

Relationships- Family #1

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Monday:

In this critical time, we as God's people are not to be caught up somewhere in the back getting everybody else's dust. Kingdom people should be the head and not the tail, so we take all kinds of measures around here so that you can be on the front line of what God is doing.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, you always have an unfair advantage over the world, because the Spirit of God helps you to fulfill the destiny, plan and purpose for your life. He's done everything He can do, and will continue to do so, so you don't miss this.

If you don't engage relationally with the Father, you really kind of miss the point. God's grace is always abundant, coming in your direction, toward you, for you.

It's such an important thing just to honor God in all your situations and understand and start to look for the places that God is giving you grace in your life.

We were special enough for Jesus to lay down His life for us.. I'm determined to live in as much of the presence of God as I can live in. Are you determined to do that as well?

You are a kingdom person. You might not have awakened to that reality yet, but you are a kingdom person, and if you hang around here very long, you're going to start to get a glimpse of what that means, and you are going to start walking that out, to fulfill the call on your life to be a kingdom person.

Matthew 6:13 says, "*Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything else will be added to you*". **Meditate on that one for a while.** If you seek the kingdom first, it won't be long till you happen onto the King.

Tuesday:

As a kingdom person, everything you encounter in life is a kingdom thing. That's very significant! Everything that you encounter is an opportunity for the Kingdom of God to manifest through you. That's the way He does it.

What I'm talking about is the whole church. There's **one** church. There's neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, rich or poor, black or white, Baptist or Pentecostal. We are all one in Christ.

I believe that the church can be more than what it has been. The church is the answer for everything that you see wrong in the world.

It's an epic battle that's going on between darkness and light, in the world right now. **It's a battle!** It's got all the forces of hell behind it. So we need to pay attention. We need to be like the sons of Issachar over there in the Old Testament, who were able to read the signs of the times.

You ought to have some sense of where we are in terms of Biblical history and this move of God that I've been talking about. The kingdom is coming, with you or without you. So you need to decide if you're going to be a part of that, to be someone who God can depend on in the greatest move of God that the world will ever see.

I have a love for the body of Christ because I believe it can be more. If the true church doesn't rise up, and rise up quickly, all mankind is in for some dark, dark times.

You have no power unless you come under His authority. The church is being formed and shaped as you give God access to your heart.

Wednesday:

The most important thing I'm doing in my life right now is listening. I'm taking time to listen. **I don't think many people take enough time to listen.** It takes some practice to learn how to push out all the distractions that come at you when you're going to give God some time. He's talking to the hearts of the people who pay attention.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, *"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"*.

"If My people", that's us. If you will seek His face, if you'll just do that, it's not a maybe that you will turn from your wicked ways. God will lead us and guide us and talk to us every step of the way, and show us what to do.

You have all kinds of ways that God has blessed you. But when you come to God, you come to Him empty handed. He can do what He needs to do without you. He doesn't need you to do it. The good part is, He just wants you to get in on this great adventure of walking with Him, in the Kingdom of God.

If you think you have anything to offer God, you aren't ready yet. You can have church and sing a bunch of songs. You can preach from the Bible, but if God doesn't do anything, nothing happens.

If you are a kingdom person, everything you encounter in life is a kingdom thing.

The biggest obstacle in your life right now is the kingdom thing. What are you supposed to learn in a situation that you're in right now, today? Don't hang around for me to tell you- you need to go to the Lord and find out yourself. He's in a talkative mood. Will you let Him talk to you?

Thursday:

If you never get the revelation of how important the church is, you'll never understand how important your life could be.

When the door opens, you ought to be ready for that. A lot of times, all you have to do is to be able to say, *"You know what? I don't know much about it, but here's what I believe God is doing in my life"*, and talk about it. Your story is important.

If you find yourself going through some of the toughest things you've ever gone through in your life, God has something right here that He wants you to learn. He's maturing you and seasoning you, and the reason that it's so hard is He's bringing that deep stuff up out of you so it can be dealt with.

For those of you who are not going through something hard, I'm going to pray for you to have something like that yourself. From God's standpoint, that could be the healthiest thing for you.

If you quit whining about it, you'll start to see your situation as something that God is using to bring you to be like Jesus. You don't have to do it if you don't want to, but I'm saying that this is what it's about. It's about an adventure that God can use to change the world in your little tiny circle of influence. It's a spiritual law that works.

Whoever is faithful in a little, God will bless with more. It's a law, and it works. So, get faithful in your situation, and do like James said in his letter, "*Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience*". What is it that I'm supposed to learn in this thing that I'm going through right now?

All you have to do in ministry is just give away what's been given to you, whatever the Lord's taught you. God is able to do it, but you have to cooperate.

Start preparing for it. Put some effort into it. You might feel like He threw you off into the deep end, so get desperate. Some of the most productive prayers I have ever had have been the most desperate ones like, "*Help, God!*".

Friday:

You carry the presence of God into every situation you go into.

We all come empty handed. It's Christ in you, the hope of glory. It's Him doing what He does in you, but you have to cooperate. You have to participate. It's this kingdom thing. It's a hands on thing.

Please, please read Genesis 1:1-31 and Genesis 2:7. These scriptures set the tone for the rest of this message and probably several others to come.

*"And the Spirit of God was hovering (**breathing**) over the face of the waters"*.

As instructed, Ezekiel prophesied to the bones and the bones started rattling and came together. Skin started coming on and they began to take shape. But they didn't become an exceeding great army **until God breathed life into them.**

There were 120 people in the upper room. They saw these cloven tongues of fire, but do you remember what they heard? It was a sound of a rushing, mighty wind. **It's the breath of God giving His Spirit to all mankind.**

If God's talking, why does He have to say something? And I think there's a lesson for us to be learned in this, is that when you say something, it gives it life. That's why it's over there in the New Testament, "*whoever shall say to the mountain, be thou removed and cast into the sea*".

You ought to be speaking some of this stuff into the atmosphere. You think it, and that's one

thing, that's a start, but you declare it, and you say it, and that gives it life when you say it out loud.

In verse 26, God said, "**Let Us** make man in our image". Who is He talking about? The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They were all right there, because the Bible says that Jesus was in the beginning, before anything was. So right there is the first real picture you get of relationship. The Three were in perfect relationship with one another.

Saturday:

People will engage in the relationship. That's good! But you have to mix the word with it, because it keeps you from getting out of bounds. It keeps you from getting in trouble. It helps you in your understanding about the Bible.

You only got good at what you're good at by doing it over and over and over and making a lot of mistakes. Same with the Bible. You will never understand the Bible if you don't keep engaging and reading it.

I just hope you get this. You're made up of body, soul (which is your mind, will and emotions) and spirit (which is the real part that's going to live forever somewhere).

Our goal should not be to just know something **about** God that helps us in our daily life. Our goal is to come into unity with God, so that His thoughts become our thoughts.

"Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea". So you guys trying to go out fishing and you have hard luck. Get your tackle box out and get baited up and say, "*Lord, You have given us dominion over the fish of the sea*".

This is a church built on relationships. If you were the enemy of a church built on relationships, how would you attack? It's a no brainer! I would attack relationships. I would try to get between one and another. I'd try to get people mad at the preacher or somebody else. I would try to make sure that someone got their feelings hurt.

I'm just telling you, heads up, because it's so good in that God tests us early on.