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# Salvation

## Born Again — Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

I remember hearing the salvation message for the first time when friends of mine dragged me to a small gathering in the west side of Edmonton. These guys were radically changed and I could see the transformation on their faces, — they were just glowing.

And now they've convinced themselves, that if they just get me inside that building, — Holy Spirit, and the Angels will take care of the rest. And as I get out of the car, I see a few more of my old neighborhood buddies leaning up against their cars with smiling faces. Apparently these guys were also transformed. I started to get this uneasy feeling that maybe I'm getting set up.

As I sat inside that small gathering, — I began to hear a person speak about this amazing love. I've heard messages before but nothing like this.

A powerful message of a love and a brutal sacrifice designed to redeem me and reconcile me into a life that was always meant to be. The big question for me was why would a heavenly Father be so interested in adopting me into a family that I have no real regards for ? And why the sacrificing of His only begotten Son ?

This whole love story totally caught me off guard. Then the speaker asked if anyone out there would be willing to personally accept Jesus into their lives. Accept the Salvation message from the Lamb of God, the coming Bridegroom. Accept the blood sacrifice for the remission of sins that comes with an eternity where heaven becomes a whole new reality here on earth.

Well I walked through that doorway of forgiveness and accepted Jesus and suddenly waves of love hit me. Wave after wave after wave until I was totally saturated with the love of God.

Well I stood there in the midst of that gathering ignited with the presence of God with arms wide open. I knew that something serious happened when all this heaviness just lifted off me. Everything seemed to be a whole lot brighter, and I felt about a 100 pounds lighter.

My heart was pounding away in my chest as I now found myself entering a world within a world. I saw the angelic as the Kingdom of heaven landed all around me. The extended hand of God was now inviting me to step into a whole new reality.

At that very moment I totally understood, without a shadow of doubt, that I was now born again in the Spirit of God. Leaving the building I saw all those smiling faces once again nodding at me as they all knew that I just got hit with a full dose of heaven. Now walking in the Spirit, I find myself interacting with the different realms of Heaven. But after getting sandbagged a number of times, I now realized I have a powerful enemy. Somebody out there really hates me.

Lucifer, now called Satan, after getting thrown out of heaven, along with his minions, now have a vendetta to go after the Sons and Daughters of God. His plan, — is if you wanna hurt Heavenly Father, you go after the family, His prized creation. His biggest weapon is deception and if that doesn't work, he will start to intimidate, and if that doesn't work, he starts to get real nasty. His plan is to drag as many as he can into his new dwelling place called hell.

He absolutely undermines the design of a human race that was initially equipped to be a powerhouse in the Spirit. That power was all part of the original design, and to those restored illuminated born again beings walking in the redeemed Spirit of God. ( Gods most prized creation ) he now whispers:

" Did he really say that ? " " Are you sure your doing it right ? "  
" Is that really what he meant ? " " Should you really be doing that ? "

“ Are you sure your not suppose to go in that other direction ? ” “ Shouldn’t you include this ? ” These are the undermining things, and more, that he targets those with that are born again pursuing their destiny in the Holy Spirit.

The whole reasoning for his undermining is so that he can slide in his counterfeits and create a false reality where we get caught up in all that is false. Set free is all about dealing with all that is false. Dealing with what's real, and what isn't real, and the dismantling of those mindsets that have entrenched so many into the false.

Satan’s strategy is that we get caught up in a false worldview domain that blinds us from seeing our own domain. He now has us completely captivated and tending to what is happening out there, while we completely miss out on tending to those things in our own back yard.

Instead of engaging in the freedoms that are rightfully ours, most are transfixed and getting bounced around in his worldview domain. In Set Free we tap into all that. Set Free is all about realigning ourselves to who we were always meant to be according to God's original design and according to how we really need to view things.

God designed us before we were ever born in the flesh and He designed us perfectly. And it was this perfect design that He placed in our mother’s womb. Now born in a fallen world view that is filled with false narratives, the adversary now begins to distort the very truth about who we really are as he floods us with all that's false. He knows that once we see beyond the matrix, we now walk in an authority that supersedes his. That is one of his biggest fears.

There are 8 dynamics we need to touch on before we start to engage in our Set Free sessions. These dynamics have everything to do with defining your true identity. So that when you come out of the Set Free sessions, you will know without a doubt, how to move forward with an identity that is now fully loaded.

**Rick Groenheyde**



# Group Prayer

**Lets pray before we go deeper in this thing called Identity**

**Holy Spirit,**

We have prepared a place for you. We welcome you here in our midst. May your Kingdom come, your will be done so that we truly enter into the freedoms that Jesus has given us. Holy Spirit, continue your good work in us. We are here for the continuation of your good work.

Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus name that all interference, demonic strategies and confusion, be removed from this place. We pray Heavenly Father that our hearts and minds will be protected from deception and that each and every one of us will receive a deeper revelation of your love and the freedoms that you have given us.

Holy Spirit, have your way with us as we enter into all that you have for us. We have come, and we arise today through the mighty strength of the Father, through the mighty strength of the Son, and through the mighty strength of the Holy Spirit.

We arise through God's strength to pilot us today, through God's might to uphold us today, through God's wisdom to guide us today, through God's eye to look before us today, through God's ear to hear us today, through God's word to speak to us today, through God's hand to guard us today, through God's shield to protect us today, so that there may come today an abundance that will set us free, and that we may receive all that our heavenly Father has for us.

**I Seal this Prayer in the mighty name of Jesus !**





# JESUS

## Dynamic # 1 — Titles & Authority of Jesus

Jesus is the only one that can Set us Free, — and Holy Spirit is all in, — to facilitate those freedoms. To step into Set Free and fully embrace those Freedoms, a good place to start is to have a clear understanding of all the titles and authority of Jesus, the very one who has given us our freedoms.

To start off, the word “ massive ” is probably to small a word when describing Him. The claims Jesus makes are clearly demonstrated throughout His 3.5 years of ministry. And all of it has been confirmed.

I am the bread of life, I am the light of the world, I am the door, I am the good shepherd, I am the resurrection, I am the Son of God, I am the Truth, the Life, and the Way.

The Word of God expresses the Son, and the Son expresses the Word. Truth reveals the Son, and the Son reveals the Truth. Scriptures interpret the Son, and the Son interprets the Scriptures. Wisdom unveils the Son, and the Son unveils Wisdom. Father declares the Son, and the Son declares the Father.

There is no mistaking His identity. When it comes to salvation you cannot ignore Him. If you're searching for reconciliation, sanctification or redemption, to omit Him would be suicidal, for He is the only complete way to the Father.

Portrayed in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus is the King Revealed. In Mark, He is portrayed as the Redeeming One. In Luke, He is the Reconciler, and in John, He is proclaimed as a Regenerator, as one who makes all things new.

And He continues to manifest Himself in so many different ways. He is a Lion, and He is also a Lamb. He came as the Prince of Peace. He is the Rock, the Alpha and Omega, the Good Shepherd, the Bright and Morning Star, the Word of God, and the Chief Cornerstone.

He's the King of the Jews, the King of Israel, the King of Righteousness, the King of the Ages, the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, the King of Kings, and He is the Lord of Lords.

He is the Key of Knowledge, the Wellspring of Wisdom, the Doorway of Deliverance, the Pathway of Peace, the Roadway of Righteousness, the Highway of Holiness, and the Gateway of Glory.

He is the mystery of the Invisible God that has become Visible.

He supplies strength for the weak. He heals the sick, cleanses the lepers, delivers the captives, defends the feeble, blesses the young, serves the unfortunate, regards the aged, rewards the diligent, and beautifies the meek. He clearly demonstrated that He is able to conquer death, forgive sinners, and save the soul.

Outside of Jesus there is no wider, deeper, greater, broader, higher dimension known. His love never changes, His word is as solid as a rock, His grace is sufficient, His mercy is everlasting, His yoke is easy and His burden is light. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities and by His stripes we are healed.

**Bottom line, — whom the Son SETS FREE is FREE indeed. Obviously He has all the authority to pull that off !**

# 42 Generation

## Dynamic # 2 — Sons and Daughters

Jesus showing up, now mentions of a generation that is to come after Him. A birthing of sons and daughters coming out of the very things that He has released and what He has established.

**Psalm 22** speaks of a generation coming forth. “ A seed shall serve Him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness.”

This is a generation that will come forth and walk in His righteousness, a people powerfully demonstrating what it is that the Lord can do. Not only were they declaring righteousness, but in their declaration they demonstrated the miraculous as they now engage in all that is right. From walking in the old familiar ways, to now walking in the truth, life, and in a powerful way.

**1st Peter 2** mentions that this is a generation of a Sonship company birthed by the Son of God, a chosen generation, a peculiar people called out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

## This Specific Generation is the 42nd Generation

All the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations, and from Babylon to Christ are fourteen generations, a total of 42 generations.

In the gospel of Matthew, it clearly mentions that David was number fourteen on the generation list. Jeconias, the king who went into Babylon was number 28 on the list, but then Joseph, husband of Mary was number 40, making Jesus number 41. So who is number 42 ?

## **A Jesus Christ Generation**

Well 42 is this generation referred to in Romans 8:29, as those being conformed to His image. It is this Jesus generation, an elect company, a gathering called throughout all the ages, who are joint heirs with Christ ( Christ meaning those anointed ones ) who will rule and reign with Him. This seed, this offspring of Jesus, who bear His name, are the very ones who have grown up into Jesus manifesting His life and nature. They have taken on the identity of Jesus through their born again Holy Spirit filled experience.

This born again, walking in the Holy Spirit 42nd generation, has been in the making for over 2000 years. It is these ones that have conformed to the image of the Son of God, a generation of many brethren as mentioned by Paul the Apostle. A chosen generation, where He the Lord has chosen them. He has selected them before the foundations of the world. The Jesus Ministry was passed over to the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit now passes the Jesus Ministry to these ones.

It is these ones, led by the Holy Spirit, who were not swayed by the counterfeit, or misguided by the false. It is these ones who are not bound by world denominations and world religions, but into Jesus are they led to this day. But their journey has not been easy, and the battle has been hard fought on so many levels.

To them, God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Jesus in them, the hope of heavenly Father being glorified.

## **2000 Years of Divisiveness and Story Telling**

For over 2000 years, the adversary has been dividing the sons of God, fracturing them as he distorts, distracts, and deceives. Originally we were powerful beings full of light. What happened in the garden seriously weakened those mighty spiritual beings that God created. It was a catastrophic event. But Jesus comes and restores to us in the fullness of who we were always meant to be.

But the adversary, relentless in spiritual warfare, has no plans of walking away from the battle. He has set up shop as the deceptive one behind the curtain who is now pulling all the strings. His plan for mass destruction is through deception. And with that mass deception, — destruction follows.

He has unleashed his demonic horde to weaken us again like he did at the garden, having us walk in the minimums whereas Jesus came to maximize us to walk in the fullness of what the Father has always intended for us to be.

Where we have been personally fragmented, and corporately ripped apart, — Holy Spirit plans to piece it all back together.

But none of that is going to happen if we are not open and transparent to the workings of the Holy Spirit. We need to allow Holy Spirit to have His way with us as He directs us into those greater freedoms, — especially in the next few days.

### **Dark Forces have Affected Us All**

We really need freeing up to become that spiritual being, that being of light that we were always meant to be, to dwell in that place where we are being maximized, and no longer minimized.

Whom the Son sets free is free indeed, — and the plan is to start unpackaging that very thing that has minimized us.

Dark forces have affected us all; the battle has been hard, extremely hard in many cases. Demonic influences have been absolutely smothering, and the demonic assignments have been relentless as many were steered into the minimums of who they really are in Jesus, — sidestepping them away from a powerful gospel to where they walk in the shallows of that gospel

**Again, that could all change in the next few days, — if you allow it !**

# Jesus Prays

## Dynamic # 3 — Jesus Confirms their True Identity

( Condensed Version )

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is in the upper room with His Disciples and prays over them in a prayer that nails down their true identity.

***“ I have glorified You Father. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”***

What Jesus is saying here is that the work that his Father has given him has been completed. He has established Salvation and the Restoration process. He has established a Model that comes with a completed identity on how His disciples can now move forward.

***“ I have manifested your name to the men whom you have given me. You gave them to me, and I have given to them the words which you have given me; and they have received them, and now they know that I surely have been sent forth from You. I will no longer be in the world, but these ones are in the world, and I come to you Father, — keep those whom you have given me, that they may be one as we are one.”***

What Jesus is saying here is that with their new identity, they now have the ability to function governmentally as one. As Father, Son, Holy Spirit, functions governmentally as one, they themselves can now function as one, — a family, a team, a unit.

***“ I do not only pray for these ones, but I also pray for those who believe in me through their testimony; that they all may be one, as you Father are in Me, and I in You, that those who believe in me through their testimony may also may be one in us.”***

It went from 3 being 1, to now 4 being 1, because who they now are in their new identity, has been included in that oneness. In other words, the defining of that oneness has now been completed, and set in motion. It no longer needs to be restructured, reorganized, reconstructed, or reestablished.

***“ The glory, which you gave me, I have given them, that they may be one, just as we are one. I in them, and you in me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that you have sent me. That the love with which you loved me, may be in them, and I in them.”***

Jesus talks about a oneness, and that the glory and power that inhabits the Fathers House is also inclusive in that oneness.

Their demonstrations of glory and power will speak loudly that Jesus did send them. The model has been set, and their identity has been carved in stone and set in motion.

## **A Prayer that Defines our Identity**

This prayer actually defines a few things. What Jesus is saying is that the generation that is to follow, those Sons and Daughters are now part of the family, — His Fathers Family. These Sons and Daughters are inclusive through the adoption process. The family is no longer fragmented; the family is now one as to the Fathers original design back in the garden. All has been restored.

## **Predestined Adoption**

**He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will — Ephesians 1:5**

This adoption where we are now “ Sons and Daughters ” of the Most High comes with a huge source of power as we are now grafted in with a family whose power is second to none. There is no one else that can even come close to touching this Family.

## **The Kingdom is part of Our Identity**

We have now been given keys of authority to walk in this whole new dynamic of “ **Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.**” This Kingdom now plays a big part in our new identity when expanding the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth, — on the Fathers behalf.



# Identity Transition

## Dynamic # 4 — Going from the Old to the New

Transition is not easy for any of us, and to some it may have that crisis feel to it, especially if you're seriously entrenched in the old familiar ways of processing stuff. And that can be problematic, not necessarily on God's part, but definitely on your part.

When you think about how the Kingdom of Heaven functions, our new identity is radically different from the one that we've been so familiar with, — the very reason why they refer to being “born again” as the great exchange. It's a whole new beginning, laying aside the old life, and exchanging it for the new.

For some, they may have invested a lot of time, energy and money to establish that identity which makes it even more difficult if God is asking you to walk away from some of it, or maybe all of it.

Recognizing the need for change is one thing, walking it out, — well that's a whole different ballgame. Knowing that change is not easy for most, we now find ourselves at the crossroads of making some pretty big decisions.

Not letting go only adds to the ongoing disruption during transition, thereby creating a distorted version of an identity, and a gospel, that is now partial, never reaching the full potential.

The ongoing challenge for most of us is that we easily default to the old ways when processing stuff. Even though we are born again, ignited in the Spirit, — we are still physical beings who need to push aside, and walk away from all the enticements of the flesh.

The good, bad and the ugly will contend for space as the enticements now pound away upon our minds and upon our hearts. All those dark streams that we've engaged with in the past are things that we now need to walk away from.

Also, in the midst of transition many run into a bit of a crises as everything mentally, physically and spiritually takes a shift.

But we need to trust in the Lord that He will get us through the transition as He renews our minds and restores our hearts to the way it was always meant to be.

What has changed is that we went from engaging what the world has to offer, to now engaging with God, and what the Kingdom of Heaven has to offer.

But the bizarre thing is that the old nature in us, is not about to give up control that easy.

But for those who have cross over, — they see so much more of Gods love, see so more of His generosity and His amazing character, along with the greater manifestations of His Kingdom as it now lands all around them making the gospel they believe in, — very alive.

# Place of Rest

## Dynamic # 5 — Resting in the Place of Restoration

Walking in our true identity was always meant to be that restful habitation, according to God's original design. To rest in being that powerful born again illuminated being, whose restoration now gives them the ability to overcome every form of darkness, from every level of darkness, knowing that every battle belongs to the Lord.

What was portrayed, institutionally by the Jewish people in the Old Testament, was a portrayal of something of a natural religious event where Jesus transitioned that whole natural event into a supernatural relational event. We went from an Old Testament temple where the Spirit of God once dwelt in the Holy of Holies, to now being living temples where the Holy Spirit is now wanting to dwell.

Jesus became the fulfillment of all that was constructed and prophesied in the Old Testament regarding the temple and how it was managed, — to it now being living temples, no different than Adam and Eve who were living organisms, living temples, carrying the glory of God back in the Garden of Eden. That's the whole reasoning for the restoration plan. The plan in Jesus' days was the restoring of the living temple that was lost in the garden. We went from being a religious organization in the Old Testament, to now becoming a relational organism in the New Testament.

Without that supernatural perspective, the dynamics of what was prophetically fulfilled by Jesus only steers us all back towards a religious institutionalism, — and when embracing that, it will only add to the global fragmentation as we build upon the ongoing distortion, steering us towards works, instead of dwelling in that full time place of rest.

Where in a stillness, we embrace the Fathers provision, as His Kingdom fights for our realignment, our restoration, along with everything else that rightfully belongs to us. Remember the battle belongs to the Lord. All our battles belong to the Lord. In those battles He is trying to restore us fully.

This dramatic supernatural Jesus fulfillment was to steer us into something relational and romantic, — something that's above and beyond our walls of what we could ever think or imagine.

There is a huge religious distortion out there designed to manipulate our identity where through our actions we have convince ourselves that man was made for the Sabbath. When Jesus clearly stated that the Sabbath was created for man.

We've reinstitutionalized the Sabbath where we now have the Sabbath performing for us when it was always meant to be a time of rest in the salvation that has been freely gifted to us.

Then Jesus comes and defines this whole thing about the Sabbath even more by saying He is the Sabbath Rest. Jesus is an extension of rest no different than when He extended the Commandments.

It's no longer resting on that one day, but to rest in Him daily. The whole plan was for us to rest in the arms of a loving Savior and enjoy what His Fathers house has for us, and embrace the many dynamics of the unfolding Kingdom that comes with it.

To rest in the arms of a Savior while enjoying all that benefits of the Fathers House. Resting in the Fathers presence knowing that He knows us better than we know ourselves. And to act in faith knowing that He will take care of us.

Jesus was the fulfillment of all that was emblematic. When Jesus said, while hanging on the cross, that “ It is finished ”, — then if what He has established is completed, and that He has put all the finishing touches to it, then why are we still building ? Why are we not resting ? Why are we still performing ? Somehow we need to recalibrate to this new identity of ours.

# False World View

## Dynamic # 6 — False Perception, False Identity

When Jesus said it is finished, he just completed and unleashed the Fathers restoration plans for a fallen and corrupt world.

And so the adversary counters that with a false world view filled with counterfeits. And his strategies have been in the making for over 2000 years.

And this false world view perception is another thing that really effects our overall identity. 24/7 we are being downloaded by our distorted environment, and by those around us who are fully engaging in that distorted environment.

We are constantly being downloaded with a perception that has nothing to do with an identity on how the Lord is wanting to define us, or how He is wanting us to move forward.

This constant download of a worldview has now become a norm for the masses, which is really an abnorm. A worldview that is being orchestrated by some very big organizations, where they are bombarding us and downloading us with a false normality spinning off all kinds of false identities.

A normality that is designed to control, steer and govern peoples perception. This perception is wickedly deceptive as it tries to get many to think deeply inside the programing, — their global programing. But to never think outside the programing.

To get us to self identify within the programing only. A self-identity with a self-reality designed to steer us into an isolation, where for many, — has become a lonely place.

This programing, this self-reality and world view perception all in ones hand, through smart phones and tablets, — having a gateway to every form of knowledge, has fragmented our true identity in so many ways, and on so many levels. Without any governance or self-control, this new reality has been a silent weapon of mass destruction.

Many without knowing find themselves in a web of distortion where the alga-rhythms of what is being tracked by our personal usage only steers us deeper into the targeted programing that now adds to our distorted personal perception, — steering us off even more from our true identity.

This form of programing becomes our new way of living, our new form of intelligence, our new way of thinking, runned by those giants of technology where we succumb to their intelligence, their way of thinking. Being totally entrenched in the programing, dragging us away from any true discernment, and away from our true identity.

As it sends us deeper into that false identity where our present reality is filled with disruptions, distractions, with all kinds of distortion, followed by a trail of destruction. The end game is to get everyone addicted to the technology, the programing, and run with the global perception, distorting identities not only personally, but also corporately, — and especially religiously.

Holy Spirit will convict us unto righteousness but then we need to play our part and start doing what is right. There are better ways of moving ahead, now that we are a new creation. Many, for the most bizarre reasons, — are moving in the wrong direction.

Most have no clue how desperate they need the Holy Spirit. The thing about blindness is that it fragments and distorts.

Blindness and fragmentation go hand in hand, which is why we need Holy Spirit to guide us through all that is false, and to heal us from the damage that it has created.

# Original Design

## Dynamic # 7 — How Heaven Sees You

God wants to show you His goodness, His glory! Gods love comes to expand who you are. To re-establish you, re-align you, into that true identity that was always meant to be, as in accordance to His original design. The wild part about identity is that He designed us way before we were ever born physically. Now that we are born again, God is restoring and reconstructing our DNA so that it now includes the spiritual dynamics of what was lost at the Garden, — to be a light as He is the Light, and to walk in a powerful identity that is ours for the taking.

It's the goodness of God that challenges our present identity. He is teaching us how to be good and embrace righteousness, and to walk in all the goodness that He has in store for us. In the midst of our misplaced, misdirected identity, along with our unrefined character, He is teaching us how to be good to the point where we overcome evil with the very goodness that he has in store us.

### **Gods Original Design**

The original design of our identity was always God initiated. It was always meant to be Spirit filled, illuminated, by the glory of God from within. To be powerful fruitful weapons of Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Patience all tempered by that powerful force called Long Suffering, — as we transition from one identity to the next.

Heaven sees who you really are, and who you were always meant to be in body, soul and spirit. He's trying to steer us back to the original intentions that He had for us, as to His perfect design prior to us entering into our mother's womb.

Transition is not easy and the truth is that you will make mistakes. But according to Jesus, your mistakes are covered.

The battles along the way are very real but heaven sees the full picture of your identity and you need to trust in Him that He can pull you out of whatever is false, and into the new. He is more interested in bringing your life into alignment, — and He can powerfully do that if you let Him. Your encounters, your struggles, are all part of the alignment process. Your identity is defined by your continual encounters.

The constant chiseling away of your old identity can at times be very challenging as the chisel hits upon those rocky areas that we have such a hard time giving up.

Like I said, for many its not an easy place to be, but according to heaven, it can be a whole lot simpler if we just simply surrender to the process, — we are the ones that make it difficult by being stubborn in our ways, and walking in our compromises.

John 8:34 says “ Whom the Son sets free is free indeed ”. It’s only easy when we love to learn, be willing to surrender, and allow God to mold us into that amazing identity that He has for us.

### **Surrendering the False**

In our old identity we survive going from one chaotic event to the next. In our true identity we prosper and walk in the fullness of what heaven has for us. In that old identity, most are getting bounced around continually. In our true identity we win most of our battles. It’s those selfish battles that we end up loose.



# Holy Spirit

## Dynamic # 8 — Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit

Jesus said that He will send us the Holy Spirit; He will guide us into all truth. Holy Spirit does all the unpacking, and all the packaging when it comes to setting us free.

**1 Corinthians 2:13** We ( the apostles ) speak not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches; interpreting spiritual truths to those who are born again in the Spirit.

### **John 14:26**

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance.

**2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is present, — there is freedom.

Holy Spirit will not speak on His own accord. His witness is the testimony of Jesus. He is the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father. Sharing the Father's heart in accordance to Jesus.

As Jesus only did what the Father was doing, so will the Holy Spirit also demonstrate with the character of Jesus, what the Father is doing, testifying the Jesus model, as He unleashes the Kingdom of heaven here on earth, on behalf of the Father.

As Jesus demonstrated the character of the Father, Holy Spirit will testify and demonstrate the character of Jesus, as He testifies of Jesus, — a character that carries the Father's imprint. The three are truly one. The three voices are all in one accord.

Jesus, who is the total package when it comes to the truth, light and the way, — comes to set us free, setting us on a Kingdom path that comes with extreme power.

Holy Spirit now comes and interprets on what that exactly means for us personally as he unravels us from our old familiar ways into the new unfamiliar. Most have no clue how deep their rabbit hole is, nor how much they are in need of the Holy Spirit. Born again, Holy Spirit starts to engage as He reveals, interprets, teaches, and activates us in the direction that we need to go.

**Holy Spirit has been convicting us to do what is right according to how our identity and the Kingdom of Heaven functions,**

Heaven has an order, the Kingdom has an order, and there is also an order for a remnant that He desires to unleash. It is these ones who have completely surrendered themselves to the Holy Spirit who are now heading to the fullness of their identity.

For the past few years heaven has gone to great lengths to try and get many back into alignment and into that much needed realignment. With continual circumstances, the sculpturer has been busy carving away at our character to draw us back into that alignment. Holy Spirit has been trying to break through the stubborn walls upon our hearts so that we may arise.

Holy Spirit has been trying to redirect us out of our perspectives, and out of our busyness, into something that is more Kingdom minded where in our walk, we are absolutely nailing our identity.

Many have succumbed to that false worldview perspective and programming, along with a religious mindset, which is in total conflict on how Holy Spirit wants to direct us, influence us, and convict us into doing what is right. When Holy Spirit steers us into doing what is right, He is saturating us in a righteousness so that we walk in all that is right.

Righteousness is part of the believers covering that comes with the garments of Salvation. And this righteousness, this sanctification can be a bit of a process for some, — Holy Spirit knows that and the grace of God covers that. Holy Spirit is now looking for those who are willing to surrender and get totally set free.

The full measure of righteousness was graciously draped upon us on the day of our Salvation, but many have stained that garment of righteousness and have defiled that dwelling place that rightfully belongs to the Holy Spirit.

Our adversary is a dirty fighter and holds nothing back. He is relentless and is determined to have us stained and walk in all kinds of compromises. When we give into our waywardness we give into his schemes, his strategies, and his ugly devices that steer us right back into doing things the wrong way, — that unrighteous way.

## **So on a Set Free Freedom Weekend**

It is the Holy Spirit that will be ministering to you. As we go through the sessions, Holy Spirit will put His finger on areas that need to be freed up.

Write those things down in your “ **Participants Manual** ”. At the end of every session we will go into prayer. As you surrender, Holy Spirit will break off all those attachments. Holy Spirit’s desire is that after each session you become closer to who you were always meant to be. To walk in absolute freedom.

## **Ephesians 1:17-18 is all about our identity**

It mentions how Holy Spirit dwells in believers releasing wisdom, revelation and knowledge; how He illuminates the eyes of our understanding so that we may know what is the hope of our calling and what are the riches of our inheritance in the Lord.

# Identity Dream

## Dream of the Lion of Judah.

Had a dream about a lion that continually followed me. He had a boldness and a roughness about him. And he was targeting me as someone that he wanted to hangout with. But this big lion just scared the heck out of everyone. I'd be walking down the beach and he'd show up like some scary sidekick and scare the heck out of all those who were walking with normal looking pets. Why can't I have a normal pet ? We walk into some park where there was a tournament going on and he'd be his scary self and freak everybody out. I'd try and settle him down and when I did, well off we go. I'd be walking down the park and he'd come up behind me and get between my legs and lift me up. Now I'm riding this lion like a bull in a rodeo. Its great to see he was having fun. Then I saw one of those surveillance cameras that watch over the park that scans out everybody's I.D. As the camera scanned the lion it identified him as the " Lion of Judah ". I'm going great this thing comes with a name. Then I thought I finally got rid of him because he's nowhere to be found, and so I decided to visit some friends up at a high-rise condo about 12 floors up, as I'm hanging out with my buds, out of nowhere he shows up in the room. You wanna hang out with my friends go ahead. So I'm sneaking out and I tell the guy at the door not to let him out till I'm long gone. Next thing I know I hear him running down the hall after me. I try and loose him through the staircase and as I'm closing the last door behind me, stepping into the parking lot, — and there he is, looking at me with those big eyes !

Then I wake up and I ask the Lord about this crazy dream. His response was "Identity" its all about identity !

**Rick Groenheyde**

# Identity Prayer

**Holy Spirit,**

I pray that You would unlock my heart that I might be fully alive to my true identity in You. Give me clear revelation to see myself the way You see me. Teach me to hear Your voice and steer me in the direction of who I am in You. You have uniquely designed me and made me in Your image. Help me to behold the deep things in Your heart that you have for me. I choose to believe the truth about how You see me. I choose to believe how all of heaven sees me. I thank You that you have given me hope, that you have given me a future, and a powerful destiny that stands before me even today.

I thank You that I belong to You, that I am forgiven, That I am adopted into Your family, that I have purpose, that I have hope, that I am an overcomer, that I am protected, that I am a new creation, that I am blessed in the heavenly realms, and blessed with spiritual blessing beyond belief.

Thank You for this new identity I have in You. Help me to live out this truth and to walk away from the false. Guide me, strength me, and protection me, from the lies of the enemy. Give me wisdom and discernment that I may recognize the enemies lies when they come my way.

I pray for the dismantling of anything that has hindering me from walking in my true identity and that they would be severed now in Jesus' name. I pray that all demonic strategies behind the false that I have attached myself to would be severed as I go through this Set Free process.

**I seal this prayer in the mighty name of Jesus !**

**Holy Spirit come and breathe a freshness upon me now !**

# The Church

## Holy Spirit Governance as to its Original Design

Nail this one down, — and we'll go the distance. But the problem with today's language of self-governance, is that the demonstration of it during the last season, highly contributed to the massive exodus of North American congregates. No doubt the foundation of church structure was being rocked, as there was a huge disconnect between leadership and congregation, — a derailment that sent many over the cliff.

Somehow we need to rethink on how this new season needs to be governed. Obviously Holy Spirit wants to change it up into something that truly exemplifies the Father's Kingdom and what Jesus demonstrated, — even if it means thinning down the herd. Presently we have the adversary carving out self-appointed apostles who are drafting up a governance that is totally unscriptural to how we need to govern ourselves as in accordance to the New Testament Model that Jesus and the Apostles modeled.

### **Spectatorship**

Turning the masses into spectators last season was the adversary's strategy of turning a powerful season into something weak where he pulled the strings, and we all pounded sand. This spectatorship, and kingdom top down dominionism, created impossible odds for "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done" to be a successful habitation for the average believer. And that whole distorted administration has once again anted-up, for we are not the only ones aware of the prophetic words being spoken for the new season at hand. The adversary himself has tapped in and has huge plans to expand his trophy case. Control issues have once again becoming a very real problem.

## **Trustworthiness**

For us it really comes down to whom can the Lord empower? Who can He find that is trustworthy? Who is faithful? Who is truly walking in genuine love? Because the exploitation of the gospel and the governing of it, was, and still is, way out of control. It really is time to power up “Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done” with “The Way, the Truth, and the Life”. But that whole model is still looking for a place to land.

Control issues are still huge and most are still bolting for the podium. Thinning the herd down where a remnant can walk mightily with dunamis power may very well be the only option when releasing an ekklesia church model where serving one another is on the top of the list.

The lines have been so blurred where many have been forced into spectatorship. Many are tired of the one man shows. It was never about being a front man for a ministry like a front man of a band. Those that are strong-arming the podium are the same ones manhandling the home front, — producing the same controlling fruit. Somehow this all needs to change.

When it comes to self-governance we need to think about that upper room environment and make serious room for the Holy Spirit. Two thousand years ago, what started small, ended up huge, as it changed the world. We need to reposition ourselves back to what was exemplified if we plan to go deep in this new season.

What is vital in this ekklesia church model is that it needs those desert warriors, that have not only walked out the one desert experience, but have walked out both desert experiences where there is refinement both personally and corporately.

The adversary, with his counterfeits, are itching to control those that God is presently gathering and steer them into a leadership that works for him. But these desert warriors that have allowed the refinement process to take place in their lives will now have the ability to put all those distractions and misalignments into check.

## **1st Desert Experience**

What I have personally found out about those desert experiences, those desert storms, is that they were vital when shaping the true voice of the Lord in me. If that voice in me is to lead, and play its part in self-governance, then the molding process for true leadership will automatically take me into the desert, — that's a given.

I realized that as I went from one desert experience to the next, there are no short cuts. In my first experience, I found that the revelatory things I shared had a way of stirring up the atmosphere. Speaking what was on the heart of the Lord led me to a place of rejection, isolation and solitude. This became my place of personal humiliation. My place of major scrubbing, sculpturing and polishing as I began to learn the importance of interpretation, application, and the presentation of any Godly revelation that was coming my way, — and that was not a quick process because the whole molding process was to take me way beyond the academics into the rhema of God, the living breathing word for today.

It was at this place that I heard a lot about myself that was hard to hear. I found out later that this was an important part of the process designed to carve out a character that would help me later endure almost anything. Eventually it became a quiet place of communion where I found an invitation to come apart, — apart from my fears, my phobias, and any false identities that I found myself walking in including any Ishmael's that may have carved their way in. And apart from a world that would want to lead me away from all that heaven has destined for me. This desert place also presented an opportunity to rest in that place of intimacy with the one who rules heaven, — if I would allow it.

## **2nd Desert Experience**

This whole experience was a long grinding process but after enduring ALL of it, — I was tossed into my next desert experience. A place of personal suffering causing me to have



compassion for others that I never really had before. A place where I've learned to go the extra mile for others, a place where I realized I need others around me for heaven's purposes and not just for my own. A place of servant hood and genuine love along with a glimpse of what true governance is all about.

It was at these times of great need that I found others who had overwhelming needs supplying mine. As they helped me, the good Lord helped them. During those tough times it was humbling to receive but as heaven came through for them in healing and deliverance, they realized that the Kingdom of heaven that surrounds me is very real, and so they began to look towards the God of that heaven. Not long after, — the Kingdom of heaven started to invade their lives as a personal God was now inviting them into His family, into that gathering place, into an ekklesia that is filled with the Kingdom and surrounded by the angelic. I found that during those desert times that a person who resides in that quiet place alone with his God is going to have the heart of his God in whatever message he decides to share, plus he will walk in a governance that completely lines up with what the Lord had original intended for all of us.

### **Change It Up**

Right now I see leaders from the last season who have NOT COMPLETED THE TRANSITION. Only to polish up what they had last season, steering many away from the level playing field that Holy Spirit is truly wanting to ignite. It's all relational. Many I know are great on the phone, many are real good with the new form of on-line church, and many are amazing when it comes to multi-media, but get a dozen or more in a room functioning as one, well that's a whole different ball game. The only possible way to keep it on a level playing field is if we are all willing to serve one another and step away from the controls. Jesus only came with one government, and that was the government of the Kingdom of heaven, also known as the Kingdom of God. It is this Kingdom, with its dynamics, that we need to prioritize.

# The Character

## Walking in the Extremes of False Humility

False humility is a massive problem in Christendom. Last season it was the lead-dog that slid many into the “ false prophetic ” and into that “ religious spirit ”. It is a destructive force and the damage it has done to unity is massive. It is time that we expose this false light.

**Romans 12:3** - I say to everyone of you not to think more highly of himself, and of his importance, and ability, than he ought to think. **Colossians 2:18** - Don't let anyone who delights in false humility disqualify you . . . such a person goes into great detail about what they have seen. **Acts 10:34** - God shows no partiality, He is no respecter of persons.

**A) False humility**, is a self seeking force that attempts to influence any gathering. It doesn't matter if you're fairly new in the Lord, or if you've walked with him for forty years, like the religious spirit, this counterfeit light has created all kinds of havoc and it's looking for takers. It's searching for places to dwell and it will manipulate on any level that you give it.

**B) False humility** exists because of not allowing our old identity to be completely surrendered to the Holy Spirit. That jaded part, that misaligned part, that damaged part of our identity, now has the ability to silently weaponize this thing called false humility. And for those who walk in it, if they don't get a handle on it, — will start to engage with that other destructive force called “ the religious spirit ”. False humility is the bait that drags a righteous life into an unrighteous destructive religion, a counterfeit spirituality filled with false pretenses.

**C) False humility** and false identity go hand in hand, and to whatever degree, big or small, most are blinded from it all because their focus has been selfishly misplaced. As a people, as a gathering, it's important that we identify this in our own lives. Like the many past influences that have restricted us, false humility is no different as it constricts us from what we were always meant to be. It's a force that is hard to recognize as it attempts to rearrange and become part of our personality. Because of not surrendering all to the Holy Spirit, those who have been snared now walk with a double mind, as it expands their double standard.

**D) False humility**, — because our new identity is still dwelling at some level with our old identity, many will walk in some level of the false as the fruit of the false leaves its trail of division and arguments, instead of adding to the levels of unity that Holy Spirit is requiring from us. Most who blindly walk in it have no real understanding of the destructive levels that this false spirituality carries, nor how deep it can control ones character. Again it doesn't matter how young or old you are in the Lord, or if you've been leading or not leading, it's looking for takers, it's looking for those individuals who are willing to compromise, those who are stubborn and entrenched in their ways.

**E) False humility**, to whatever degree, always has an agenda, It has a way of gently usurping authority as it piously steers itself into some important position, convincing itself that the authority out there is theirs for the taking, all based on commissioning themselves as they climb up the corporate ladder. The false spirit of prophecy behind it plays a big part as it pushes itself forward, — camouflaging itself as the 'strategies of God' the 'wisdom of God' and illuminating itself as 'righteous conviction' This thing is searching for praise, it's searching for position, and it's searching for recognition.

**F) False humility** and the driving force behind it, is an intelligent force. It understands the playing field and sees it better than most as it manipulates its way around. It has an agenda, it has a strategy, and it keeps itself well hidden, — a false light, highlighting itself as a messenger of light as it steps forward with its latest

revelations. It constantly undermines the gathering process that God desires to release which has everything to do with unity. Those walking in false humility are blinded from its misdirect as they now steer their personal and corporate ship into that ideal role, preserving what they have built in the hope of fulfilling that position. And whatever damage is created during the pre-maturing process will not only affect them, but also those around them.

### **My Personal Encounter With False Humility**

For over 30 Years I have personally encountered and stared into the eyes of false humility. It's amazing how many walk in-and-out of it, — never having the ability to leave it all behind. What I have discovered is that those who lack “ honesty ”, including being “ honest ” with themselves, along with those who walk in that whole “ salesmanship persona ” of steering and manipulating the sales, have been the biggest group that have fallen into false humility, false authority, false commissioning, without realizing it.

Programmatically entrenched, many in this group have succumbed to those knee jerk marketing reactions by grabbing the 'Holy Spirit steering wheel' as they subtly market the Lords agenda into their own agenda, — and in most cases, without knowing. The finishing work of the Holy Spirit, where he is wanting them to be that servant for the body, and where Holy Spirit grooms them for ministry has been sidelined along with the refining process of true character.

### **A Big Part of Walking in False Humility is that the Purifying Fire is not having its Way.**

Holy Spirit has hit a roadblock in the defining process where parts of the old identity is continually migrating with that new identity that God has for them. The surrender process has hit a wall. And in many cases that migration has been going on for years. Another big identifier for those who walk in false humility is that they find it difficult when others speak directly into their lives. The middle ground for critical dialog where we, as an

ekklesia, move as one, only exist if 'what is being spoken' lines up with their ministry, their teaching, their revelation, their dreams, their vision and their prophetic understanding. Instead of walking in the full measure of humility, it has prioritized itself to evolve with its own concepts and intentions.

Transparency and humility is vital when it comes to unity, but for those who continue to walk down this false road will eventually convince themselves that they are special unto the Lord to the point where only a few, if any, are specialized enough to speak into their lives.

### **The Signs of False Humility**

**1) False humility** has a way of deflecting and making it difficult to meet halfway on a healthy level, because its not really about serving, it's more about being recognized, about being right, having their agendas met, along with their beliefs and their revelations complimented.

**2) False humility** has a way of twisting reality. And when reality snaps back, — that's when that ugly head pops up as it now defends the distortion for its own purposes. That misalignment comes by way of a distorted lens that releases a presumption that now violates the flow of the Holy Spirit.

**3) False humility** has a way of disconnecting and fragmenting the body in order to realign it for its own intentions, — it's the whole divide and conquer as it redirects. For example: If the foot has a hidden agenda, the body will eventually get misplaced only to regroup where false humility now plays a part in the regrouping process as it now repositions itself.

**4) False humility** on a personal level is about the look, the image, — corporately it's all about position. It is constantly searching for a title along with a seat that gives them some level of authority or at least giving them that swing vote incase push comes to shove.

**5) False humility** always attaches itself to those who compromise true character. Purposefully walking out of character, they often struggle while modifying themselves into an image that works for them. At this point any true dialog is only partial because of not being upfront with themselves.

**6) False humility**, when walking in it long enough, will eventually carve inroads into those personal disorders where those walking in it will constantly struggle when it comes to unity. Unity, in most cases, will become unattainable as false humility continues to walk in its unaccountable ways, blurring the lines as it redirects and deflects while blame shifting.

**7) False humility** piously comes across as listeners, when in reality, they have a hidden agenda as they await to strike when the timing is right. Like a sleeper cell, it will strike with the full intention of steering the flow into a whole different direction. They will hold back some of the facts and misrepresent others with the intent to redirect where they become more inclusive as they now use the distortion to fulfill their agenda.

**8) False humility** has a way of baiting others to compliment them. When dwelling in that false humble character, the end game is to eventually get admired, have everyone listen to their stories, and get their identity stroked. In most cases, those walking in false humility are somewhat blinded to it as the on going personality disorders behind those knee-jerk reactions constantly defaults them into the false because of not allowing the Holy Spirit to complete the surrender process in them.

**9) False humility**, the driving force behind it has enough intelligence to gather whatever Intel it needs to bring both ends to the middle. To bring both ends into that compromising playing field as it triangulates the conversation to unleash its perspective. False humility is a mask that has the ability to camouflage itself as it decisively moves forward to embrace what is important to them.

**10) False humility** always wants to be part of the upper hand in conversation. It is religious arm-wrestling that leaves a trail of arguments, entanglements and square dances. Closure and resolve only comes when we all stand on its compromising ground. The quality of unity that Holy Spirit requires when it comes to honest resolve is once again sugar coated only to give continuance to its trail of arguments, entanglements and square dances. Compromise has once again taken the place of any true resolve.

**11) False Humility** has a way of distorting integrity for selfish gain or to save face. When squeezed or when it looks like it is about to be exposed, it will cleverly cover up its motives and cover up its intentions as it regroups to fight another day. And if you try and make it accountable, — it will charge you for attacking them, attacking their anointing, attacking their calling.

**12) False humility**, when going the distance, will eventually weaponize a false piety with a religious snakebite that can seriously damage those around them. When it gets to this point, demonic forces are now having a heyday because of not allowing 'The Holy Spirit Conviction Unto Righteousness' to have its way. This thing is now heading towards a religiousness that is fuelled with all kinds of darkness. It's out of control and it will now leave a trail of unresolved disputes.

**For the Season at hand**, — False humility needs to be identified, and it needs to be broken off for any gathering to powerfully move forward. This thing is nasty and I have seen its endless trail. The spiritual body count it left behind last season was huge and the damage it did to 'unity' was massive.

**If you're packing it**, — no matter how big or small, you need to cut it loose and walk away from it. Corinthians speaks about how we need to love one another and walk in unity, — and not be ignorant of the adversaries devices. Now that we know what we know, — it's time to cut it loose!

# The Righteous

## Righteousness Fighting for What is Right

First of all, our adversary the devil is a dirty player, — he is brutal. And he's going all out to make sure that we cross as many unrighteous and self-righteous lines as possible by those knee jerk reactions and addictive behaviors that so many are caught up in. His plan is get us to bail, or dwell in that compromising position.

**Psalms 5:12** “ For you bless the righteous, Oh Lord; you cover him with favor as a shield.”

**Job 17:9** “ Yet the righteous will hold to his way and he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger.”

**Proverbs 4:18** “ The path of the righteous is as a shining light, shining more and more till the day is established.”

**Proverbs 13:6** “ Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless.”

**Isaiah 54:14** “ In righteousness you will be established.”-

### King of Righteousness

Jesus, also known as the King of Righteousness, comes with a more excellent ministry bringing Salvation along with those amazing new realms of righteousness right to our doorstep. When we find ourselves entering into those new realities of righteousness, our hearts and minds are stilled, giving us the ability to walk peacefully and powerfully in an identity that was always meant to be.

Righteousness is a powerful force; a powerful weapon that has the ability to realign everything, — moving us, and every part of us, powerfully forward.



Righteousness, for those who have been born again, was to curb us into all the good things that the Lord has for us. It was never meant to be the big hammer where it hammers us until we get it all right. Righteousness was meant to steer us and get us going in the right direction. In doing that, God rewards those that diligently seek him as He reveals more of Himself, more of His Kingdom, where we are walking at the right place at the right time.

### **We are a Work in Progress**

The King of Righteousness knows that we are all a work in progress and has given us a lot of grace to personally figure out where the line is drawn between righteousness, unrighteousness and self-righteousness. Now covered in righteousness, knowing that in righteousness we are at the right place at the right time, — there comes a peace, a covering, a protection that automatically comes with righteousness.

We, who have been filled by the Holy Spirit, get to freely enter into that peace, that resting place that resides in the midst of righteousness. Holy Spirit comes and convicts us unto righteousness, we make the adjustments, we walk in greater peace, we see greater realms of the supernatural.

When you're engaging with righteousness, you're automatically engaging with the King of Righteousness. That righteous engagement is similar to that of a marriage engagement. When you think about the path that righteousness had to take to get us in that rightful place, — it's an amazing story. Like a wedding garment, — our righteous engagement becomes a game changer. The moment you are clothed in righteousness, — your engagement changes everything.

### **Surrendering from the False**

It's really about surrendering to righteousness, surrendering to the King of Righteousness. Surrender from all that is false. Surrender from all that is unrighteous including self-righteousness, and to

simply walk into all that is right. In doing so, we become that powerful Bride of Christ that we were always meant to be.

As we surrender to water baptism, well that water baptism only deals with our past. It's the Holy Spirit baptism that deals with our future. The gap between those two experiences has a lot to do with us plumbing up to the righteousness that now dwells in us. It has everything to do with surrendering the old life as we enter into the new born again life.

What happens in the gap prepares us for our future. What we see happening in the gap is a Bride that is preparing herself for the Bridegroom.

Even after the baptism of the Holy Spirit, things still get blurred at times. But because of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we are now able to see things at a much greater vantage point as Holy Spirit now steers us into those greater realms knowing that a major part of the gap has been dealt with.

### **Righteous, Un-righteous, Self-righteous**

Even the disciples, prior to being baptized in the Holy Spirit, were going through an awareness of what it is like when partnering up with righteousness. As they were going through the surrender process, they to were going through the fires of righteousness.

Their lives were instantly, on the day of salvation, tossed into the defining process of what is righteous, and what is unrighteous, and what is self-righteous. All this happened prior to Pentecost. Their lives were being realigned through the refining fires, — something that will happen to all of us. Jesus filled them with the Spirit but the Holy Spirit did not baptize them till much latter down the road.

We truly need to surrender and trust the Holy Spirit as he guides us into the unfamiliar good ground that the Lord rightfully has for us. To navigate without him will only add to the misalignment.

There is nothing in our past that we can cling onto that will help us get to where we need to be going when it comes to walking out our new identity.

Salvation changed everything. It changed our DNA, it changed our perspective, it changed our future and it deleted our past! What Jesus did was a game changer.

It's the grace of God that continually brings us back into that rightful place. Knowing that we've all been distorted by the false during those many years prior to salvation, this righteousness now comes powerfully as it moves everything in the right direction realigning everything back to Gods original design.

### **Righteousness Pieces it all back Together**

This very righteousness has a way of taking what has been fragmented and piecing it all back together. Sure there will be warfare and lines will be crossed but this is where Holy Spirit comes and convicts us back into that rightful place as He powerfully and continually plumbs us up into all that the Lord has for us.

Eventually, in our personal journey, we all learn where the line is drawn as the conviction unto righteousness ends up having an amazing way with us, as we now make that stand to stay at that place of righteousness.

Jesus, King of Righteousness, takes what was a shadow of righteousness and sends it into a more excellent ministry. Jesus steps forward with a better priesthood, a better covenant, where we are clothed with the garments of salvation along with a righteousness that has been weaponized, as it now guards us and protects us.

Being merciful towards our continual defaulting into unrighteousness, He now covers us, embraces us, as He awaits for us to fully explore a righteousness that goes beyond what was scribed on paper.

# The False

## **Misdirecting the Masses with False Realities**

This onslaught of disinformation, designed to deceive and minimize, was masterminded and executed to misdirect the masses into a false reality. And in the case of the born again believer, it would be to minimize them from “ The Ministry of the Kingdom of Heaven ” and “ The Ministry of Jesus ” and direct them away from “ Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven ”.

Disinformation comes with its controls as it intentionally misdirects. True information comes with a sense of release where it has us moving into something that comes with a bit of a flow, guiding us to where we need to be. The evil intent behind disinformation is not only to scatter and create division, — but to also derail many who are called to walk in the anointing that has been given to them for these last days.

Jesus made the Kingdom of Heaven a priority as He placed it on the top of His list of things to do. But the spirit behind disinformation, intends to reposition any Kingdom interest we may have to the bottom of the list, if not completely off the list.

## **Fabricated Battles**

The saturated levels of disinformation created a false covering, designed to blind us from all that is true. Manipulating us, misleading us, towards a fabricated battle that we could never win. Now, — fully expressing ourselves with what we think is righteous indignation, we march forward only to add to the ongoing nightmare. This modification of data made us totally oblivious to what is truly happening all around us as we justified the false realities as our new norm.

Holy Spirit is trying to direct us where being Kingdom minded becomes our new norm. The adversary, with the unleashing of disinformation, is attempting to steer us into a global worldview norm. Two completely different governments, — one is Kingdom, the other is worldly. His deceptiveness has cunningly positioned this global norm throughout our science, our media, our religion, our governments, and through our academics. This disinformation has entrenched itself so deep in our foundation that it has become a whole new way of living, — a whole new form of normality on how we process information.

This new standard has not only blurred the lines of our understanding, but it has also blurred Gods original intentions for us as a people. Upon creation, our DNA was earmarked by heaven to fully engage in certain realities that is above and beyond our imagination. But disinformation has steered many away from those spiritual adventures that come with signs, wonders, miracles, and the angelic, while the gifts of the Holy Spirit get pushed to the back burner.

We have been normalized in a covering that exclude the fullness of Jesus and the authority that comes with it. What we have are global puppet masters who continue to control the masses where it has us representing the false as the new global standard, steering us away from what we can be, should be, and from where we need to be.

### **The Weaponization of Info**

This weaponization of information has rendered many powerlessly as they now wobble in their spiritual beliefs, and in their spiritual understandings. Much of our religious expression has been distorted where our misinterpretation, and the application of those misinterpretations, produced a leadership where they are now standing on the wrong side of the battlefield, — waving flags and banners that are unrecognizable even to heaven. And this is exactly what the adversary wants.

Much of our expression is not even close to what God originally intended for us when it comes to us expressing “ The Gospel of Jesus ” and “ The Gospel of the Kingdom ”. It's the disinformation that has misguided us to where we compromise on a gospel that was designed to be a game changer, — a global game changer. Again, this is exactly where the adversary wants us.

Disinformation dispels, disregards, and destroys, when we embrace it as plumb line revelation. This multi layer of disinformation has destroyed many families. It has fractured “ The Bride of Christ ” causing a divisiveness that for many is irreparable. It has eliminated us from where we need to be as we gravitate to all the false narratives as something that is divinely orchestrated.

Disinformation has partnered up with stress, fear, and anxiety, having the full intention of tearing down what God is building. It is this fabrication of distorted facts that brings disharmony and discord, — where disunity tears apart any unity. The adversary knows that without unity, there is no real blessing coming our way. Here is what Matthew clearly says about unity, — “ Therefore when you bring your gift before the presence of the Lord and remember that a brother has something against you because of your actions, leave there your gift before the Lord, and go reconcile with your brother first and then come back and offer your gift unto the Lord.”

### **Inflaming the False**

The spirit behind the disinformation intends to create absolute havoc as it inflames the false, creating false authorities. Which is the reason why we need to understand the facts on how God is wanting us to understand the facts. Without it, a serious break down shows up in our spiritual intelligence when comes to operating in “ Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done ”. Misdirected and entrenched in the disinformation, we now get busy in a busyness that has very little to do with the Fathers business.

This global covering of disinformation attacks the robe of righteousness where we compromise and engage with something that is NOT right. To the point where we justify our un-right actions, while pressing into this whole new platform of understanding, — or should I say misunderstanding.

## **Waking Up from the Nightmare**

What Jesus prioritized is not even close to being prioritized, as the main focus never became the main focus, both personally and corporately. We head off to our places of worship while families and neighborhoods are completely falling apart, while tent cities expand at an alarming rate. We worship, we prophesy, but nobody is really putting any boots to the ground. The Holy Spirit conviction to doing what is right has been displaced because of the de-normalization.

What was once abnormal and appalling has become a new norm as we accept the fractured life as a way of living. Critical thinking has somehow been replaced by an emotional biased way of thinking, cultured by the new global norm. Critical thinking comes with critical evidence that is confirmed with additional evidence. Disinformation comes with tainted evidence that is manipulated to help fuel the global agenda.

Because of the mishandling of information, the very plumb line of what we believe to be true, now hangs over our leaning towers as we build upon the matrix of the on going illusion, — disrupting us, and derailing us, of what it is that we need to be doing right. And for those who do find themselves waking up, — it ends up being a bit of a shocker as the depth of the deception becomes a whole new reality.

There's the waking up from the nightmare, and then there's the waking up unto doing what is right.

# The Acts

## The Book of Acts Realignment

For the season at hand and what we are about to enter into, it may be important for us to get a feel of what the original adventure may of felt like not only in the Gospels but also in the “ Book of Acts ”, especially the Second Chapter of Acts. A Holy Spirit guided tour of a church set in motion for the first time is probably a revelation that we all need to experience if we plan to make serious headway.

What I saw was a fellowship of men and women, unspoiled and determined, as Holy Spirit filled every part of their being. Flowing in a demonstration of Kingdom authority that is so uncommon even for us today. United in love, they were ready to believe, obey, and willing to lay their lives down for one another, serving one another, as they moved forward. Holy Spirit was able to work through them with a minimum of hindrances.

### **One Mind, One Heart, One Spirit**

Unsophisticated and with simplicity, they were able to cut through the layers of tradition having one mind, one heart, one Spirit as the Kingdom on Heaven left a trail of signs and wonders, — Jesus the Christ being key to every event. This was the beginning of Christianity as it was meant to be. A book full of Spirit directed activities, walking in an expression that was unheard of.

The wisdom of God, the Kingdom of God, the restoration of God landing on so many levels as it shifted the minds and hearts of people all around. The pouring out of God was way beyond what they could ever imagine. It’s amazing how those levels have dropped in today’s time.



We have, for some reason, canonized and contained what was at one time freely expressed by the Holy Spirit, — plus our intellectual interpretations of the original writings today have given us only a portion of a banqueting table where the “ Book of Acts ” clearly defined that there is so much more for us to engage in.

### **Flexing The Fathers Business**

Being ill-informed we have varnished the true meaning of Ekklesia, which we now call church. The “ Book of Acts ” powerfully demonstrated that the Gospel of Jesus is, and always will be, a Kingdom based ministry releasing heaven here on earth. Jesus flexing His Fathers Kingdom was a very big part of His ministry, — unconditional love being the very glue that kept it all together.

2000 years later we have somehow ended up with a distorted interpretation of the “ Book of Acts ” as the work done today by Holy Spirit through men and women is only a small part in our present day chain of activities. When in reality we should be sounding more revolutionary today, having greater manifestations of the Kingdom than the “ Book of Acts ” ever expressed, which was really the Lords original intent for those who are walking out these latter days, — to step into the greater expression.

### **Restricting The Rushing Wind**

Indoctrinated in our denominations, we have restricted the rushing wind with our ideas from those who have never fully engaged with the Holy Spirit, and by the many who have misrepresented the Holy Spirit by the misinterpretation of who the Son of God really is. Somehow the real identity of Jesus has been restricted by the respected, — those whom have driven His titles to the ground, disconnecting many from the real power of the gospel.

A Holy Spirit invasion in North America like the one in the “ Book of Acts ” is problematic as we have targeted for a more pragmatic “ mighty rushing wind ” to fit with our intellectual entertainment

gospel. Men being led by the Holy Spirit is something we love to read about as we embrace our traditions to be the most likely option for moving the gospel forward. Being ill-informed, and walking in the many counterfeits, we have tarnished a powerful movement where a small group simply believed who Jesus really is, along with all His claims and titles, trusting the Holy Spirit completely to lead them into the unfamiliar good ground that God has for them.

They could not deny the fact that something very powerful and something very unusual landed in their midst. They were transformed, their communities were transformed as wicked, godless, cruel, and evil-minded men and women were being filled with a selfless love as the Kingdom of heaven landed all around them and upon them. When Jesus rose from the grave, for 40 days He talked about His Father's Kingdom and our need to engage with the Holy Spirit. They got it, they understood it, and they ran with it.

### **Simply Believing**

In child like faith they simply believed. That courageous and generous gathering spread the message of Jesus to the unknown world. A gathering, a message, and a powerful love partnering up with a heavenly Kingdom as it restored, renewed, revived, refreshed as Holy Spirit, men, women, and the angelic moved in unison.

When Jesus prayed over His disciples, He prayed about the whole idea of being one, and our need to get on the same page, — the Father in Jesus, Jesus in them, we in them, and they in us, all being one. He clearly emphasized about being one, — this is exactly where we need to be today! Jesus said that IF we are truly His, that we would love one another. An unconditional love that was never conditional, — was the very glue that kept them together.

It is this very corroboration that Jesus identified when He said: “The wind blows where it wishes. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” This gathering, moved by the wind of the Holy Spirit, sailed in faith with each new day opening new

opportunities, never knowing how the day would end, nor what tomorrow will bring. A loving God taking His gathering, His family on an adventure, unleashing the unfamiliar good things of heaven upon their familiar surroundings.

### **The Missing Element**

In today's time we have unquestionably lost the adventure of that incredible journey, and we have not revolutionized on a gospel that was so clearly laid out by the early church. The full expression of Holy Spirit is not on our grid today as we willfully walk in a false patriotism, — locking ourselves in a matrix of a well orchestrated narrative that has created so much division here in North America. The adversary's plan has always been for us to self-destruct as we beat each other up. Fragmented, we now entertain a gospel in North America that is nothing close to the “ Book of Acts ”.

After 2000 years, we have NOT walked where the latter is greater than the former. We have actually walked into the less, — and that needs to be turned around. We need to walk away from the theatrics and walk into something that has more of a “ 2nd Chapter of Acts ” feel to it. Once again God is looking for a gathering that will get the ball rolling. He originally started out small and He is willing to thin the herd down and go small again, — so that corporately, He can steer whatever that remnant looks like today into the greater.

### **A Gathering Walking in the Greater**

Scripture talks about a remnant walking in the greater, — a remnant because most will never dial in that model of a gathering that Jesus exemplified, most will just polish up what they have causing many to go around the mountain one more time. The cost to realign and lay it all down on the altar is way too high for most. But we need to make an effort and realign ourselves and make straight those paths to see the Kingdom come in the dynamics that it so desires. Part of that alignment is

letting go of stuff and allowing the pipes to get cleaned. We are all special and uniquely designed and heaven awaits for an alignment where we truly connect together, functioning as one, for that greater purpose. Heaven awaits to empower those that gather in unity once again. Heaven awaits to push the envelope like never before.

What we are doing now will NOT get us to where we need to be going. Not walking in our fullness personally, will only add to the distraction as we attempt to walk in our fullness corporately. We need to function more like the actual Ekklesia model. We need to realign ourselves to the Book of Acts /2nd Chapter of Acts - playbook. In doing so, — power will go back to the people. Holy Spirit will empower once again. His plan is to take back what was stolen and restore what was lost and steer us into the fullness that He has for us.

### **Walking Away from the Misalignment**

The dynamics of the early church was never meant to slip through our fingers. We need to walk away from the misalignment and function more as a team, a gathering, a community. In doing that, we will be surprised how quickly things can turn around if we stand as one, having a genuine love and a genuine concern for one another where no one is left behind. In Christendom today, it's amazing how many are hurting, how many are stranded, and how many have been thrown under the bus, — and that needs to come to a grinding halt.

The original gathering in the “ Book of Acts ” changed the world. It was a powerful time as they were thrust forward supernaturally. It was a game changer, and we need to step into what it was that made the early gathering so successful. We need to align ourselves with the strategies of the Father, so that when we move, — heaven and the angelic moves with us. “ Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done.” will now manifest in ways that will absolutely surprise us if we just align ourselves.

# The Prophetic

## The Prophetic and Restoration are One

The word rightfully divided will carve a pathway allowing us to enter straight into what it is that the Lord has for us without any deviation. It has the potential to unleash the Kingdom of Heaven on so many levels. A word fitly spoken has a way of bringing the pieces back together as it activates the restoration process. It has a way of bringing clarity to all those blurred lines and freshness to what has been stagnant.

But the release of a false word does the absolute opposite as it steers us into polluted waters where it actually divides the people, — both mentally and physically as it separates us from where we truly need to be, — all fueled through the false prophetic.

The unleashing of the false prophetic in our day was completely out of control. During the last season It fractured, fragmented, causing all kinds of factions and destruction, creating a trail of disunity where many never entered into their destinies. For most, it was a journey of relentless disappointments leading many into all types of disasters.

There was very little accountability from those steering the prophetic, and the delivery of the false came from those unqualified. Any opposition against those spoken prophetic words is now viewed as persecution from those who received it. The bait has been taken, — the hook has been set.

We need to understand that the path of the rhema word rightfully divided is always Holy Spirit led plus it carries a ton of Holy Spirit fruit and direction. The false prophetic is usually a prophetic

ministry that started out on track but somehow it fell into deception directing many into the streams of witchcraft. The driving force being prophetic ambition and prophetic positioning. And with no accountability, lacking teachability, and never maturing, — the prophetic now leaves a trail of devastation.

## **The Commissioning Train Wreck**

How the prophetic evolved into the train wreck that it became was by those who defaulted “ The Great Commission ” as priority instead of placing the default on the “ The Great Commandment ” where a unity in loving and honoring one another comes first. Jesus made it quite clear that Love was to be first on the list, then the Commission. The original church model clearly outlined that without real genuine love for one another, — we are nothing. A clanging cymbal. And for us, — it was a gong show that left behind a massive spiritual body count.

We went through a 25 year season where the prophetic performed in our many conferences throughout North America where destinies, callings, and anointing's were released. Most who were prophesied over never reached their destinies and neither did regions and cities enter into their prophesied destinies. But what transpired after years of conferencing was an exodus where up to 80% of the local congregation left, with many of its leaders going through a transitional time as Jesus began flipping the money tables before them. Thousands of buildings throughout North America went into recession while communities, towns, and cities walked into serious division and greater darkness.

For me seeing up to 80% heading out the back door, — is not what I would call good prophetic fruit, especially for a prophetic that was meant to be directional. The prophetic was meant to be the eyes for the Body of Christ. Those who were commissioned, had no real support system, no real direction as they found themselves, like their modeled leaders, pursuing a commission that had no infrastructure. With blind ambition they too hunted for their place in that top down administration as modeled before them.

## **The Fruit of the False**

Today, 25 years later, we now have a massive group where most have given up. They have tried for years to plug in and re-engage, desiring to once again enter into their callings but to no avail. The rest of the pack, — that other part of this massive group, have now entrenched themselves in a ministry pipe-dream that was never meant to be which is a tough pill to swallow. Being continually prophesied over to a ministry of a prophet when the call was to evangelize. Or being prophesied into the office of an apostle when the call was pastoral, — and the misdirect went on and on till the day of the great exodus.

80% of those in the exodus ended up in the wilderness and out of that 80%, — up to 90% of what was prophetically spoken missed the mark. Well you put the math together and the numbers are huge for those who have been hit with the false prophetic, — and there lies the problem. Not meeting those expectations set this group up for a massive disappointment. For most in this group are pretty well done with church. All because the servanthood and the discipleship as exemplified by Jesus was never set in motion.

## **Fresh Season Fresh Start**

Jesus, who represents the spoken manifested word, came with the original plans of drawing, and redeeming a people unto himself. To have those that he has drawn to sit around HIS campfire.

There are no conditions at this campsite except to just show up! But the false prophetic has steered this massive group to sit around another fire, — a strange fire that has isolated them from the good of what the Lord had for them.

It really is time for many of us to wipe the table clean and just give it a fresh start. We need to learn from our mistakes, we need to allow Holy Spirit, to give the prophetic the makeover that it needs, and allow Him to restore what has been lost.

# The Bride

## A Self-Realization is Now Important

Its imperative that we get to that point where we realize what it is that we are doing wrong so that we can start moving in the right direction. Holy Spirit will convict us unto righteousness but then we need to play our part and start doing what is right. There are better ways of moving ahead now that we are a new creation. God is always on the move and we were uniquely designed to be on the move with Him. Everyone, including the Kingdom of Heaven are all heading to the finish line.

But many, for the most bizarre reasons, — are moving in the wrong direction. We need to readjust our aim and give the day meaning without defaulting back into the same ole unstable identity. The Bride of Christ is being called to realign herself and to arise once again! But to arise, she needs to figure out what it is that she needs to arise to and to walk away from the meaningless, the fruitless, and the endless.

What we want usually conflicts with what is good. If God is trashing the old and raising us into the good, then the good that we need to be rising into will bring us into an area of the unfamiliar, creating a whole new sense of normality. We are transitioning from the abnormal to a whole new normal.

### **The Old Familiar and the Good Unfamiliar**

Rising up from the old familiar ways to the unfamiliar good things that God has for us can be a bit of a process. To have all that change at once is impossible for most to handle. Who we are needs to contain the needed change as we go from place to



place without blurring the lines. Getting uprooted from where we have entrenched ourselves may take time, along with the balancing of the new. How much of the new can we really handle is still a bit of a mystery as the ground we are now walking on is still pretty fresh.

True success is never really a straightforward process. Usually there's a lot of bumping and grinding during the shifting of plates. Lots of dueling between the old nature and the new nature. But as we go through it, Holy Spirit teaches us, refines us, as He initiates us to ask all the right questions. Reality is that the truth don't mind being questioned, — it's the lies that don't like being challenged.

Most have no clue how desperate they need the Holy Spirit. The thing about blindness is that it fragments and distorts. Blindness and the fragmentation of the body go hand in hand, which is why we need Holy Spirit to guide us through the deception and to heal us from the damage that it has created.

Holy Spirit gives us an understanding of our past catastrophes to help us avoid any future crashes. It's important that we put on the mind of Christ and start thinking more realistically so that we don't remain blind. We need to see things with more of a heavenly perspective.

### **Blind on so many Levels**

Prior to us being born again we have been blind on so many levels. We need to disconnect ourselves from the strongholds and the cloud of deception that hovers around us and seriously move forward. Again, Holy Spirit only works at the pace that we give Him, — and it can get real messy when it comes to the space that we refuse to give him.

When rising up we need to avoid the ongoing log-jams and allow Holy Spirit to help us out of our blindedness. All this will take a bit of humility on our part.

We need to adopt to the responsibilities given. This adoption of responsibilities is when we allow Holy Spirit to define us so that our instincts start to lineup with the Kingdom of Heaven, — that we roll the way heaven rolls and begin to function with all that has been entrusted to us.

The real issue is dying to self, — dying to our old ways. What we so easily conjure up extends the blindness and we need to let it go. Instead of conjuring up and justifying, we need to maximize the probabilities of moving forward and walk away from the blindness. I once was blind but now I see becomes a very real reality if we allow Holy Spirit to work in us. He is our Guide, our Teacher and we need to start seeing things the way He sees them.

### **Right Place, Right Time**

Holy Spirits desire is to position us in the right place at the right time. Also the moment we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, we are then sent deeper into those interest that have been keenly designed for our journey. God has uniquely designed each and every one of us, and His desire is that we engage in the fullness of that design.

To move forward we cannot hesitate to let go. We cannot hesitate when it comes to allowing others to speak into our lives especially when we know we can trust them. The more we let go the more we get balanced. The more we get balanced, the more our perception lines up with our true identity. Walking in our new identity and NOT letting go on how we've adjusted everything in the past can only end badly.

It's not an easy process when you only see from the inside out and never having that outside looking in perspective. Being entrenched in our preconceptions only stalemates us from the continued good work of the Holy Spirit. Being honest with yourself, walking with true humility, and giving it a genuine effort is a big part of the journey.

## **Who Am I Really?**

As you're rising up into the unfamiliar, — it can get dramatic and emotional at times. Cutting things loose will have its moments. Letting go is not easy. As you walk out of your blindness, you'll get clarity of who you really are. You are now heading towards a whole new standard, — a whole new way of handling things. That big question of “ Who am I ? ” is now starting to get some solid answers.

This new standard comes with the needed power to sustain you in who you were always meant to be. That rightful position comes with the power to defend and the power to move forward. As you move forward you will discover your potential as Holy Spirit defines you to where you not only step into all that God has for you, but to where you also function without getting overloaded.

As you move forward, you are being transformed and optimized into your new identity. Heaven waits for us to mature and to venture out and demonstrate the Kingdom. That is all part of our destiny. It's all part of Gods original design for us.

As we walk in a place that now has meaning, — we'll learn how to define between chaos and order. Having the ability to define the two, we can now deal with our past demons, — and we'll have a good idea on how the Holy Spirit wants to function in our life.

Lining yourself up with an identity that was always meant to be, and with a life that now has new meaning, will compel you to enter into all the gifts and talents that God has given you. Your restored DNA will cause you to gravitate into all that the Lord has for you. Your new identity, your new place of freedom, now allows you to express your newly found capabilities.

# The Pastor

## The Makings of a True Shepherd

Jude spoke of those shepherds who fed themselves and ignored the flock. He states how they spoke evil of what they do not know; and whatever they do know, like brute beasts, they corrupt for themselves. How they run greedily for profit. And during our (agapao) love feasts, serving (poimaino), they would feed and tend only to themselves, not the flock.

He describes them as clouds without water, carried about by the winds, late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots, as they tend to their bosko feast. Other than these two verses where Jesus was speaking to Peter about feeding his lambs and sheep in a bosko fashion, the other usage of Bosko was in the context of the slopping of hogs! Boskoing was what the position the prodigal son found himself in, prior to coming to his senses.

### Feeding the Sheep

Now, poimaino is what God calls us to do as his shepherds. It involves more than just pushing the feed off the back of a truck. It involves tending to them and their needs with personalized care. It's a life of giving, not taking. The giving of yourself without restraint or concern for your own needs. This tender care of a poimaino shepherding seems to be a rare model in our western culture. People today are gathered into the shed for their Sunday feeding, and if quality time and personal attention is needed from the shepherd, well that may not happen, and when the time is up, then comes the offering plate.

There are other verses that shed light on the Greek word poimaino, defining the difference between the bosko approach of feeding, and the tender care of poimaino. It says to be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd (poimaino) the Bride of Christ which he purchased with his own blood - Acts 20:28.

Shepherd (poimaino) the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness - 1 Peter 5:2. For the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd (poimaino), and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes - Revelation 7:17. Have you ever ask yourself where their tears came from?

### **Loving the Sheep**

As we can all see, poimaino is what Jesus does to and for us as his flock. Jesus asked Peter three times, Do you agapao love me? I agapao you ! Are you willing to deny all of your self-interests and love me more than these, your boat, your nets, and even the great catch you just received? Peter, phileo love is not enough to be a true shepherd of my sheep. You said you would never deny me, but I am asking you to deny yourself. You must tend my sheep with agapao love as I have loved you.

Your life is no longer your own. You can no longer address yourself in what you like, nor step out and walk in the power of your old nature. You must be so shrouded by my love that you cannot help but lay down your life for my flock and love them like I do. Brotherly love is not enough. It will fail you in the work that I am calling you into.

You must agapao me and my flock and become that servant, not seeking your own interests, but the interests of others. You must die to selfish gain. Your old man will not make the grade to where I am leading you.

## **Serving the Sheep**

You who would be great . . . are you ready to be a lowly servant of all and cast away a life that would consume you? Or are you still girding up yourselves, going and leading the flock where you want to go? If so, take note, Jesus doesn't take your presumptuous ways with his sheep lightly. We need to ask our own hearts, Do we agapao love our Lord? If we do, it will show in the way we treat his sheep. If someone says, " I love (agapao) God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love [agapao] his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen - 1 John 4:20.

In Christ's dealings with Simon Peter we see the making of a true shepherd. Contrary to popular opinion, true shepherds are not made in seminaries. Neither do men ordain them, — they are birthed in crisis. Such was the case with Simon, surnamed Peter. The name Peter is a prophetic name, descriptive of God's calling and destiny for Simon. When Andrew introduced his brother Simon to Jesus for the first time, Jesus looked beyond the flesh and blood Simon, beyond the motley fisherman with his rough exterior and his rash and sometimes thoughtless behavior, to a calling and destiny that only He could see. Only He could see Peter in Simon.

## **The Making of a True Shepherd**

Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas." which is by interpretation, Peter ! This name Peter means a stone, and denotes sureness and steadfastness. We need not read too far in the gospel narrative to discover that Simon was anything but sure and steadfast. How was it that this impetuous fisherman would become a rock ? It all began with a great crisis. In Luke 22:31,32, Jesus warned Simon of this crisis. And the Lord said, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you are converted, strengthen your brethren. Jesus warned Peter,

admonishing him regarding the nature of the trial just before him. It is a sifting, and sifting is a process by which unwanted elements are removed from the precious grain. It speaks of a separation. Such was the case with Simon. For the barrier between Simon and the reality of all that the prophetic name Peter implied, was a wilderness of temptation, a sifting, designed to winnow the natural strength of Simon that it might be blown away like the chaff at the summer threshing floor.

In passing through this God-ordained stripping, Simon would come to see the utter futility of attempting to follow Jesus in the strength of his own soul. In what must have been perceived as an utter state of failure and shame, Simon would learn to have no confidence in his flesh. He would learn to distrust his own resolve and tenacity. Simon had been winnowed and the chaff of self-confidence and self-reliance had been blown away.

It was imperative that Simon's faith in his natural strength, resolve and abilities should fail him. Simon, in his own strength, could not embrace the cross. His bold declaration "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" echoed in his mind, in condemning tones, as a haunting and constant reminder of his weakness.

Simon would not make the same mistake twice. He would never again overstate his strength and resolve. However on that faithful day Jesus asked him those three telling questions, Simon would be sorely tempted. Jesus would test Simon, giving him every opportunity to repeat those fatal words.

Simon could never lay down his life for Jesus but Peter could, and he did. More than any other apostle, the faults of Simon have been put on display, even documented in the scriptures for generation after generation for all to read. It seems that none of Peter's challenges have been left out. But for us, as we look upon Simon, we know there is hope. But we also see the method, the principle means, by which God makes gentle shepherds out of rough old fishermen.

# The Kingdom

## A Kingdom for Such a Time as This

To understand the Kingdom of Heaven, Kingdom of God, and the Gospel of the Kingdom, — is to understand the very realm from where Jesus originated, — the very place that He has returned to as King of kings and Lord of lords. This mysterious Kingdom came into our existences the moment Jesus landed. He not only preached about this Kingdom but clearly modeled how we are to function in the realm of this newly landed Kingdom, — which is still a huge priority for Him even today. It was meant as an upgrade for a whole new way of living that was lost in the garden. But somehow, 2000 years later, we've blurred the lines creating all kinds of rabbit trails.

The difference between what we think we know, and what we should know about the Kingdom is huge according to Jesus. This Kingdom, at one time, played a very real part in our humanity prior to the fall. Jesus now brings this missing realm of a world within a world dynamic back into our lives as part of the salvation package. This Kingdom was always meant to be a vital part of our day-to-day lives. “ Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as is in heaven ” was the call to bring this whole misalignment back into alignment.

From the very beginning we were always meant to be Kingdom people. To powerfully push back the invading darkness that stands in the way of the plans that the Father has for us, not only individually, but also corporately in an ekklesia setting. John the Baptist said this Kingdom was coming, Jesus said it has arrived, and according to what He preached, this restored and



re-established Kingdom here on earth is now part of our renewed DNA, — if we allow it.

Sending Jesus with the “ Gospel of the Kingdom ” tells me that our heavenly Father was serious about us partnering up with Him. His original intent was not only to partner up with the angelic, but most importantly it was to partner up with His spiritual sons and daughters. Without this added element we become refuges, not only in need of a Savior, but also in need of a Kingdom. “ But seek first the Kingdom of God ” was the original call to partner up. Jesus, the sent one is now asking us to hold back from our ongoing traditional attempts to govern and take a serious look at this Kingdom, — to partner up with this divine administration.

Gospel of the Kingdom of God

**Mark 1:14-15** Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the **Gospel of the Kingdom of God**, and saying, " The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

**Note:** At this point the message of salvation still needed to be defined so the gospel that Jesus was referring to was His introduction of His Fathers Kingdom, the very Kingdom from where Salvation was incepted, where the Father, Son and Holy Spirit gathered around the table to discuss ‘Salvation’.

**Matthew 4:23** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **Gospel of the Kingdom**, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

**Note:** There is no sickness, disease, demonized, lame, blind, there is no fear nor is there any darkness in the Kingdom of heaven which gives us a pretty solid understand of the quote “ Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

For over three years Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom testifying that He was sent by His Father to establish His House and take care of His Business. Jesus not only proclaimed the Kingdom but also demonstrated the Kingdom here on earth as He rendered the surrounding darkness that was standing directly in the way of His Fathers business. This new operating system that Jesus brings is a whole lot different than what we are so traditionally use to. How they roll in heaven is how we now need to start rolling down here.

Wherever Jesus exemplified this divine administration of His Fathers Kingdom, — signs, wonders and miracles followed. The dead were raised, lepers were cleansed, the lame walked, the blind were given sight and the demonic was cast out. Multitudes were fed, forgiveness offered, compassion extended, poverty addressed, prostitutes were shown mercy and the poor were treated with dignity. Every demonstration magnified the Kingdom more and more as it helped paint that much bigger picture of His Fathers House. A revelation that Jesus was trying to burn in the hearts of His disciples, — a revelation that needs to burn in our hearts today.

**Matthew 9:35** Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the **Gospel of the Kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Jesus knew from the very beginning that establishing a revelation of His Fathers House was something that we desperately needed in order for us to truly walk in our fullness. And His demonstrations of restoring and realigning the family were never meant to end with Him. “ Thy Kingdom come thy will be done ” was always designed from the very beginning as an on going event.

For us to live in a fallen world was never part of Gods original design for us. What happened in the garden was a shock to everyone, which was the very reason why Jesus came with the Gospel of the Kingdom and the message of Salvation.

To steer us out of the mess, — and to get us back on track. What He brought and what He modeled now needs to be transitioned over to His disciples. And from His disciples it was always meant to transition over to us. As Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to tend to His Father business, so do those who tend to the Fathers business today, also need to be led by the Holy Spirit. Baptized and filled in the Holy Spirit to be exact!

The profound evidence of the landed Kingdom was an important part of the disciple's internship. Jesus now sends His twelve out to experiment with the Kingdom as He released them to play their part in the restoration and healing plan for the family. What He modeled now needs to be model by them.

**Matthew 10:7** And as you go, preach, saying, " The Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Luke 9:2** And he sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

**Matthew 16:19** " I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

Upon their return, Jesus unpackages the Kingdom even more as He walks them through the parables. Not long after, He releases one hundred and twenty more. For His disciples, this Kingdom was now a present day reality as it rested upon them completely saturating them with a whole new lifestyle. And from what they found out, — this landed Kingdom had no plans of leaving. Once again the call went out for His disciples to engage and demonstrate this revolutionary Kingdom, to go out and preach about the landed Kingdom and to heal the sick as they lifted the name of Jesus.

Notice that the crucifixion was still a few years away but His disciples powerfully demonstrated the Gospel of the Kingdom.

By the tail end of His three and a half years of ministry, Jesus then defines the message of salvation as the gospel was laid out in its entirety during that last supper table. What happened at the cross pretty well sealed the family invitation, — plus the Kingdom was released on a whole different level during Pentecost. Redemption and the power to restore was set in motion as the family expansion program suddenly kicked into another gear. Thy Kingdom has come.

This Gospel of the Kingdom was always designed right from its inception to direct us unto Salvation. The whole purpose of the ‘Gospel of the Kingdom’ was to steer us unto salvation.

The “ Gospel of the Kingdom ” and the “ Gospel of Jesus ” were designed by heaven to be the total and complete package, — the two are actually one. But for whatever reason we have flipped the tables where the demonstrations of the Kingdom are missing in our Salvation message, — when the disciples clearly stated that their message was never meant to be of word only. But that the gospel they walked in was totally designed to partner up with a demonstration of power.

During the last season when we engaged with the Kingdom, we called it “ Power Evangelism ” or “ Prophetic Evangelism ” and I’m sure there were other names attached to it, but so much of the counterfeit crept in during that last season.

The false prophetic, false apostolic, along with the distorted shepherding affected us on so many levels that in most cases we have pushed aside the Gospel of the Kingdom from what Jesus originally intended.

Some are still entertaining the counterfeit while others went back to uphold the traditions of men once again, minimizing the Kingdom, downgrading it as happenstance, only to walk in a form of Godliness but lacking the power thereof, when in fact this incredible gospel came with dynamus power!

## **Our Message Today**

In our Salvation message today, very little of the Kingdom of Heaven is demonstrated as originally intended. And that's because we've disengaged from the Gospel of the Kingdom that Jesus was heavily leaning upon. A gospel that He Himself demonstrated with incredible power, — captivating the hearts of those all around Him as He altered the landscapes of their lives physically, mentally and spiritually. Somehow we have entrenched ourselves into something that has steered us away from Gods original intent. The original gospel written upon those biblical pages was never meant to be just good reading material. So it really is time for us to realign ourselves and take a risk with the Kingdom once again. Let the Fathers' Kingdom come, and let His will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

In our prayers we need to be listening more. For us to play our part of the Fathers Business, — listening is vital. Not listening will only steer us into another Ishmael journey filled with frustration and endless works. If Jesus thought that a small group of twelve had the ability to change the world, then should not our small groups ( modeled after Jesus ) change a few things around in our families, neighborhoods and cities ? You bet ! As the twelve spent quality time listening to Jesus, so do we need to be spending the necessary time listening to the Holy Spirit.

We need to bring those, who are truly united, in a group setting. Those that have a genuine love for one another, and watch first hand as the Kingdom unfolds before you. Being united, honoring and loving one another is exactly the good ground that the Lord is searching for to release that commanded blessing.

Listen and listen carefully to what Holy Spirit is saying and get ready for an incredible journey. As you act upon His direction, lives will be affected, people will get saved, and the landscape will change as the gathering starts to expand. Expanding the Kingdom was all part of the Salvation package.