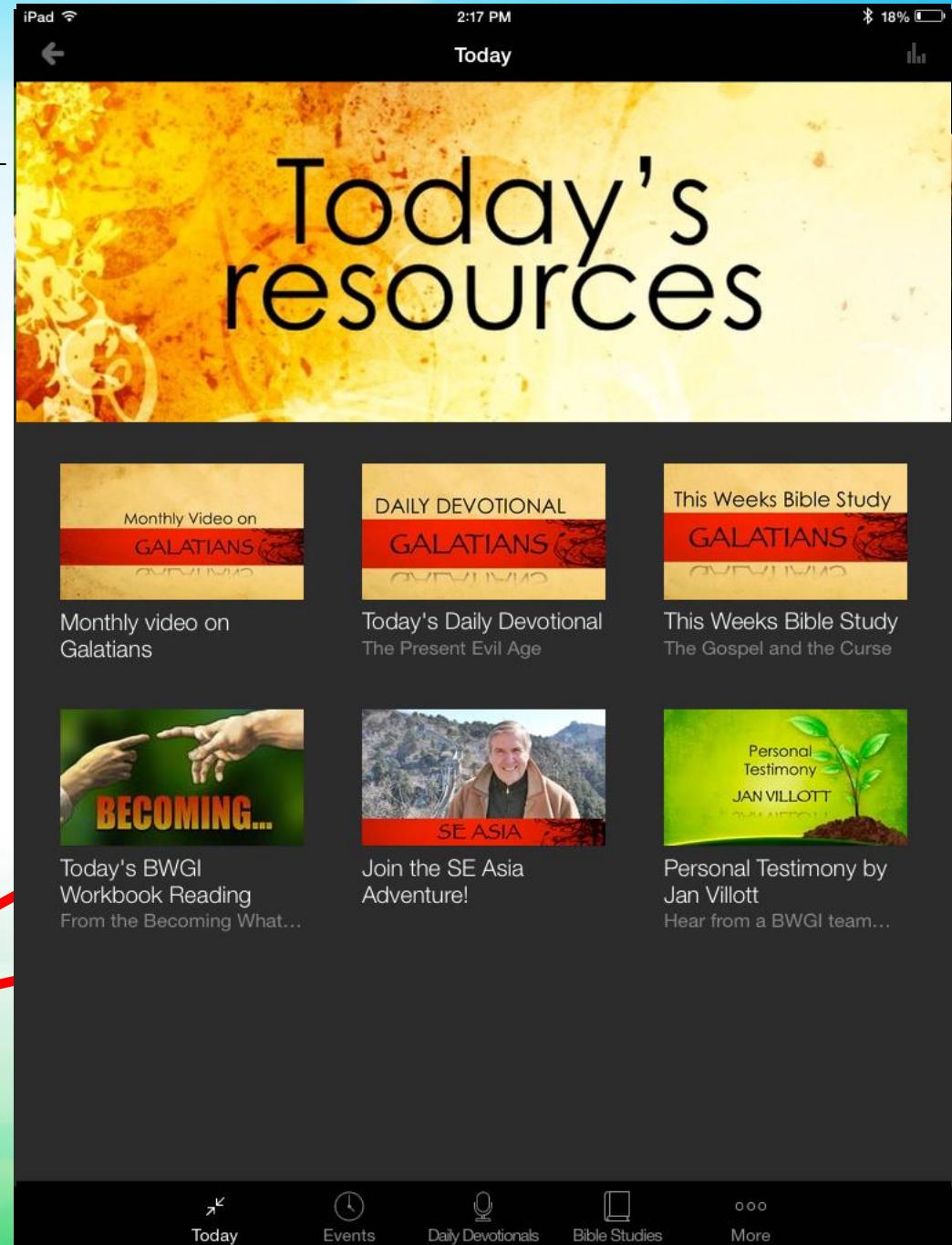
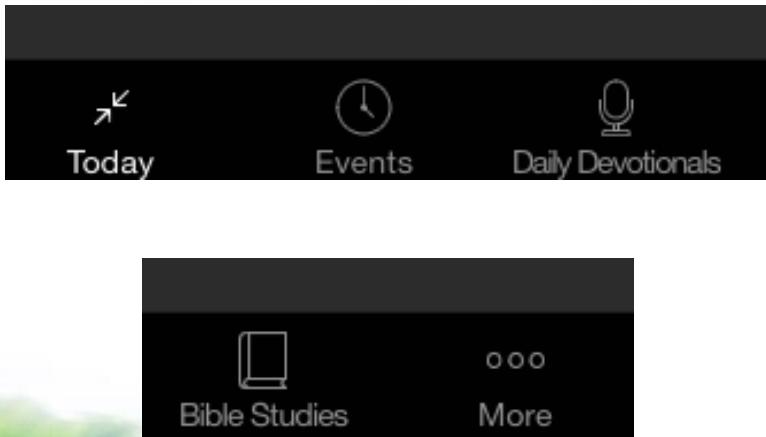
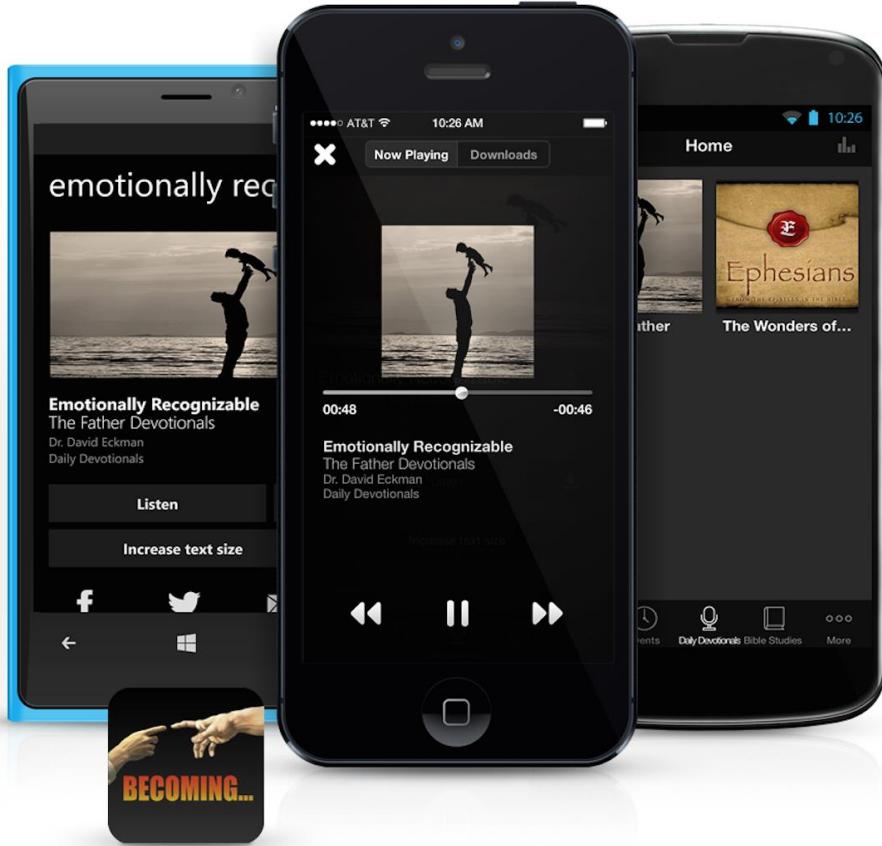




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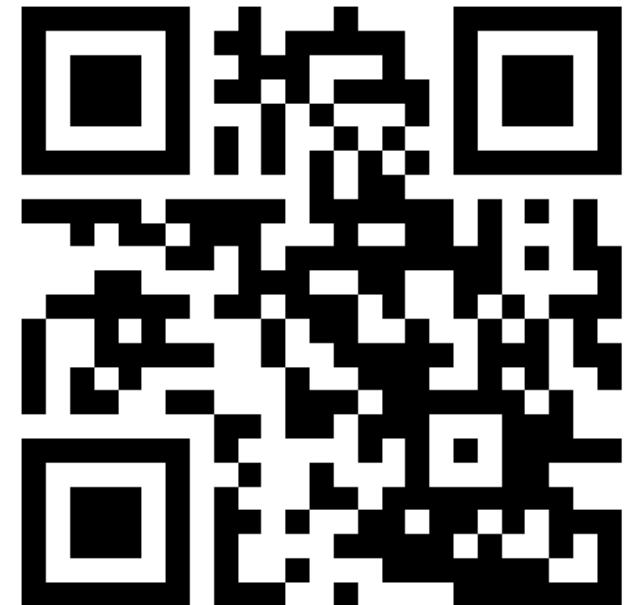
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JESUS THE MICROBREWER

John 2:1-11

Rev. Cathy Stambaugh

JOHN'S PURPOSE

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

BOTTOM LINE

By following Jesus' instructions,
we can enter into the joy of the
wedding banquet.

HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE THE JOY JESUS OFFERS?

- Let go of the old order - LAW

THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

1. Convict us of our shortcomings / our sin.
2. Convince us that we are helpless to erase our own sin.
3. Bring us into a relationship with God through Christ.

THE GOAL OF THE LAW: TRUSTING IN JESUS

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Matthew 5:17

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THE CURE



What if God isn't
who you think He is
and neither are you

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HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE THE JOY JESUS OFFERS?

- Let go of the old order – LAW
- Embrace the new order - GRACE

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN HIS GRACE?

- Do you measure your closeness to God by how little you are sinning or by your trust that the Father loves you as much as He loves Jesus?
- Do you see yourself primarily as a “saved sinner” or a “saint who still sins”?
- When you talk to God do you spend more time reviewing your failures or enjoying His presence?

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN HIS GRACE?

- Do you believe that one day you may achieve being pleasing to God or are you convinced that you are already fully pleasing?
- Do you trust disciplines to make you strong or grace to strengthen you?
- Do you read the Bible as: “You ought. You should. Why can’t you? When will you?” or as: “You can. This is who you now are.”

Adapted from *The Cure*

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

- Alive in Christ
- New Creation
- Justified
- Righteous
- Reconciled
- Free
- Blessed
- Raised with Christ
- God's holy people
- His beloved
- Sons/Daughters

WHO WE ARE

“You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22

WHO WE ARE

“Well, nature provides many examples of the incredible discrepancy between who we appear to be and who we truly are. Consider the caterpillar. If we brought a caterpillar to a biologist and asked him to analyze it and describe its DNA, he would tell us, ‘I know this looks like a caterpillar to you. But scientifically, according to every test, including DNA, this is fully and completely a butterfly.’

WHO WE ARE

Wow! God has wired into a creature looking nothing like a butterfly a perfectly complete butterfly identity. And because the caterpillar is a butterfly in essence, it will one day display the behavior and attributes of a butterfly. The caterpillar matures into what is already true about it. In the meantime, berating the caterpillar for not being more like a butterfly is not only futile, it will probably hurt its tiny ears!

WHO WE ARE

So it is with us. God has given us the DNA of righteousness. We are saints. Nothing we do will make us more righteous than we already are. Nothing we do will alter this reality. God knows our DNA. He knows that we are 'Christ in me.' And now He is asking us join Him in what He knows is true!"

The Cure

John Lynch, Bruce McNicol & Bill Thrall

PUT OUR TRUST IN JESUS

1. Admit our shortcomings / our sin.
2. Admit we are helpless to deal with our sin.
3. Accept God's gift of mercy through Jesus Christ.

CONTINUE TO TRUST HIM DAILY

1. Stop trying to earn His love and acceptance.
2. Rest in His love and acceptance.
3. Trust you are a butterfly!

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