

## **Transitioning into Kingdom Life** **Matthew 13.1-9;18-23//6.33//Col. 1.9-14**

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### **REVIEW:**

I realize that Jesus emphasis was on a pursuit of the kingdom. Not money, health or blessings but the expansion of the kingdom. For that reason the formulas for prosperity don't work when the people using them are not "kingdom focused"!

Matt 13:19-20

19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

### **1. Hear the Word of the kingdom!**

- Understanding the word of the kingdom caused him to rest in God!

When he was younger he did not have the same level of faith and was awake and worried in the storm! Mark 4.39

### **2. Understand the Word of the kingdom!**

This is not a book of promises. Not a book about heaven and hell. It's a book about a hostile takeover!!

- When you understand the word you know who you are and nothing is impossible!

Col 1:13-14

1 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin. (NASU)

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Last week we never got to this final point of producing fruit in the kingdom. The text said that the good soil produced varying levels of results. Unfortunately in church we often tell people what they should be doing and the results if they don't but we fail to share with them one important issue... HOW! Peter's deliverance was a picture of results (DESCRIBE) but the question that begs our attention is how do I transition from the dark kingdom to get those results.

#### Produce the Fruit/Result of the Word

The word is not just the Bible but it is the message of the kingdom! It is what Jesus came to establish... His kingdom.

- God's miraculous deliverance of Peter was a "kingdom act"

Peter had a purpose to fulfill. Lives to touch. Churches to start and lead.

- Peter's deliverance was a 30, 60, 100 fold return!

It means that what God gave him was much more than he expected. It was much more than he deserved. Because God has a habit...

How I transition must be based on the words of Jesus not upon our own ideas. This is what gets us in trouble. The principles of transition I will share today are based upon the major statements that Jesus gave about the kingdom. Issues of righteousness, love and faith.

#### **1. Be confident in the righteousness of the kingdom. Mt. 6.33**

Confidence comes from understanding what righteousness is. Deeds flow out of who you are.

- Be assured that you are righteous 2 Co.5.16-21

Hesitancy comes from misunderstood verse. Is. 64.6 (somewhere in the Bible)

- Live out the person that you are- you're righteous, act like it!
- Your righteousness now makes you an ambassador.

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### **2. Focus on the language of the kingdom. Mk. 12.28-31**

Love is the language and John affirms that if you don't have love you don't know God. After righteousness the next major challenge will be love. If the enemy can get you here he can even stop your prayers from being answered.

- Love is the key to forgiveness
- Love is the key to humility 1 Peter 5:6-8

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

- Love is the key to faith's effectiveness

All the laws hang on this principle including the laws of faith. Mt.22.40/Ga.5.6

### **3. Become effective in the transportation system of the kingdom. Mk. 11**

Faith is the transportation system of the kingdom. It's the only way to get from one point to the other. Righteousness is the beginning of the transition, love enters the righteous heart and faith works by that love. Teach a man to love God and he will walk by faith. I didn't trust God to receive from Him, I trusted Him because I was madly in love with Him.

- Faith grows as you become proficient in God's word. John 8.31,32

Most kingdom citizens are ignorant of kingdom laws and principles making it virtually impossible to prosper in the new kingdom. Continuing in the Word!

- As faith grows do not become prideful or arrogant. 1 Pe. 5.5

“God resists the proud” but “gives grace to the humble”

- Faith is a process and your fruitfulness will also be a process!

While the text could mean different people have different levels of fruitfulness it also reminds me that each of us have different levels of fruitfulness at different times of our lives. This is the growth or transition into the kingdom of light!