

A man with glasses and a striped shirt under a grey blazer is looking down at a smartphone. The background is a wall with horizontal siding.

THAT WAS THEN

**THIS
IS NOW**

WITH TRAVIS HOUSTON

Session 1: The Tabernacle

Roman 12:1

For 430 years the children of Israel had been held captive by the Egyptians. Moses was chosen by God to be the leader of this mass exodus into the promised land. Pharaoh was reluctant to release them, but after a series of ten plagues, he finally agreed. The journey was anything but easy; however, God always makes a way to connect with His people!

1. The word *Tabernacle* indicates a meeting place with God, and God gave a detailed plan for it. Why do you think God gave such exact instructions for the Tabernacle?
2. Do you have a meeting place with God in your daily personal life? Describe the things you do to meet with God.
3. Where can you see parallels between our new covenant of salvation and the Tabernacle plan? How does it feel to know we can directly find forgiveness through Jesus Christ now?

Jesus Christ really is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He has been looking out for us from the beginning of time until now. He has always made a way for His people, and He always will!

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Session 2: The Blood

Hebrews 9:21

From the Tabernacle all the way to Jesus, sins were only atoned (pushed ahead temporarily). After Jesus shed His blood at Calvary, our sins can be forgiven! Like the song says, the blood of Jesus still “reaches to the highest mountain and flows to the lowest valley!

1. How does it feel to know Jesus' blood is so powerful that it can make any sin you've ever committed disappear as though it never happened?
2. Jesus bled from specific places on his physical body. If those places could represent the areas of needs in our lives, how could you pray to receive God's touch in all parts of your life?
3. What area of your life could you make a point of focused prayer this week?

What a privilege it is to know that we can be washed in the blood so our sins are forgiven. Take some time to thank God for freedom and new life through His sacrifice!

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Session 3: The Armor of God

Romans 13:14; Ephesians 6:14-18

We live in a constant state of battle and war, fighting for our spiritual survival. We believe the promise of God through Isaiah is true: no weapon formed against us shall prosper. Though the enemy has weapons to use against us, we can rest assured God has made provision to make sure we are protected.

1. By what ways have you overcome spiritual attacks from the enemy in the past?
2. Why do you think Paul used the metaphor of a soldier with armor to describe the ways in which God's Spirit works in our lives to protect us?
3. How can you apply the whole armor of God to your life?

We must not neglect prayer; it is how we draw strength from God. Without prayer and a complete dependency on God, our attempt at spiritual warfare is futile and pointless. God has given us the whole armor of God—truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer. Pursuing God and applying these weapons enable us to become more than conquerors, overcoming all of Satan's attacks and temptations.

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Session 4: The Connect

Hebrews 9:11-12

How The Holy Ghost moved upon the writers of Scripture to create connected symbols for the working of the Spirit in all areas of our lives. We can have hope that God has intentionally planned for all the facets of life in which we need help.

1. The symbols we've explored in the Scripture passages of this series reference our head, our hands, our feet, and our heart. In which area do you think most people face their biggest obstacles?
2. The connection among these symbols and references in Scripture is a loving God who cares for all the details of our lives. How does it feel to know Jesus has made provision for all the areas of life in which you may struggle?
3. What has been the most important takeaway from this series for your life?

With our minds made up and our thoughts brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, we can be confident of God having authority in our lives. He is powerful, merciful, and faithful, so we can rest in knowing He will be with us no matter what comes our way!

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