

The Whole Church #22 – The Fatherhood of God, #11/Camp of Champions

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Monday:

When we have a situation going on in our life, and we ask God to help, one of two things always happens. He either fixes it or He gives us grace to go through it.

Here's a lesson to learn anytime that you honor God, in that He's setting you up. He's setting you up for Him to use you with signs, wonders and miracles. So what do we do in any situation? WE HONOR GOD!

God is testing us in the natural to see if He can trust us with the supernatural.

Learning to relate to God as Father is the cure for mankind. It fixes everything.

God doesn't conform to what happens, religiously speaking, in the Bible Belt. The Bible Belt needs to conform to what God is saying.

It's not just knowing the concept that God is Father. It's the experiential knowledge that's you and Him, sharing life. You talking to Him. You listening to Him, and Him leading you in this.

Trinity Fellowship turned 35 years old this past Thursday. It's been great years, challenging years, glorious years, it's really been a fast trip. It's been some kind of adventure.

“Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and everything else will be added to you”. That just says, *“Make the Kingdom and the things of God the most important thing, and everybody and everything else that you need in life will come your way”*.

If you have an impossible looking situation going on in your life, or in your family, or around you, it makes you eligible for a miracle. If so, congratulations! With God, nothing is impossible.

Tuesday:

Christocentric means: Christ at the center, Who needs to be the center of everything. I totally agree with that. So when we have all this talk about the Father, we have to make sure that we don't leave out the importance of Jesus. I don't think we are doing that.

The Bible says, *“In Jesus was all the fullness of the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form”*. Jesus said to the disciples, *“Have I been with you all this time, and you say that you've not seen the Father?”* He said, *“anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father”*.

Let's not leave out the vital importance of the word, the written word of God. With all this talk about relationship, don't forget, we need the word of God. It keeps us in-bounds. We learn and hear from the Word of God.

You get in the word until the Word gets in you, and that's what we need to do.

Start making it a practice to bring your Bible when you come to service.

It's no time to mess around. It's time to figure out who you are. You only know that by relating to God as Father. If you're not in the process of knowing Who God is, you're never going to know who you are.

God can speak in all kinds of ways: through signs and wonders, through dreams and visions, through words of knowledge and wisdom, prophetic words, through numbers, through the elements; but my favorite is that He speaks through the still small voice.

So you have to make it a priority to hear God. If you're not hearing Him, there's a good chance that the problem is not on His end.

Wednesday:

Please take time to read Ephesians 5:22-33. This will shed much light on the next part of this word, and will help you to gain the understanding of what Andy is talking about.

"Wives, submit to your husbands as unto the Lord". For the husband is the head of the wife.

God has His chain of authority. This is not my idea. I'm not some kind of male chauvinist, but it's God. Christ, man, woman, children. That's how the authority works. If that's offensive to you, let me say it this way. That's the best thing that will ever happen to you.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her". The church is referred to as a "Her", not a him.

So the greater responsibility lies with you husbands. *"Love you wife, just like Christ"* ... loved the church; sacrificial, as deep as can possibly be, making her, the church, and you, as the wife, the most important thing.

When you have a husband who will take on that responsibility, then you're talking about a household that can change the world.

So wives, you submit, but husbands, if you want to be someone worthy of your wife submitting to you just like she does Jesus, pick it up a notch and that'll happen. The church will never be what the church is supposed to be if the family is not what the family is supposed to be.

"That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle". God's not just talking about marriage to a husband or a wife. It's concerning Christ and the church.

Thursday:

In 1 Peter 4:17, it says, *"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God"*. Sin is being dealt with in the hearts and lives of everyone. Jesus is coming back, but He's not coming back to the church that has blemishes all over it.

When you are born again, your nature begins to change, so you need to start acting like who you really are. You're not a sinner anymore, so quit confessing it. Your nature is one of righteousness.

The body of Christ, the bride, is coming into her own. She's going through trials, tests, challenges and upheaval of every kind.

Is anybody going through a trial, going through tests? Start to see those things as really, really good things.

God is bringing this stuff to the surface, so the blemishes can be dealt with, and we can walk on and we can be a light to the world, like we're supposed to be.

The church is the only organism on the whole planet that God has given the authority and the power to cooperate with Him, as He brings in and advances His Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is coming, with or without you.

Going through these trials is a very good thing. We are being heated up and the impurities come to the surface, so you can repent of those things and shake those things off and you become more like Jesus. It's really a simple process.

Friday:

If the church is going to be the church, it has to happen in you. So congratulations, if you're going through the hardest thing you're ever gone through in your life.

If you keep your eyes on your situation, you will think you are failing and flunking. But you have to keep your eyes on the Lord.

How many of you have a really uncomfortable situation right now, that you wish you didn't have? He's doing these things and allowing you to go through these things so you can be conformed into the image of Jesus. It's easy to blame the enemy for this stuff, but a lot of it is just God doing what He needs to do in you.

So, three weeks ago, we were faced with a really, really scary decision, in that we only had, at that point, we only had 23 kids who had signed up for the Camp of Champions. By the time the camp started, we had 115 boys and girls signed up. That's definitely worth giving the Lord a huge thanks.

To make things even better, we baptized 27 people. That also included some adults, some instructors, and some helpers around the place, as well as the kids. This is one of the things that really amazed me this year.

What God is doing here is not mainstream, but He wants it to be mainstream.

People get confused about what the word, "Apostolic" means. It's really, really a simple word. So, the Lord showed me this morning that the Camp of Champions is a true apostolic work.

Think about this. Rather than sending someone from our house out to a minimum of 115 churches, cities, towns, regions, we are sending out at least 115 disciples carrying the DNA that God has imparted to this house.

Everywhere they go, the DNA of this house is getting spread around out there. That's as apostolic as it gets.

Something is happening here with this camp that's far beyond what is seen with the human eye. Strand Smith said something this week, *"The reason that things work here is because it's just family. And people feel that, whether they go in through the cook shack or working in the arena; they realize that there's something happening here that they've never ever experienced before."* And that's because we have learned that the key is to relate to God as Father.

Saturday:

That's what happens when leaders and people listen to God and implement what it is that God is saying. Nobody here can take credit for it.

If you start to look at your life as an adventure, the tough things you're going through right now is an adventure. And God is right there in the middle of it. Look for Him in that, because He's doing something in you.

More and more, I sit down on my porch with absolutely no agenda. I have my prayer time when I ask God for things, but the richest parts in all my time of learning to walk with the Father have been over the last few years. That's when I say to God, *"I don't know anything"*.

You should buy into it, and do it for yourself, because it all fits in together. The most important thing that I'm doing in my life right now is listening.

God says there's something deep and profound that is going to happen in everyone and with everyone, every person who comes to the camp. Some of it we will see now, some of it we'll see along the way, and some we won't see, but it's God Who is doing it. God's going to start to show you what all that stuff is.

If you are interested, what God is doing is going to cut into your personal time. But I promise you this, you will never ever regret doing it. But you will regret not doing it. Stop thinking about convenience and think about changing the world.

Please pay attention to what I'm saying. We are in the midst of the greatest move of God the world is ever going to see. I hope you catch that.

Do you want to know why negativity, ugliness, darkness and sin is coming at you so much? It's to get you distracted from what God is doing, which is a lot bigger than what you see on the news.