

Relationships- Family #8

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Monday:

You can't pursue and start to try to learn something about the kingdom without having a collision with the Father really early on. Or you can start your relationship with the Father and you begin to discover the kingdom at work. One works off the other.

One of the reasons that we talk about grace first is you're going to need a lot of grace in your relationships. Have you figured that out by now?

I'm equipping you for the work of the ministry. We give you tools, we'll give you information, we'll give you all you need to get involved in ministry yourself. That's what the Bible is about. It's not even biblical that one person, or just a few people do all the ministry. You are getting fed so you can do something with it.

You are going to see the greatest display of signs, wonders and miracles the world has ever seen. Pay attention to what's happening and you'll see them. And if you aren't careful, God's going to use you to do those things you receive.

John 14:12 says, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father*". Don't wait till you feel like you're ready. The opportunities are now and the clock is ticking and the Lord needs people like you now.

This is a prophetic word that the Lord gave me several weeks ago:

- We have entered a time of unparalleled favor from the Father. It's not time for Christians to relax. It's a time for us to redeem the time and make good use of the time that we have right now.
- We're in a space of time where we have unparalleled favor. The blessing of God is on you to do whatever it is that you need to do. If it's in your heart to do it, now is the time.
- There's a change happening in the church right now. It's becoming real in some of the most traditional Bible Belt churches. Change is beginning to happen.
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Tuesday:

It's been our priority from day one to honor God, and it causes people to look toward the Father. That's what we want to do.

We aren't building something that we've seen with a few adjustments and tweaks. What we're doing here is building something as we hear the voice of the Lord and God gives directions, and then we implement the things that we believe God is saying.

Sometimes you're not going to hear, unless you add your faith to what you believe you have heard from Him. And then you start to walk that out.

When you start to understand, get taught about the Kingdom of God, It's beyond a cellular level in your life. And sometimes you don't even know it until you get in a tight, stressful, harmful, one challenging situation and you find yourself responding differently than you would have responded before.

You may not even notice it but the condition of our heart is going to determine how deep the change happens in you and starts to influence everything you do.
Will you do something with this? That's the key. It doesn't matter what you hear, it matters what you do with what you hear.

The thing that God is doing is different. We have challenges of every kind. It might be health challenges, it might be relationship challenges, it might be financial challenges, but we've all got challenges.

God is doing a quick work in kingdom people. Ask, look and see what it is that God is doing in you. What does He want you to learn in this situation? That makes you more fit to be a functional contributor in the body of Christ and this great move of God that I'm talking about.

When we get to where we are passing these kingdom challenges in a kingdom way, on a regular basis, the Father is going to enable us to help other people in other churches to become Kingdom people and churches.

Wednesday:

Here's what you need to do. Pay attention to your life. Take notes, mental notes and literal notes. Be serious about what you are learning so you can pass it on to someone else.

As you start interacting out there in the public with people from other expressions of the Body of Christ church, they see your kingdom heart, your mindset, your attitudes, how you handle situations. They will see something different about you. There's something very different about Kingdom people as compared to just church minded, traditional church people.

We talked about these things for 35 years, but now is the time that the fruit in going to be ready to get picked.

This is our contribution to the body of Christ in our area and to the world. It's if we're faithful in the little things. It's an adventure.

Relationships are what makes our lives rich. But, heads up, the greatest problems, frustrations, challenges, turmoil also happens in relationships. God designed it that way. He's given us everything we need to successfully navigate our way through relationships in such a way that our lives get richer and we enrich the lives of other people.

There's a lot of challenges, but also the rewards, the fulfillment, the joy, our destiny, our journey and our advancement into our true identity, all of this only comes through relationships.

Your destiny is who you're becoming, and your destiny, it includes your destination, which is heaven. But it's all the people, circumstances, events, things that happen on the way to your destination.

Thursday:

God advances His kingdom through every relationship that you're in, every encounter that you have with anyone. What we are doing is planting that tiny seed of the Kingdom of God.

You have been Kingdomized along the way, and you know what to do, and the opportunities when the door opens, when someone asks you for advice, when someone starts telling you their problems. They are asking you for help. You're the Kingdom person in this picture.

The situations that you're in with people, at your job or in other situations. Who is the kingdom person in that picture? If you have to look around, you're not quite there yet.

You say, "*Well, what am I going to do?*" Why are you asking me what to do? This is one of those things you take to the Father.

Some of these situations look totally impossible, but with God, nothing is impossible.

Mark 12: 30-31 says, "*And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these*".

So you see how high a priority that the Father has put on relationships. Your neighbor is everyone you come in contact with, starting in your inner circle, your family, your closest friends, those you work with, etc.

How many of you in this room have someone in your circle of influence that's hard to love? If it's not everybody, I'm going to pray for the rest of you to have somebody like that. Why am I going to pray that? So you'll put agape to the test.

Friday:

Put your unparalleled favor to the test. Do something with it, your neighbors, your family, people around you, Everyone you come in contact with. You will start to see those hard to love people differently when you understand that they are some of God's instruments to help to bring you into your true identity.

These challenging ones are going to help shape you and form you and help knock the rough edges off you, as you knock the rough edges off them. I'm not speaking in literal terms.

Luke 6:27-32 says, "*But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them back. **But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.***"

These are real keys to life, if you'll receive it and apply that to your life. If you'll just have the right, correct heart and be willing to walk it out, you'll get all kinds of help from heaven. The Holy Spirit will be on everything that you do. If we do this, you will become a lover for someone else.

Expect to be challenged in relationships like you've never been challenged before. You say, "Well, that's kind of discouraging". I meant for it to encourage you. It causes you to really lean on the Lord.

The tests that you're going through in this will not last very long, if your heart's correct and you're willing, and you allow the Lord to help you make the kingdom decision in every situation.

Admonishment needs to be done in grace, done well, done in love and needs to be done in the timing of God.

Saturday:

To provoke someone is to deliberately make someone annoyed or angry. Colossians 3: 21 says, "*Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged*". Ephesians 6:4 say, "*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord*".

Provoking is just persistent, pushing and nagging, just keeping on and on and on.

Do not grumble. Grumbling is complaining about something in a bad tempered way. James 5: 9 say, "*Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door*".

Don't be a whiner. Whiners get on your nerves. If you are chronic whiner or a grumbler, it's a heart problem. God wants you to open the door of your heart and allow Him access to your heart, so that He can fix the things in your heart that need to be fixed.

Spur one another to good works. It's about encouragement. Exhort one another. Brag on them. Commend them. We need to get much better at encouraging other people. There is a scary lack of encouragement in the body of Christ.

When you start to step out in that, it's a little awkward at first, and it's going into unknown territory for you.

God is stirring your heart for the deeper things, for understanding the kingdom. So start to get your radar out and pay attention to what God is doing in you, and then see what God is doing around you, and to help you be a kingdom person in that situation.

A lot of stuff happens at church, but most of it's going to happen out there, especially in this season.

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