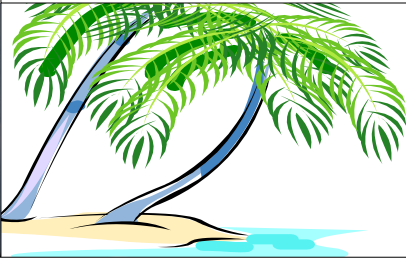




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The Apostasia

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That you be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember you not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now you know what withholds that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity does already work: only he who now lets will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work. 2 Thess 1-17

Look around and what do you see today? We see lots of apostasy from people who claim Christ. Apostasy (or falling away) comes from the Greek word *aspostasia*. Apostasia comes from 2 Greek root words. *Apo* meaning to depart from, and *stasis* means stand (standard) or the state of. So apostasia means to depart from one's stand and one's state. Thus before the end of the age there will be a mass departing, a moving away from the stand of faith, from the word of God, and from the truth. So the first meaning of apostasia has to do with faith and the Word.

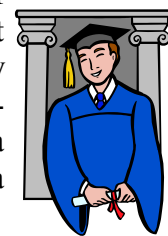
But the second meaning concerns departing from "the state of being." "On the one side is a falling away of the Word, on the other is a fading away of creation. We are witnessing a falling away from creation, from the state of being. It means that before the end of the age, there will not only be a falling away from faith but a falling away from being. The departure of men from the stasis or state of manhood, of fathers from the state of fatherhood, of mothers from the state of motherhood and of men from the state of humanity." Jonathan Cahn

We see this apostasy all around us, in our laws, our institutions. The great falling away, like a speeding train gathering speed as it barrels down a hill unable to stop and speeding to destruction as 2 Timothy warns us. Our society now preys on its youngest members, in the womb as well as the very young. Mothers and fathers killing their children, children killing children as we say last week and leading children away from the state of being into confusion even of their own God given sex.

In this age in which we now live and wait for the revelation of the son of perdition, we are told to "hold fast," hold strongly to the truth of the Word of God. For those who do: *the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* 1 Thess 4:16-18

What I learned in Class: This class for me was a blessing. I went many long and empty years with unanswered questions and full of rage. This class helped me answer these questions. I always knew I was angry but I never understood the anger or how to not be angry. Underneath anger is a broken heart or a lost identity. It comes in many different forms. This class identified each form in every way possible, breaking it down in a way I can understand. I was taught I don't have a black heart. I have a heart/ soul that needed God and peace and a way to find that peace / God. I will admit I still struggle because instead of reacting in anger, the people who helped to put it there now try harder to get that reaction. One thing I learned I use everyday is the serenity prayer: to accept the things I can not change. I also was taught how to not pass this anger and dysfunction down to my children and their children, trying to break the cycle for me is like rewriting my own DNA. But with classes like these and faith and guidance any and everything is possible.

One thing I never understood was why I was always pointed out by my mistakes when the people pointing out my mistakes were the ones who hurt me the most, created my anger. I speak mostly of one person. Stole my identity, my sanity from me. Yet she can manipulate and lie her way through life and still take from me when there's nothing left to take and not reap what she sowed. While everyday I reap what I sowed, I never understood how she lays back and watches while I suffer. But this class taught me to see beauty in a mistake because I can perfect the mistake, so my children do not suffer and neither will their children. I can stop this strand of dysfunction in its tracks even though it's a small strand in a big world. It only takes one person, one voice to start something that can be passed down for generations. By ending my essay, I would like to thank you, Ms Sala, for your care to show/change a broken person how to stand up to the dysfunction and bad in this world under God's Word and make a change when there's not many who will offer to do what you do. You and your teaching are a blessing and an new beginning for me. You truly are a blessing. Thank you. B



My Essay: It all started when I started hanging with the wrong crowd. I wasn't a trouble maker and I didn't go around starting drama or unnecessary problems if it wasn't addressed. So one day I went to a bar hanging with family and friends and that's when it all started. An altercation had occurred and I was wrongfully accused of doing a crime I didn't commit. I was very angry at first but after time passed I learned to forgive and to let go.

My first time attending my class was kind of aggravating due to the fact I was really innocent. After all the time of attending my classes I started to listen and I realized it was somewhat for the better. I find myself getting rid of hidden anger and thinking before I react. I've also learned how to have self control over my own actions.

NO!! The struggle and hesitation to say the word, NO. It's not good to let anyone convince or persuade you to do anything you don't want to. And that any one that can't take no as an answer has serious issues and is not a good type of person to be around. From an early age, I was taught the meaning of NO!!! It helps us carry our own knapsack and it helps us to become inwardly directed. Being able to take the answer NO should be formed into life itself.

I've learned a lot about the addiction system and cycle. I also learned 25% of Americans will experience so kind of substance abuse. I learned about detachment, releasing from a person or problem we love. And last, but not least, boundaries. It's good to have set boundaries, having strict boundaries makes it easier to say no under pressure.

If I had the choice to attend Ms. Sala's class, I would do it for the third time again. It taught me a lot and made me look at things a lot different and I've learned to take ownership and responsibility for my own actions. I know for a fact, that boundaries and standards can get you far in life...

Little Lambs.. When I think about the title of this class "Little Lambs", spiritually I am a Little Lamb. I am a follower of Christ and made in the image and likeness of Him. This class gave me a lot of revelation and also allowed me to view my childhood/upbringing. I learned many lessons such as not to point the finger at others but accept responsibility for my own mistakes, to forgive, forget, and allow open wounds to heal. Honestly, it's hard to explain in an Essay what this class has taught me. All glory goes to God!

My lessons learned: The class that Little Lambs teaches taught me a lot. The concept of love tanks made me really think. For a long time I had emotional needs not met in my marriage. To try to fix our issues we had a child. In this class, I learned how love tanks can only be filled by God and that the actions I took fell into dysfunction. The most eye opening class was the class that referred to the verbal abuser and anger addict. After reviewing the criteria I established that I was both a verbal abuser and anger addict. We also went over types of verbal abuse and I realized my sarcastic tone could be perceived as verbal abuse. Plus, I learned that I used a lot of criticism and blaming to bring down my spouse which I now regret. I realized that I didn't respect many people's boundaries and even though I seemed careless about their feelings, it wasn't what God wanted for my life. Each class opened my eyes as to what behaviors can do.



The classes also taught me a better understanding of functional and dysfunctional dynamics. But most importantly it taught me how to stand up for myself and how to control myself the appropriate way and how to detach myself from an environment. With the lessons I learned here, I feel my next relationship will only benefit from the teachings and concepts covered in this class.

My class.. What I learned from this class is you cannot change any one but yourself. To become a better person you have to open yourself up to God. By doing this you will learn of his love and be able to love. My most vivid thought of this is the thought of a hose trying to suck the love out of everyone else and not realizing that the love comes from God. I am in the process of trying to change my behavior that is more becoming in His eyes. A lot of things explained in class are things that I have gone through and have shown me the error of my ways. I intend to continue to become a better person in God's eyes. So much has been brought to my attention that I thank you for this class.

Essay.. Through this class I have learned or come to realize several things about myself. How things that took place when I was a child affected who I am today; what to look for in an abusive relationship and Boundaries.

I was raised by both parents until age 15. My dad was an alcoholic and my mother was a codependent. My father was verbally and physically abusive. I did not see that as abandonment, but now realize it is a form of it because he was not there for me emotionally. Just as my father abandoned me, I inadvertently did it to my children, only not in an abusive way.

I learned that abusive relationships are not just physical, but emotional as well and can be just as damaging to someone as physical abuse. One sign of an abuser is to be controlling. Whether it be controlling one's thoughts, emotions, feelings, or actions.

Boundaries, we all need to set boundaries. I didn't realize no boundaries could be so detrimental to a relationship. I am not very good at setting boundaries or saying no to my kids at least. But I know that they need boundaries and need them set by me. If not, they will grow up doing whatever they want and will not know the meaning of "no." I have been taking what I've learned in this class and trying to apply it to my life everyday, especially boundaries, especially with my kids and my girlfriend.

Graduate School of the Bible: Hi Little Lambs, I'm writing, hoping that you are Covid free and in "God's great care. Me, I'm great! I've received the Bible and I want to say Thank You so much. I enjoyed the Bible Study. It truly sent me searching the scriptures. And I learned a lot. I was a little nervous on the Blessings and Curses, but I prayed and did my best on it. Thanks for taking the time on the studies and helping me to enjoy your lessons so much. With everlasting love, CJ.

Dearest Salas, I have moved twice since last request. I was housed with students to gain my GED. I received my certificate in June 21. I moved a few weeks ago to the Mississippi State Parchman Facility and will begin class this summer in Faith Based Initiative. I am studying for my Bachelors Degree in theology. Thank you again for your wonderful guidance and touching experience. May God continue to bless you and yours. Please send my next lesson so I may continue building my love relationship with our Lord and Savior. Will

Dear Partners,

I have just returned from a post-covid trip to Idaho. I was able to stay 2 weeks with family and attend the wedding of my grandson. Traveling was great on Southwest. We had 2 new planes with more leg room and lots of space overhead. The only minus was a choice of only 2 flights a day, one early morning and one afternoon. Previously there were 5 or 6 choices of flights. Needless to say, all were full. My grandson, Joshua married a beautiful young lady, Samantha, in a lovely ceremony in Boise. However, for a southerner, the weather was a little too cold for me! It was great to get out at Orlando to not warm but HOT weather...mmm This was a chance to see all my children and grandchildren at the same time. Actually, all the young ones, 5 of them 6 and under, got to know each other for the first time. Watching them bond and love one another was priceless. Our family survived covid with no harm and are all working or in school, doing very well.

You may have heard in the news that Boise, Id., has gained in population as people moved from the west coast during covid. There is amazingly tons of building going on and median home prices now stand at one million dollars! The influx of migrating Americans has caused a real housing shortage and high density housing is everywhere.

During my time away, Jan Ryan took good care of things at the ministry. Meanwhile Shirley Johnson, volunteer coordinator for Highlands County Jail, recognized Mary Tinberg and I in the Highlands County volunteer spotlight in the Highlands County Sheriff's Quarterly. This month Mary has been conducting a 5 week course in Healthy Relationships for the ladies in the jail. They will be graduating in two weeks and she will begin to prepare for the next session. Usually, most women are short term stays at the county jail level, so the shorter course works well for them.

710 S Eucalyptus Update

I am sure you are familiar with the sand that we have here in Florida instead of real soil. We are in sinking sand! Several of the piers under the ministry are sinking, causing lots of structural damage: cracked walls, very uneven floors, windows that leak, ceilings that are damaged as well. The walls were repaired when we moved in in 2003. We were not aware then that the sinking piers were our problem.. Over the last 20 years, the problem has been exaggerated and now needs attention.



We are working with Second Chance Ministry's Aldo Guzman to repair the sinking pillars of our building. Supervising the work will be Tyrone, on the right. Tyrone had a remodeling business in Miami and is very skillful and knowledgeable. His assistant is Richard (center) Richard has been at the program several months and has changed tremendously. He too has many skills. Hopefully they will start this week. After shoring up the foundation, there are lots of repairs needed inside the building from cracking walls, etc. We are very excited to finally get this problem solved and look forward to another 20 years!

We pray all the fathers at the sound of my voice have a great and blessed Father's Day! And let's remember our Heavenly Father every day for His many blessings!

Much love,
Eileen Sala



Schedule April 2022

Mon... Biblical Marriage Family & Parenting@ APCI Work Camp

Thurs....Purpose Driven Life @ 2nd Chance Ministry

Wed.....Bible Study with Eileen & 2nd Chance Ministry

Tues....Celebrate Recovery @ 2nd Chance Ministry

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