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Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **Prejudice**

Prejudice can be described as a preconceived opinion that has no reason, facts or actual experience behind it. The term “prejudice” comes from the Latin meaning for “injustice” or “prior judgment.” When you even look at the word **pre-jud-ice**, it almost sounds like **pre-judge** or **pre-justice**.

You may often hear people that are discussing religion say, “That may be **your truth**, but that’s not **my truth!**” as if facts were debatable!

Take for instance the story of Jesus feeding 5000 men, not counting the women and children. That account exist in all four gospels of the standard bible. There were two instances: One where Jesus fed 4000 men and another where Jesus fed 5000 men, not counting the women and children. So how many **eye-witnesses** were there besides the apostles? How many people claim they experienced being there? How

many of those people said, “It never happened? How many people out of 10 to 15 thousand would you need to testify **“that it never happened”**, before you agreed they were right?”

So what did Jesus really do? Some say, **“He fed a lot of people.”** YEAH!

But more importantly **He proved what the Apostle John wrote in his gospel was true!** **John, Chapter 1: verses 1&2** – **“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”**

Here was Jesus, the Word of God made flesh by the power of God’s Holy Spirit. There was no “BIG BANG”! Jesus spoke God’s Word and whole Universe came into being. Who else could feed all these people with two fish and five loaves of bread!

Prejudice is a bias or a twisted opinion, that is negative or unfair about something like, (*the bible has many mistakes because it was written by so many people who lived so far apart in time!*) **WRONG, It’s GOD’S Word!** It’s true that the prophets didn’t know each other because the scripture was written over the course of 1500 years, but what they say is consistent with God’s word and teaching!

Prejudice is a bias or a twisted opinion, that is negative or unfair about someone like, (*“Those Christians think they are so holy, that the only God that exists, loves just them!”*)

But Paul says in the **book of 2nd Timothy, Chapter 4: verse 8** **And now there is waiting for me the prize of victory awarded for a righteous life. The prize which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day. . . . And not only to me. But to all those who wait with love for Him to appear.**

PREJUDICE . . . It can often lead to discrimination against individuals or groups like the Jewish community. *Don't forget! The Christian religion was started by Jesus, and His twelve apostles, all who were Jewish.*

What causes the *sin of prejudice* in each of our lives? I've heard women mention they didn't want to be married by a priest, "Father What-his-name", because her own father caused so much disappointment and sadness in life of her family. She even has a hard time relating to "**a loving God**" that Jesus calls "**The Father!**" So her Prejudice was set against God and religion.

This kind of conversation wasn't only from women, but there are men who never forgave their dad or mom for their lost childhood. They could have been abandoned by parents; or maybe the parents had to work two jobs or long hours to try and keep up the finances (the rent, the car, food, clothes, medical insurance, so many things.) There seems to be no time now to have a casual conversation about the things in their lives.

But the blame might not be all the parents fault. It could be that the children are so busy on their computers and phones or maybe they're into sports and on top of everything, they still have to finish their homework! Mostly, all these schedules are going to create conflicts. The very thing that needs to happen in a family is to come together as a family and agree to help each other. The very first decision to be made is what things can be done to make their life easier.

In my own life, after my wife had died of cancer and I was left taking care of our four children, all boys, from ages 5, 9, 11, and 13. We could have gone to pieces, but God helped us to get it together! Mary and I

had been playing for about a year, six nights a week, at the Laguna Beach Hotel for entertainment and dancing. Mary played bass and I played keyboard and sang. A friend of mine named Andy joined me there for about another year after Mary had died.

I always had dinner ready for the guys before I left for work, I didn't get home till about 3 in the morning and then get up early and fix breakfast before school and take the young one to school. In November, the place where we were renting was sold, but the owner who was really nice had another house in a near-by county, so we moved there. In January the hotel changed entertainment and so I had more time to start these guys and myself on a schedule.

We made a chart that fit on the refrigerator where all the main chores were listed in four categories: (1)Laundry (2)Kitchen (3)Bathrooms (4)Living Room/ Dining Room, and I did casual music jobs and did the shopping. Every two days the magnetic heads would change to the next category. This way, things wouldn't pile up and they would have time for homework and would even help each other. Also, if they decided to stay single when they were older, for a while, they could take care of themselves! As a family, we became closer and had a better understanding of each other!

Another thing *prejudice* does is ***blind us from our sins***. It makes an excuse for our jealousies. It is easier for us to have prejudice against a person or group that is more successful than we are. The best recent example is what is happening to President Trump. Not only is there prejudice against him from the politicians in his own party, but from the politicians of the opposing party because of the comparison

between all that was accomplished by Trump administration and all the negative things that have been brought forth by Biden administration.

So I will finish with a quote from The book of **Galatians, Chapter 3:verse 28**
"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

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And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds: Understanding God's Word** my commentary on some of these readings.

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Ending The Program

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