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**Session 3 – “The Bible According to Jesus”
(Chapters 8 - 13)
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Opening Prayer

Opening Statement/Question...

If you grew up attending a conservative Bible-believing church, the *entire* Bible was authoritative, not just the New Testament – all sixty-six books. Consequently, from day one, many of us were unintentionally encouraged to mix, match, and blend Old Testament concepts and values with New. It’s unlikely that anyone explained to you that the Bible is organized around several covenants or contracts between God and a variety of people and people groups. Odds are, nobody explained why the Old Testament was called old and the New, new. The entire book seemed old, didn’t it?

What you *were* told, or figured out on your own, was that the New Testament was about Jesus. Mostly, anyway. And thus, your relationship with the Bible began.

What do you think?

Session 3 Video...

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- **Your first Bible...**
- **Where mixing and matching has left us...**
- **Was the old covenant flawed?**
- **Why the Old Testament is called “old”...**
- **The danger of presenting an “all skate”...**
- **Jesus’ greater-than-Moses answers to common dilemmas...**

Follow Up Questions...

- 1. What struck you most about this week’s video?**
- 2. Who gave you your first Bible? Why did they give it to you? Did they go into any explanation about the difference between the “New” and “Old” testaments?**
- 3. What do you make of Andy’s assertion, “Bad church experiences are almost always related to old covenant remnants,” and, “Most bad church experiences are the result of somebody prioritizing a *view* over *you*, something Jesus never did and instructed us not to do either”?**

4. Andy cited three examples of imports from the Old Testament that do us no favors today: self-righteousness, legalism, and the prosperity gospel. Have you ever seen these deviations from grace crop up in your own life? In the church?

**5. Scripture Focus –
Matthew 5:3-12 (Beginning of the Sermon on the Mount”**

For starters, what do you think would happen if someone tried to instigate discriminatory or hateful activity based on the contents of the Sermon on the Mount?

Which segments of the sermon might they use?

On the flip side, what hopes, dreams, resolutions, convictions, confirmations, and emotions rise to the surface of your mind and heart as you read Jesus’ words?

6. Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission_

One of the Bible’s greatest injunctions to Christ followers is the Great Commission. Admittedly, there are things Jesus has commanded us that people who long to come into the kingdom must obey. What do you think that list of commands includes?

Most of what makes us resistible are things we should have been resisting all along. – Andy Stanley

“Irresistible” Session 4 – Sunday, January 29 **4:00 PM**
(Covers Section 3 Intro & Chapter 14 in “Irresistible”)
