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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

05-214-47 WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH

:38 Reference to 1 John 2:26-27. God can teach us directly if we are yielded to the Spirit.

1:40 Teaching on Paul's writings and the methods he employed. Doctrinal truths set forth; then practical applications of those truths.

2:05 Romans 14:1 Some people are disputatious by nature, fond of starting heated arguments. But the lord's work is not accomplished by argument. Welcome those who are weak in faith, and don't try and beat them into your way of thinking with argument and lecture. God revealed himself progressively over time and that is an example for our maturity.

5:25 Some of Jesus's statements about himself: John 10:30; John 14:9; John 8:58. A change in theological concept for the Jew – hard message to accept. We can have same issues, when confronted with new truth.

6:16 Jesus says he will send the Holy Spirit. John 14:26 and 15:26. Part of the progressive revelation of God. Reference Matthew 11:11 and Luke 7:28 John the Baptist went as far as he knew, with what he knew. The progressive understanding of God applies to individuals as well. Be kind to and welcome those who are only at a primary stage of # 05-214-47 Cont'd

understanding. God is often at work within people long before it shows.

11:50 The new birth. John 3:3. Teaching on life being present before the birth.

12:55 Romans 14:2-4 Teaching on pride and judgment. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another.

16:40 Romans 14:5-9 Living with others different than yourself. Reference Luke 12:25 about being anxious.

22:30 Romans 14:10 Teaching on the judgment seat. Reference Romans 8:1. The sin question is settled for the Christian, however the judgment for the Christian is related to what they have done with what they have in reference to God's plan. Maybe conviction but not condemnation. Reference 1 Corinthians 3:9-15.

27:30 Romans 14:10-12 A slight audio break, sorry. The reading begins at verse 10. Teaching on this judgment. Reference John 5:22-23 – Jesus will be the judge.

30:20 Romans 14:13-14 Teaching on the idea that no physical thing is evil in itself. Reference 1 Timothy 6:10.

Teaching on the Holy Spirit and the conscience. Reference Matthew 12:31-32; Luke 12:10.

42:20 Romans 14:15 Don't let your behavior dampen or destroy a brother's faith. Reference 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Teaching on eating food offered to idols. When interacting

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with those who may be weaker in their faith it is more important to act in love than from a superior knowledge.

48:20 Romans 14:15-23 The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Do what leads to peace and mutual edification.

Caution: This whole teaching about respecting the beliefs and behaviors of another, is in context of verse 1. "Disputable matters" or opinions "grey areas" of those weaker in the faith. It is not to condone behavior clearly defined in the scripture that is of a black and white nature. <u>1John 2:26</u> I write this to you about those who would deceive you; <u>27</u> but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

<u>Rom. 14:1</u> As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions.

John 10:30 I and the Father are one."

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father?

<u>John 8:58</u> Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 15:26 But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me;

<u>Matt. 11:11</u> Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Luke 7:28 I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

<u>Rom. 14:2</u> One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. <u>3</u> Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. <u>4</u>

Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

<u>Rom. 14:5</u> One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let every one be fully convinced in his own mind. <u>6</u> He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <u>7</u> None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <u>8</u> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lords. <u>9</u> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<u>Rom. 14:10</u> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

<u>Luke 12:25</u> And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life?

<u>Rom. 8:1</u> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

<u>1Cor. 3:9</u> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

<u>1Cor. 3:10</u> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. <u>11</u> For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <u>12</u> Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — <u>13</u> each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <u>14</u> If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <u>15</u> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

<u>Rom. 14:10</u> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

11 for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <u>12</u> So each of us shall give account of himself to God.

John 5:22 The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

<u>Rom. 14:13</u> Then let us no more pass judgment on one another, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. <u>14</u> I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for any one who thinks it unclean.

<u>1Tim. 6:10</u> For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.

<u>Matt. 12:31</u> Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <u>32</u> And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Luke 12:10 And every one who speaks a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

<u>Rom. 14:15</u> If your brother is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died.

<u>1Cor. 8:1</u> Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." "Knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. <u>2</u> If any one imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <u>3</u> But if one loves God, one is known by him.

<u>1Cor. 8:4</u> Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." <u>5</u> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many

"gods" and many "lords" — $\underline{6}$ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<u>1Cor. 8:7</u> However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through being hitherto accustomed to idols, eat food as really offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <u>8</u> Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <u>9</u> Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <u>10</u> For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <u>11</u> And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <u>12</u> Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <u>13</u> Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

<u>Rom. 14:15</u> If your brother is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. <u>16</u> So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. <u>17</u> For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit; <u>18</u> he who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. <u>19</u> Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. <u>20</u> Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for any one to make others fall by what he eats; <u>21</u> it is right not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother stumble. <u>22</u> The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God; happy is he who has no reason to judge himself for what he approves. <u>23</u> But he who has doubts is condemned, if he eats, because he does not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.