Go Green: Building a Healthy You – Physically, Spiritually, Emotionally, and Intellectually

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4-Week Sermon Series Overview:

Week 1 – Go Green: Building a healthy environment

Week 2 – Go Green: Building a healthy you

Week 3 - Go Green: Building healthy relationships

Week 4 – Go Green: Building healthy community

Psalm 8:1-9 (NASB)

¹O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

² From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries, to make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

³When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

⁴What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

⁵Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty!

⁶You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, ⁷All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas. ⁹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Beginning

- Psalm 8:2 From the mouths of infants and nursing babies, God establishes His strength.
 - \circ God's strength is demonstrated in his ability to <u>CREATE</u>.
 - The devil's strength is demonstrated in his ability to <u>DESTROY</u>.
- Why do we love going out into and feel great when we are in the wilderness of nature?
 - Because it's in nature that we sense that God is creating and recreating life.
 - $_{\odot}$ $\,$ We love to go to and wander in God's creation because in it we feel truly ALIVE.
 - What do we call wandering in nature? We call it RE-CREATION.
 - Psalm 19:1-2 (NLT)

 $^{\rm 1}$ "The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

The skies display his craftsmanship.

² Day after day they continue to speak;

night after night they make him known."

• God's re-creation makes us feel better than the plastic and fabricated creations of a manmade world. Why? Because <u>what God created is life-giving and speaks to our soul.</u>

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." Leo Tolstoy

Go Green:

Building a Healthy You - Physically, Spiritually, Emotionally, and Intellectually

1. Building a healthy and sustainable life involves honoring God with our physical bodies.

- a. Psalm 139:14 (NASB)
 ¹⁴ "I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well."
- b. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NASB)
 ¹⁹ "Or do you not know that <u>your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you</u>, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
 ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: <u>therefore glorify God in your body</u>."

2. Building a healthy and sustainable life involves a growing spiritual life.

a. Philippians 3:5-7; 8-11 (NLT)

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. ⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

b. We were created to know God and make Him known. (Relationship, not religion)

3. Building a healthy and sustainable life involves a nurturing a healthy emotional life.

- a. Proverbs 17:22 (NLT)
 - ²² "<u>A cheerful heart is good medicine</u>, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength."
- b. Be positive Jesus resurrected from the dead and is coming back.
- c. Be positive it is life-giving to your entire self and to others in your life.
- d. Forgive early and often not in a co-dependent way, but in a Biblical way.
 - i. Ephesians 4:32 (NASB)

³² "Be kind to one another, <u>tender-hearted</u>, <u>forgiving each other</u>, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

4. Building a healthy and sustainable life involves stimulating a healthy intellectual life.

a. Proverbs 24:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ "Know also that <u>wisdom is like honey for you</u>: <u>If you find it, there is a future hope for</u> <u>you</u>, and your hope will not be cut off."

- b. Stimulate your mind with reading
 - i. "Fit bodies, fat minds" Os Guinness
 - ii. Read the Bible find a plan; use the Bible app.
 - iii. Read the works of dead people William Law, Corrie Ten Boom, Kierkegaard, etc.