I love it. Yeah, it's awesome.

00;19;50;21 - 00;19;51;12

Chandalee

That's beautiful.

00;19;51;19 - 00;19;51;25

Jenn

Hmm.

00;19;52;05 - 00;20;00;03

Chandalee

That's beautiful. I just love looking at at the cultural Hebraic understandings of some of these terms.

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Jenn

Yeah, yeah. And it's good to picture what was going on there. I can, I can just see Habakkuk.

00;20;06;03 - 00;20;06;11

Chandalee

Yeah.

00;20;07;04 - 00;20;12;03

Jenn

You know, standing up there in that tower waiting.

00;20;12;03 - 00;20;27;05

Chandalee

Longing, longing. I definitely can sense that, that longing he felt his responsibility was to be the watch guard, to stand there looking for the word of the Lord so that he could share it with everyone else.

00;20;27;19 - 00;20;29;24

Jenn

Yeah, that sounds like something we need to be doing.

00;20;29;24 - 00;20;31;29

Chandalee

It sounds like our responsibility still today.

00;20;32;17 - 00;20;34;15

Jenn

Yeah. Yeah. To take the good news.

00;20;34;15 - 00;20;38;19

Chandalee

To take the good news, take the besorah and share it in our circles of influence.

00;20;39;07 - 00;20;40;06

Jenn

We better get busy.

00;20;41;02 - 00;20;42;05

Chandalee

Y'all have a great day.

00;20;42;05 - 00;20;44;15

Jenn

Bye bye.