

**FAMILY SERIES CRAZY TRAIN-2**  
**What's Holding You Back?**  
**January 15, 2012/Pastor Mike Berry**

*The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...* 2 Chronicles 16:9

**1. GOD CAME TO LOVE AND CHANGE ALL PEOPLE FOR THE BETTER!**

*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.* 1 Timothy 1:15

*But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.* 1 Timothy 1:16

**Do you believe God is a God of love and He came to change all people?**

**2. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO CHANGE SO MUCH WE BECOME WHOLE NEW AND BETTER PEOPLE!**

*What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! <sup>18</sup> All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him.* 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

**Where do you need to change and become a better person?**

**3. WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?**

*Even though I have received wonderful revelations from God. But to keep me from getting puffed up, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from getting proud.* 2 Corinthians 12:7

**What's holding you back in your family and ministry?**

#### **4. THE FIRST STEP IS TO LEAVE IT AT THE CROSS!**

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*  
1 Corinthians 1:18

*But this precious treasure-- this light and power that now shine within us-- is held in perishable containers, that is, in our weak bodies. So everyone can see that our glorious power is from God and is not our own. <sup>8</sup> We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. <sup>9</sup> We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. <sup>10</sup> Through suffering, these bodies of ours constantly share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.*  
2 Corinthians 4:7-10

**We lay down what needs to die and pick up His power!**

**What do you need to leave at the cross?**

#### **5. THE SECOND STEP IS TO RECEIVE THE POWER OF THE CROSS AND DO A NEW THING!**

*Each time he said, "My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me.*  
2 Corinthians 12:9

*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.*  
Isaiah 43:18-19

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*  
Ephesians 2:10

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*  
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:1

*No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*  
1 Corinthians 10:13

#### **Action Steps:**

***Will you do whatever it takes to get rid of what's holding you back from being all you can be with your family?***