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Springtime is that delightful time of the year when seedlings break through the ground and flowers blossom and we celebrate Resurrection Sunday when our Lord was risen from the dead.

"Jesus said to her, I am [Myself] the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on) Me, although he may die, yet he shall live;" (Jn.11:25, Amp)



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I have prayed or read or quoted or sang the phrase, Thy Kingdom come, for years without really being aware of the magnitude of what I was saying. In my early understanding, Thy Kingdom come was a reference to heaven and eternity only. So it was like a salutation, a verbal salute, before beginning the actual prayer of Thy will be done on earth as in heaven. I'm fairly sure a good percentage of the Church prays the Lord's Prayer with a similar paradigm which boils down to this: may heaven be ours someday and meanwhile, Thy will be done in things concerning the earth. However, there is a different understanding of the Kingdom of God in the light of Psa 145:13: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your rule endures throughout all generations. Rather than a place and a future existence, the Kingdom is the rule of God, His power, His authority and His government and order in effect already, in fact, for all generations. His Kingdom has already been in effect, now is in effect and will be in effect always. That contradicts that silent someday that would keep the Kingdom of God out of reach during our lifetime, or keep righteousness and peace and joy in His presence only a future, someday realization (Rom 14:17). How messed up is it to think that righteousness, peace and joy are unreachable until you die? That thinking would make Thy Kingdom come a death request. Could we get any more perversely opposite to the heart of God than that? Could we deny His New Covenant



provision any louder than that? If we think that His Kingdom (meaning His rule and His order) cannot come into earth now when we pray, is it any wonder that manifestations of His power show up piecemeal rather than bulk, or sporadically rather than continually? Poor God. When His stewards on earth think like that, they only accidentally stumble into agreement that opens the earth to God's will in the now.

Several years ago, I spoke in a morning meeting in a conference. At lunch, the host pastor, who was normally personable, funny and talkative, sat across from me. He leaned toward me with the expression of a Nazi interrogator. Clinching his teeth, he said, "Kathy, are you Kingdom Now?" Since it looked like he was about to crawl over that table, I was desperately trying to think of a good answer, but I had no idea what the man was talking about. I didn't know if "Kingdom Now" was a condition or a denomination or a sacrilege, but from His menacing tone, I did deduce that it was 1) a touchy topic and 2) the fight was on! There I was without a helmet or a mouth guard and already in the ring in round one! He went into a tirade telling me that people are heretics if they think any part of heaven could come into this wicked, sinful, deteriorating earth that is only going to get worse and worse until Jesus comes. Then he went on to list some of his personal woes that contradicted any possibility of God's Kingdom being present in the earth now! I sat there blinking, trying to recall what I had said that morning to bring on such an outburst and I wondered if he could even pray, Thy Kingdom come.

If we have a subconscious *someday* in our thinking that makes the Kingdom ONLY reachable SOMEDAY "in the sweet bye and bye", everything is distorted, our hope, our faith, our Life, our purpose and our heritage. That "thinking" blatantly contradicts the presence and purpose of JESUS Christ in His ministry on the earth. He demonstrated the Kingdom by healing and delivering people and telling them, "The Kingdom has come upon you." He told them to repent, for the Kingdom is at hand, meaning that we must think differently so we can realize the power and will of God are within reach, now.

Can the Church, after this many centuries of preaching and teaching and experiencing God still have mis-beliefs and mis-understandings about Him and His Word? We don't want to say, "Amen," but we can say, "Evidently." However, the good news is that as long as we are not stubbornly or fearfully determined to stop and camp out on a *someday* or *no way* or *never now*, God who is faithful intends to open our understanding of "Thy Kingdom come". Just like yeast spreading, our understanding should be continually increasing and more and more folks should be real-

izing that "THY KINGDOM COME" means more than heaven *someday*. It means more than Thy Salvation come or Thy Religion come. It means more than Thy Tradition come and even more than Thy Church come! It might hit a holy nerve to realize that the Kingdom is more than the Church and that it actually encompasses the Church! The Church can be a touchy subject with us Christians because the Church cradles our concepts of Christianity. "Churchianity" provides the platform for our worship and represents God to a community. Churchianity usually defines our expectations upon God and His Word. Even so, when we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," it can rattle Churchianity and initiate changes. In fact, we need to be aware that "Thy Kingdom come" is going to cause more radical rattles this year, both personally and corporately, because there are some NEW NORMS in the making.

A NORM is something that is normal, typical, the known and what usually happens. What if every time you prayed for the sick they were healed on the spot? That's not the impossible dream because it happened in the New Testament, but that's not a NORM where I'm from, not yet at least. What if we couldn't guarantee Church-As-Usual in the future because the Holy Spirit started translating people during worship to go work miracles and come back and tell what God did? That would be a New Norm! What if people went to church to DO what's on Father's front burner and *participated* in an intercessory, governmental coo that brought down the dictator over politics in a county or over child abuse or poverty in a region? I declare, such New Norms are forming.

I don't know what all the New NORMS are going to be for us and Churchianity 2015, but I know they're coming because "Thy Kingdom come" is continually coming in increasing manifestation. Jesus described the Kingdom like a seed and a tree or yeast spreading. That's a picture of His ruling order and His authority increasing in our awareness until its influence is big enough to change us, our lives and our Norms. And while new NORMS sound really awesome, new NORMS also mean some old ones are going to be shaken. That may sound seamless at first, and we might think, 'Bring it on,' but it might be more realistic to think, 'How big a boy are ya?' Many folks could tell you stories of outliving major storms that were caused by Kingdom awareness increasing and old Norms getting shaken in their church.

The kind of "shaken" I'm referring to is described in Hebrews 12. Shaken there means agitate, rock, topple, destroy, disturb, incite, stir up. That doesn't sound like a line I want to get in deliberately. Of course, Heb 12 is about a holy upheaval of old norms from the Old Testament times that set the stage for new ones for the New Testament times. It was a forty year shaking during the transition. The KJV basically says what could be shaken was shaken. The Message puts it like this, Heb 12:27, the shaking was a thorough housecleaning, getting rid

of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered . . . an unshakable kingdom!

Thousands of Jewish prayers for the Messiah to come were answered. Jesus was the answer to their prayers as well as the biggest mega-dose of *Thy Kingdom come* in history. Talk about seeing the Kingdom come, can you say JESUS? Right before their eyes, the power, presence, authority, rule and order of Heaven on earth were embodied in the Christ! However, they had prayed from a different and specific expectation. They prayed for a Messiah who would improve their customs and culture and cause them to rise to the top in power and politics. They weren't praying for their beliefs, priorities, traditions and life-style norms to be disturbed or destroyed! They were thoroughly shaken, agitated and stirred up about this religious shift from regimen to relationship, and they definitely didn't want relationship with this Jesus!

The thing about seeing *Thy Kingdom Come* is that it carries the order and priorities of God, even if that shocks or contradicts or shakes current theology, current cultures, current belief-systems or even our interpretation of Church. Those three words, *Thy Kingdom Come*, give God access to every level of our lives that must change to align with His Kingdom. Just as He sent the Last Adam, the Redeemer to bring His original intent and order of the garden into reach once again, so He intends to bring our core values into His original intent and order. That will mean major shaking in our thinking, in our conditions, in our priorities and in our earth . . . as it is in heaven.

(This article was taken from Kathy's message at Kingdom Equipping Congress 2015. It is available in its entirety on CD.)

A young lady walked up and reminded me of the word of knowledge I gave about the Lord healing a left eye. The word was about the Lord healing the inside of an eye and healing a growth or mass behind the eye.

Of course, the word was about something directly behind the eyeball. But this young lady had a growth on the outside of her head, just inside her hairline behind her left eye. She said that it had grown quite a bit over a short period of time and was causing her a great deal of concern. She said, "Lord, you said 'behind the eye' and I take that for my healing". She reached up and put her hand on it and felt it beginning to shrink. She said that it continued to shrink through the whole service. There is a coming generation that will consider the character of God and the Word of God and apply it to the need because they know who He is and what He will do.

Even though the growth was not directly behind her eyeball inside her head, she had heard her Lord's word that He was healing a growth behind the eye and that was where her need was, "behind the eye". We are seeing many young adults realize the calling and anointing on their lives and they are stepping out and ministering to people inside AND outside the church walls.

Thank you so much for your sowing seed into what Kathy and I are doing as we travel from city to city. We also appreciate your continued prayer covering on our behalf. May the Lord increase your physical sight and your spiritual sight. May He increase your awareness of His character and that He is acting out of it in your behalf. You are a recipient of the power of God and a bearer of that power.

Our love and gratitude, Marty and Kathy



Moses stood on Mt. Nebo in Jordan (Moab) and looked into the promised land, the land promised to his forefather, Abraham. On a clear day, Moses could see westward to the Mediterranean, northward to Mt. Herman and southward to down below the Dead Sea. He couldn't go there but he saw it. We have to see it. Lord, increase my vision and let me see more of your plan and purpose. Moses saw it and Joshua walked it out. It was accomplished generationally. At my age, I want to see more. I want to see things that I won't get into but other generations will. May our hearts be stirred about what God wants us to see. As Moses looked down on the very place they would cross the Jordan river, he was also looking at the place where centuries later Jesus would be baptized. Old Covenant Joshua and New Covenant Joshua both stood in this place of transition that God's people always have to make, moving out of the old and into the new things God is doing. We must embrace the new and journey forward. We respect the past and what God did. We want the anointings of the past and today. Therefore, we have to see like we have never seen and have courage to go where we have never gone yet and fulfill God's eternal purpose which He puts in the hands of the children of men.

Under Joshua's leadership, Israel began their conquest campaign. Had they not gone through the river, they would not have conquered Canaan. At the Jordan, Jesus initiated His conquest campaign, His ministry to conquer the earth by His kingship rights. His public ministry did not begin until His public baptism. His ministry began when

the Lamb waded into the water. Jesus wasn't baptized to be cleansed because He had no sin. He had to go into the waters to cleanse the waters of the earth, to release a new flood to the nations. He is the King that sits above the flood to see all the nations come into His Kingdom. So, where does our ministry begin? First, we see the King, repent and believe, and then follow Him in water baptism and Spirit baptism. These are not options but commands for the beginning obediences. Unfortunately, my two baptisms were separated by thirty-five years, but that was my doing. These two obediences should go together. Our following Christ, the conquering King is inaugurated by our faithfulness in obeying Him in water and Spirit baptism. This is a prophetic picture or a type and symbol of every generation of the followers of Christ coming out of one place into the new place that God is leading into. The old is good but the new is better. The Old Covenant is good, but Hebrews tells us that the New Covenant is better, based on better promises. In Matt 13:52, And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old." Here is the key: every scribe must be discipled. The scribe must do more than just copy the scriptures. He must be discipled to steward the past and the present and the future to pull out of that treasure, things old and things new. The word "new" in this scripture is the word *renewal*. God knows how to bring forth the new and renew the old that is useful at the same time.

Let's embrace the new and journey forward. Here are some guidelines. 1) We have to recognize that the old is dead. Like God told Joshua that Moses was dead, we have to recognize that something has to die. I have lived through moves of God that no longer have the same thrust. I believe God wants us to embrace the anointings of previous moves all the way back to the book of Acts and let them be joined synergistically with the anointings God is releasing in this hour so that generational connection may be maintained. Joshua walks out Moses' vision. (Someone has to see it, then we walk it out.) So, we pray that the Lord increase our vision. Even though we will not necessarily walk out everything we are seeing, somebody in the Kingdom will walk it out.

2) We have to choose to walk in the new. God said to them in Joshua Chapter One, to rise and cross over. Moses saw it, God commanded it but they had to do it. We need to respond to God and cross over actively. The very word, Hebrew, means to cross rivers. In essence, the Hebrews are the ones who have vision to move beyond boundaries, to move from where we are to where we can go in God, even if the rivers are in flood tide. That is the spirit we ought to have like Joshua and Caleb. We can do this.

- 3) Thirdly, we have to advance with courage. In chapter one, God told Joshua three times to be strong and courageous. It makes me think maybe he wasn't. We know that when we set our face and see the vision and then we determine to cross over and we start moving forward, all hell breaks out. How can something so heavenly seem so hellish? Ask Jacob's boy, Joseph. Ask Jehovah's boy, Jesus. Ask the early church. Maybe we can just call it confirmation.
- 4) We need to have a plan for moving into the new. Two and half tribes already had their inheritance on the east side of Jordan but they had to go help the others fulfill God's purpose for all of the brothers. That's how we know it is Kingdom. It is effort for all the brothers not just our group. If we fail to plan, we plan to fail. The new requires new strategies. When they embraced the new, they honored the old. Once they crossed over, they built two twelve-stone memorials. The first was at Gilgal. Then after all the people finished crossing over, the priests were the last standing in the water with the ark. They were the first in and the last out because that is leadership. Leadership does not always have to be out front. Leadership is getting God's people where they are meant to go, safely.

In every transition in God's peoples' lives, God perpetuates and continues what He started with us. So, there is continuity even with a shift to the new. Firstly, after we get across, there is the continuity of God's presence. Continuity was promised when God told Joshua that as He had been with Moses, He would also be with Joshua. Also, the continuing presence of God was represented by the ark that had been with them since Sinai. This conference or congress (Kingdom Equipping Congress 2015) gathering has been awesome in the Lord's presence because of the focus. The Church has to go beyond being purpose driven to being presence driven. If we are not presence driven, we are assuming we know how to handle this thing with our skills or calling. As He promised to be with Joshua, He also promises to be with this generation, so He, as promised, is present and that presence is priority. Secondly, there is continuity in the covenant law, Word of God. Not only the presence continued, but also the precepts and principles. When we move with God, it is the opportune moment to reevaluate and renew covenant. To see the importance of continuity, we need to know history and what the Lord has done. History is Him putting you and me in HIS-story, His narrative of salvation history.

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God didn't say the church couldn't be shaken. He said the Kingdom could not be shaken. People try to make their inheritance heaven and then live their whole life victimized and console themselves with a "sweet by and by" or escape the earth to get relief. However, God intended us to realize our inheritance is the Kingdom. If we do, we don't live as a victim consoling ourself, instead we take on a dominion mindset and bring change where needed. And we think in terms of leaving when we have overcome and finished our course. So, when things are going on in our nation like the NEA trying to say we must teach kids that family can be two men or one man and three women, or when liquor and drugs are trying to undermine a region or whatever deception and darkness is trying to gain ground, we are still not victims. What are we accomplishing to have our meetings and talk about leaving the earth soon instead of occupying and making a difference in our government, in our schools, a difference in crime and trafficking and corruption? As mature sons we have to come out with a dominion outlook and see the will of God done on earth as in heaven.

The Christians in Hebrews Ten were in trouble because they had done something right, not wrong. Heb 10:32-36 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. Therefore, do not

throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. Why do we need endurance? So we can receive the promise and endurance means that you stand steady under pressure in your wilderness.

Heb 10:37 For "in just a little while, and He who shall come will come and will not delay." This is not talking about the Second Coming of Christ, but about God coming to deal with what has been oppressing and harassing. They were almost at A.D. 70 when God was coming to judge Israel for persecution upon the Church. The reason God lets people persecute us is not just to mature us, it is because He is ready to judge them. God lets nations rise up and persecute other nations because He is ready to judge the persecutor.

Heb 12:5-7 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons, "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and He scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father does not chasten?

God chastens us because He wants to bring us into something. "Chasten" means to nurture, train, educate, instruct, correct, to teach and to discipline. We discipline our children because we love them and want them to have a future. Chastening can be about correcting sin, but that is not all it is about. However, here in Hebrews, chastening is about Father bringing us into an inheritance that we do not think we merited because of what we have done. A great enemy that we struggle with is an independence that convinces us we merit by our works. In Deut 8, God said He led them through the wilderness, humbled them, fed them and took care of His people to bring them into a land so that they would not say they got their by their own hand. If we don't handle our wilderness right, the problem of God blessing us is that we tend to think we have merited it. This is clearly seen in giving. Some believe that if they give, then they merit God giving back to them. Giving doesn't merit us. That thinking will lead to a victim mentality, because when you don't get the results you think you should have you become a victim. Sons don't think in terms of merit. Their focus is magnifying Christ whether they personally live or die. Teaching on chastening should be one of the most encouraging messages to the Church. It's a message for sons, not those just struggling to make heaven.

God uses the problem of the wilderness to chasten and equip us. Sometimes the problem in the wilderness is people. A wise man once told me that God both blesses or afflicts us with people according to our need. I can remember the afflicting people real vividly in my life, but I don't remember thinking that I needed them! However, in hindsight, some of the hardest people to deal with ended up being the greatest blessing to my life. In Hebrews 12, He tells us not to despise the training of hard times. We can learn to lift up those hanging-down hands so all those around can be encouraged. A sad face can despond others. In Romans 5, Paul said he came to a place where he could even glory in his tribulation, be-

cause he got this and understood what tribulations do. We can actually learn to shout in the middle of the hard times and count it all joy because our Father loves us and has something good in mind that will bring good results for us. Until then, no matter what has happened, the story is not over yet. We are not a victim of circumstances, nor are we victimized by people. Instead, we are sons of God that have inherited a Kingdom, so we can shout even when we are in trouble!

Paul understood this. Even in his imprisonment, he never said he was a prisoner of the devil or a victim of circumstances. The beautiful letter to the Philipians was written from prison where he sat in stocks and human waste. And we believe for a new pair of shoes and when we don't get them we get mad at God. We are not working for a Kingdom, we inherit it. The prodigal son and his brother thought they had to work for their inheritance, but the father told them it was theirs at all times. When we receive the unshakeable Kingdom of Christ, we receive everything that He rules over. The problem is that we don't know how to enjoy it until we go through suffering that makes us realize it is not about meriting it. Paul knew it was all by inheritance. He didn't have a "law mindset" which makes us feel we merit something. Our greatest enemy is not sin. It is our own natural strength that gives us the credit. The principle of obedience moves us to do what is right and God blesses, but it is not because we merit it.

The sign that we think we merit something is murmuring. Num 14:1, 2 And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried. And the people wept that night. And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. And the whole congregation said to them, Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or, Oh that we had died in the wilderness! The wildernesses we encounter are not our Father withholding anything from us. He has a guard that's protecting our inheritance. That guard is called the wilderness. God gave Joseph a promise but the thing that guarded it was the problems that he had to deal with. His brothers hated him, put him in a well, he was lied on in Potiphar's house and put in prison, yet he never became a victim. He said that what they meant for evil, God meant for good. A son learns to see God in his problems.

Problems are common to all men, believer or nonbeliever, 1Cor 10:13, but the minute we murmur, we are a victim. You can murmur and come out at a loss, or you can be a son with a dominion mentality and rejoice. We cannot get to a place where we never have another problem. I was in a prayer line with Kenneth Hagin once and heard a lady say, "Bro. Hagin, would you pray that I never have another problem?" He answered, "Do you want me to pray that you die?" We are not victims, nor are we the only one who has ever been through particular problems, and a dominion mindset says we can overcome all problems. All problems have a season to them and the dominion mindset says, "This too shall pass". The only way to get to fulfillment is to handle your wildernesses right.

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What is all this talk about *a new* or *next dimension*?....and how do we get there? There are a lot of hungry people who are clamoring for a next level or new dimension experience, but they don't want to pay the price. They just want to be whisked away never cognizant of what the Word teaches us. It's still true today that promotion comes from God!

When God is about to provide a great thing, He first provides a "little" thing to see how we will manage the great thing. God has hidden things for us not from us.... to be discovered or revealed. There is precedent in scripture in Matthew 13:11, "Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given." Scripture indicates that God receives more glory, when He conceals—rather than make things obvious and have us seek them. He exposes truth to be discovered, and with revelation brings responsibility. Proverbs 25:2 NIV, "It is the Glory of God to conceal a matter-to search out a matter is the Glory of Kings." Kings and priests are our royal identity and we should pursue the things we have legal access to. We don't need external standards without internal realities! A carnal mind cannot reason with revelation that it cannot feel or see. Our hearts (spirit) embrace things that our heads can't. Our hearts will lead us where logic will never dare to go. We've had way too many "stumble" over revelation; it only affects their flesh when it's intended for their spirit. We do not believe because we understand, we understand because we believe, and you will know that it's real when the impossible begins to look logical and reasonable. Isaiah 65:1

(Message), "I've made myself available to those who haven't bothered to ask—I'm here ready to be found by those who haven't bothered to look—I kept saying, I'm here, I'm right here..." Deuteronomy 29:29 (Message), "God, our God will take care of the hidden things but the revealed things are our business. It's up to us and our children to attend to the terms in this revelation. We know the Spirit searches all the deep things of God and He has put a high priority on the 'seeking out part'." As Paul said, he is not far from each of us.

Here is a word I received this year for the body: "That as you choose me...I choose to include you in many discoveries and revelations; some to get you started, some to take you deeper and some left on purpose just for you to be in awe and wonderment. In other words, draw near to me... I'm already on my way to meet you." We all appreciate what John said in 15:15, "No longer do I call you servants—for a servant does not know what his master is doing for all things, that I learn from my Father—I have made known to you." As you read I Cor. 2:7 (Message), consider the gravity of what Paul is speaking: "God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of His purposes — you don't find it lying around on the surface. It's not the latest message but more like the oldest —what God determined as the way to bring out His best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene." It is now time for us to get in alignment with our assignment!

I believe Jesus was saying to the disciples, I'm interested in what I've got to do-and if you show me what you've got to do relates to what I've got to do, then we've got a deal. I'm not interested in promoting your agenda until you're interested in promoting mine. This tells me if we are interested in "next level" things, we need to be careful who we align with. Most people want those around them to heal their hurts rather than to move their purpose. Abraham said to the guys, stay here with the asses—me and the lad are going up the mountain to a dimension that you have no access to. Sometimes next dimensions require separation in order to understand where God wants us to go. If what you're doing now in your life seems great and important and needful, consider the words to Peter and those with him in a really good prosperous business: Drop your nets, and "FOLLOW ME" to dimensions you could never realize without my call. Peter never thought for a minute he would walk on water. Only boats float on water! Even when Christ asked him, "Who do men say that I am? Some say thus and so." He answered Christ's query of "Who do you say that I am?". He answered, "The Christ, the Son of God." That revelation, that new and next level of understanding is setting him up for "a next dimension." Listen, his confession of Christ, that flesh and blood had no part in the revelation, came from Heaven only. Even THAT revelation could not insulate him from failing and denying Christ. WOW! When he was restored even from going back to the familiarity of fishing, it was John who said from the boat, "Look it's Jesus on the seashore." I believe Peter turned to those guys with him and said, "Brothers I don't have the same faith level now I had when I walked on water. But there is my Savior, I'm leaving this boat! You can stay if you want, but I'm going to get to Him anyway I can." We all know how that ended. Peter was too attached to who he used to be and if you stay too attached to what you used to be, you will always resort back to the familiarity of the old or lesser dimension. (See how he stumbled even after receiving a wonderful revelation.) Quit doing stuff when your heart is not in it!

How does this illustrate to us anything about the next dimension? Well I'm glad you asked. Absolutely none of the disciples preached, healed, or cast out any devils after Jesus was crucified, until they obeyed and tarried in Jerusalem, until they were endued with power on high. They had only tasted of that dimension briefly but then entered into it fully, *the dimension of the Holy Spirit*! There will always be fruit from one level to the next—3,000 new converts in just one day. This has been just an introduction on what is a next dimension." Blessings.

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Recently I was on a mind-rant about something. I had made a conclusion as to why this particular thing had happened and how it was going to turn out when I heard the Lord say, "Are you sure about that?". You know, when He asks you questions like that, it tends to stop you mid-rage. My halting reply was, "Well, I *think* so". Once I hushed He showed me something I had never considered: There is

another side to this situation, another side to this coin, if you will, a FLIP SIDE. And I have a CHOICE as to how I decide to see the situation and draw my conclusions. God then began to lay it out like this: are you drawing your conclusions based on: stats - experience - media - society - mis-belief - lies - merit, or are you drawing them based on: My Word - My principles - My provision - truth - wisdom - inheritance?

Breaking down the FLIP SIDE

Let's break this down in scripture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10) This half of the verse The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy is based on: stats - experience - media - society - mis-belief - lies and merit. Are our decisions/conclusions based solely from this portion of the scripture? Let's look at the FLIP SIDE of this scripture: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Now, this half of the verse is based on Life - on His Word - His principles - His provision - Truth - Wisdom - Inheritance. It is a CHOICE as to which side we base our conclusions on. Here's more, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mark 1:15). Mark 1:15 Misinterpreted: The Kingdom of God is a place of peace where God resides and I will go there one day when I die or He comes to get us, IF I don't mess up. FLIP SIDE: Mark 1:15 in 2015 verbiage: The Kingdom of God is RIGHT HERE - RIGHT NOW so change your mind and believe the good news! Are we making misguided decisions/conclusions based an impending doom that leads to escape, OR are we making them based on the fact that the Kingdom of God is alive and actively working in this earth whether we partake in it or not?

How do we get to the FLIP SIDE?

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (John 10:9). The word "save" here in the Greek means: save, that is, deliver or protect; heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole. The word "pasture" here in the Greek means: (the act) feeding. So, He is the DOOR to the FLIP SIDE way of thinking, the FLIP SIDE way of life! If we go through that door we will be healed, preserved, delivered, protected, fed, etc. Is He your Savior? Well, there you go! This door (way of life) is wide open to you.

How do we live on the FLIP SIDE?

#1 A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. "I AM THE DOOR".

#2 KNOW YOU ARE BEING PROCESSED. We can either realize

that an ABUNDANT LIFE requires process to be able to wield the piece of heaven He intends for us at this moment, OR We can allow the enemy to kill, steal from, and destroy us simply because processing isn't a day at the spa!

#3 AGREEMENT. We end up manifesting what we AGREE with in (a.) WORDS (b.) THOUGHTS (c.) ACTIONS.

(a.) AGREEMENT through words. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (Proverbs 18:21). Our words are CREATIVE & POWERFUL. Which side are your words coming from, kill, steal and destroy OR abundant life? (b.) AGREEMENT through thoughts. For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7). We think 1,500 words a minute. We are only conscious of 20%. There are approximately 72,000 words an hour going through our head subconsciously.(Lance Wallnau) Our thoughts must be captured and based on the FLIP SIDE so that they line up with TRUTH! (c.) AGREEMENT thru actions. On a daily basis you have to create FLIP SIDE MUSCLE MEMORY to replace the existing habits in word and thought. Muscle memory is simply something you purposefully do so many times that you start doing it subconsciously. This happens through REPETITION.

It's time to go through THE DOOR to the FLIP SIDE. It's time to TAKE ACTION: *Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.* (1 Timothy 4:15-16)

Life on the FLIP SIDE is a beautiful, fulfilling relationship with Jesus, and agreement with everything He established when He walked out of the grave. This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him! (Romans 8:15-17 The Message)

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Do you have a word or promise of God that has not come to pass in your life? Then (1) CONTEND—Deut.2:24 "begin to possess... and contend"; "contend": to excite oneself against a foe, (2) WAGE WARFARE— 1Tim.1:18 "wage the good warfare": expedition, campaign, (3) HEED—2Pe.1:19 "...the prophetic word which you do well to heed": to attach oneself to; to be given to or addicted to; to devote thought and effort to. Seems that while we are expecting God to do it all, there is a considerable amount we can be doing.



In a New Testament remnant example, Jesus had seventy disciples that were a remnant out of the whole Body of Christ, and the twelve were a remnant of that. The remnant pulled out of that remnant were the three, Peter, James and John. These three did things the others did not, like going with Jesus up on the Mount of Transfiguration. There was even a remnant of that remnant, and that was John. He was the only disciple present at the crucifixion. The others were in hiding. John had a deeper level in his heart that the others had not yet developed. I think it was developed later on. They had a passion and a trust in His character that would develop later. I'm thankful God does not base His judgment on just where we are right now but sees what I am becoming. He actually called His disciples "apostles" before they were. God calls us what we are becoming, not just what we are. God is calling out a remnant. These are not, nor will they become better than anybody else. That is not the point. This pulledout remnant will move in undeniable passion for God and have a true trust for His character. The greater test is often not a test of faith but a test of trust which is our ability to not have to understand.

God has always used the little to do the lot, the insignificant to accomplish the significant. We can look at the Azusa Street revival that came out of the revival in a little town called Topeka, Kansas. Before Topeka, revival came in a little school house in the woods of Murphy, North Carolina. Murphy was the capital of the Cherokee nation at that time. There was a remnant of about thirty Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians that gathered for the breath of God to

blow on them. That revival started with this Cherokee remnant out of a remnant people and spread throughout the world.

One aspect of the remnant being pulled out of a remnant is that God looks past the larger group to find the small to work through. God has a favorite tribe and they are called, Hungry Ones, Lk 1:53 *He has filled the hungry with good things, and He has sent away the rich empty.* The rich here are not necessarily money people but those that are not desperate for God and think they have need of nothing. Another aspect of the remnant being pulled out is being pulled into a more intimate place, being pulled into a passion for more expensive, more extravagant worship. Mary had worshiped Jesus every time He came, but the last time, she added value and extravagance to her worship when she broke the alabaster jar. That spikenard was imported from India. It was uncommon and rare. It was expensive worship and I believe the fragrance that filled the house was a supernatural fragrance from the passion of her heart manifesting.

We can expect the remnant to operate with a higher level of influence. I know a man who said he would choose to be a Supreme Court Justice rather than the President because the Supreme Court Justice is a position of more powerful influence. A senator that I know carried my card in his suit pocket daily. He said it was the power of influence that I represented in his life. He would seek my counsel before making any major decisions. One day he had left the card at home accidentally, but he called and had his wife bring it to him at lunch. That speaks that the power of influence is greater than the power of position because I had no position in that man's life. The remnant of the church is being readied by God to impact the culture through the power of influence. God uses the few to do the fantastic.

The remnant out of the remnant recovers all that has been lost or stolen in a past season, 1Sam 30:18-19, And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away. And David rescued his two wives. And nothing was lacking to them, from the small to the great, even to sons and daughters, and from the spoil, even to all that they had taken to themselves. David recovered all. The remnant out of a remnant must move from a mentality of a failure to a victor, from a victim to one who has recovered all. And if I know God, He requires the enemy to pay back with interest. Financially, the remnant out of a remnant is going to recover all when God opens a window we didn't even know was there.

The remnant pulled out of the remnant will see the wheat will outgrow the tares. In Matt 13, in the growing season, tares began to grow along with the wheat. The master of the wheat field told the servants not

to try to remove the tares lest they ruin the good wheat also. A tare is a weed, a parasitical plant, and in the first stages of growth, it looks like wheat. However, in the latter season it will look different and you will see the difference between the true and the false. Only the wheat begins to bear the head of grain. The tare has no fruit because it is a parasite which only takes, but the wheat produces fruit to give. The tare, without fruit, grows straight and tall. The wheat begins to bow with the weight of its fruit. The contrast becomes conspicuously evident and then you can remove the tares from the wheat. We will have a sharper contrast between the false and the real, between the superficial and the genuine. Everything done in the name of the Lord is not necessarily the Lord. So, like one guy said, "We have to stop swinging at everything that comes across the plate." Before we write checks, we must make sure we are looking at wheat, not tares.

When we were on the Cherokee Reservation in Oklahoma, something made us dysfunctional for two and a half hours. It was more than the presence of God. It was the glory of God like that which shut the ministry of the priests down. It was what I call the first kiss of God's grace and glory. It is awesome. When Moses asked to see God's glory, the Lord knew he could not survive it. God protected Moses and only let him see "the hinder parts of God." The Hebrew defines the hinder parts as the trailing edge of God. So Moses did not see God Himself but rather the residual trailing of the glory of God. I believe the remnant pulled out of the remnant will receive this first kiss of God's grace and glory. In that grace and glory we experienced in the Cherokee church, nothing moved or made a sound except a one year old baby that had never spoken in English but spoke in tongues in that first kiss of His grace and glory.

In Campeche Mexico, there were about 2000 people gathered. You could feel the transition from the presence to the glory while we were in worship. At the back of this huge auditorium was a cloud at the ceiling and it was slowly moving forward toward the front of the building. We could see it and smell it like the fragrance of a rain that had just fallen and could feel it like the moisture of fog on the skin. That cloud hovered over us for two hours. Everyone saw it and everyone kept worshiping Jesus. Even a manifestation of God did not distract them from God Himself. (In America, we might have started a new denomination over that.) The remnant pulled out of the remnant are so passionate, so hungry for God that even a manifestation will not get in the way.

The remnant pulled out of the remnant will understand that the Kingdom of God is about the dominion of His majesty. It is about every-

thing emerging from the throne which is the seat of His government and His supremacy. It is about the order in God's Kingdom being released in the earth. They will understand His government and know that His government will prevail and the kingdoms of this earth will become the kingdoms of our God. Iran, Syria, North Korea and even the USA will become the Kingdom of our God. All will eventually surrender unconditionally to the authoritative rule and reign of His majesty. Because the remnant pulled out of the remnant understands this, it will have some of the first kisses of His glory.

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"On earth as it is in heaven." When Jesus made that request we kind of think sometimes that was a little cute saying He said to make you pray nicely to the Father. Jesus knew what that was. And now it's time for us to know exactly what that is. "On earth as it is in heaven." (Matt.6:10) That little thing just kept burning: "on earth as it is in heaven". I said, "Lord, this is not something new. This is what you said in Genesis." I love Genesis because Genesis is Genesis. Genesis is where it all gets down, it's where it all started. It's where it all kicks off.

So if I want to find out something, I always go back to Genesis because it probably happened there first. So I started looking at this

whole thing about "on earth as in heaven." But I couldn't write any notes. I'm a pen and paper dude. So He's waking me up at 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock in the morning. So I had to go to the phone. I had to be electronic. So I said, "Okay, Lord, how do You want me to do this? What do I need to do with this "on earth as it is in heaven" statement?" And He said, "That is a colonization statement." He said, "Think about in Genesis One when heaven was already established and I created earth. When I created earth, My idea from the beginning was to colonize it with Me." I was stuck again because of this "colonize it" concept. So I started looking through the scripture.

Check these words carefully in Philippians 3:20 in the Amplified Bible. ²⁰ But we are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven. It says that "we are citizens"-- that's governmental talk. We are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is where? It is in heaven. "On earth as it is in heaven" is colonized through the citizens of heaven that are on earth -- that's colonization. I started looking at that thing again, I'm like, okay, He's telling us to pray this, and what I pray, I expect to come to pass. So if I'm praying it, I should be expecting it. If I'm praying it, if God prompts me, and especially if He told me to pray this way, I have the right to put a demand on what He told me to say. So I began to see in Genesis God's intent: "Colonize this earth with Myself".

I'm looking at this thing and I keep thinking: I want to know Your original intent. Forget what we've seen morph into stuff. What was it that *You* intended to happen, God? That piano keyboard was intended to be a keyboard. If you try to use it as a hammer, you will destroy it. The way the enemy gets us to malfunction is for us to act in a way we're not supposed to be used. We're supposed to be citizens. Citizen means I'm legally a part of this homeland. I'm a citizen of heaven but I'm not *in* heaven so that means I am being used to colonize.

Colonization is "the setting up of a colony away from one's place of origin". We're not at the homeland right now. The homeland is heaven and we are on earth, so we're colonizing earth with the homeland. That 's been the plan. We've been trying to colonize the earth with rules and traditions. That's why it hasn't worked, because when the tradition changed, everything changed. When they switch the rules, it changes again. We must understand that we are citizens of a place where the rules never change.

What's happening? How do you begin to change a state? You begin to change definitions. America is being changed by changing the definitions of words. You look up marriage now in a dictionary, it's not the same

definition as 10 years ago. So that becomes the reality for the people who come under that definition. How many know what bread is? How many of you want some bread? I want bread. Now see, the kids like sandwich bread. But in a time frame, bread was money. So definitions change. So if I want to change a society, I change definitions.

What I love about when Jesus showed up is that Jesus didn't go get baptized by the Pharisees, because baptism is more than your getting washed off. Baptism is an outward expression of "I agree with what you're teaching." When you look at the whole thing about baptism, it's "I agree. I'm going to submerge myself." Jesus didn't have to be in repentance of sins. When Jesus was being baptized by John, John was baptizing for repentance and into the Kingdom of God. Jesus had no sins. So why should He go be baptized? He was making an outward statement that He was coming into agreement with what John was teaching. Then shortly after He came into agreement with what John was teaching, He began to teach the same thing.

When Constantine showed up things really got off because he began to mix paganism and all this stuff. Then people and definitions end up with this misconception of "a church is a building." So that's why some people think God's presence is only in a church service that is inside a church building. We worship with Him in here and we pray, but then we go back out and fight on our own because for some reason with that paganism mindset we believe that He can only dwell in a church building. That was in the Old Testament when He dwelt in one place inside that tabernacle. Now He says, "You are the temple. Take responsibility."

I can own a car but once I give you the keys, you've got possession of it. I can still own it. The earth is the Lord's but in Genesis He gave some keys. He gave some keys and then we wrecked the car. But it's still his car. So he pulled out His insurance card, Jesus, and repaired the damages. Now this is what we want: "Lord I messed up, You keep it". You know what Jesus did again? He gave the keys back to you again. You're not getting out of this. When God spoke in Genesis that law was set in place: I have given THEM dominion. (Gen.1:26) So the keys are back in our hands and we're trying to give them back. We don't' want the keys because with keys come responsibility.

Psalm 115:16--The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth has He given to the children of men. We love to feel comfortable by saying "God is in control". You know what that makes you do? It makes you go sit back and relax because God's in control. God knows everything. The weatherman knows, but he doesn't control where the storm's going to go.

He knows. He can warn you, he can tell you it's coming, but he doesn't control where it goes. He doesn't control how you take the information. You might get the information and just not move and get torn up. But he told you. So if God is in control, He can be blamed for what's going on. But remember, He gave us keys.

Where we mess up is that we don't consult with the homeland until disaster has already hit. And when you're coming from a place of disaster inside your mind, if the answer doesn't come quickly, you're going to malfunction. This is what we tend to do: "You've got three days, Lord, 72 hours--that's enough time for You." But God could say, "I might not want to do it in 72 hours. I might want to do it in 96 hours. So what are you going to do in that 24 hours after you thought I was supposed to do something and I didn't? Are you going to trust me or are you going to go grab other keys and try to drive on your own?" That's what Adam and Eve did. They went and grabbed other keys. Satan handed them a different set of keys and they swapped keys.

There are some powerful implications concerning God putting man on earth. Man is the one who unlocked death on the earth. Death couldn't do anything until man unlocked it. Look at scripture. Death had no rule over man until man gave it to him. So man literally awakened death. That's how powerful those keys were. That's why God said, "What you bind in the colony is already bound in the homeland and what you loose in the colony is already loosed in the homeland." (Matt.16:19)

One of the most powerful kingdoms in the earth was Rome. You can read in the Old Testament that a lot of times when a nation would conquer a place, they would get all the spoils and take them back to their homeland. Rome did something a little different. In Philippi they understood citizenship in another place. That's why that statement was made in Phil. 3:20—our citizenship is in heaven. When Rome went into Philippi, they didn't get as much of their spoils as they could and take it back to Rome. They sent people from Rome to Philippi to colonize it. That means that Rome didn't only get the spoils, they got the land too. The goal of Rome was to make Philippi look exactly like Rome.

So what's happening? If Satan's coming on your territory, he's trespassing because you're already owned. Your land is already possessed. Praise God that your name is written in the home country (Phi.3:20). That's why you're able to function in the colony. Just thank God that your name is written in the home country because that's where your power is coming from. It is not you. The power is coming from the home land. So since it's written in the homeland, everything down here operates accord-

ing to how it's handled up there. Demons are not running because of you. And they know they are operating illegally in our colony. They're running because the homeland is in you. Praise God that your name is written in the home country (Phi.3:20).

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Romans 8:19-21, "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (NKJV).

Sonship is a subject that is starting to gain traction in Christianity today. It is an often overlooked, yet highly important component to our salvation experience. The Bible says in John 1:12 that "to all who received him, to those who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God" (NIV). The word "children" in this verse is the Greek word teknon, which means child, or son. It speaks of the inseparable bond that is formed between a parent and child. When we receive salvation, we become a teknon. We are welcomed into the Father's family as a son, and we receive entitlement to all the rights and privileges thereof. The misnomer, though, is that sonship begins and ends at our salvation experience. Oh, the contrary! For those of us who have been walking in the kingdom of God for any length of time, we know that sonship is a process, not just a one-time event. We all begin as teknons, but Scripture makes it very clear that there is an-

other level of growth for us to experience.

Romans 8:19 declares that creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. "Son" here is the Greek word *huios*, which speaks of a fully developed son, or one who has come into full maturity. When Jesus referred to himself as the Son of God, he used the term *huios*. By definition, a *huios* is one who has learned to walk in a high level of authority over lower earthly matters. By using this word over the term *teknon*, Jesus was stating that he had achieved full maturity in the kingdom. Mature sons are ones who have grown to the point where God can effectively use them to free creation. They can discern the Father's will, and know how to conduct business upon His behalf. What Jesus taught us was that when a *huios* is present, the courts of heaven are in session. Matters can be decided. Disorder can come into order. Circumstances can change. Demons must flee, and all things must yield to the Father's will. Jesus revealed that a *huios* can change the order of earthly events by simply exercising their sonship rights. He demonstrated that walking in a high level of obedience is what frees creation.

Sonship is a fundamental concept that we must understand if we are to do the works that Jesus did. It begins with understanding our identity and why we were placed on this earth. It answers such questions as: Who am I? Who is my Father? Where do I belong? It then progresses to a discovery of our redemptive gifts:



are they? What How do we use them? What are we called to do with them? This may lead to a season of training where we prepare for our mission field, and posture ourselves for our life assignment. Oftentimes, though, after we

Anytime God wants to do something, He always looks for a generation who will cooperate with His purposes. He looks for the hungry and He looks for the willing. He looks for those who desire to know their God and do great and mighty exploits (Daniel 11:32). KLIBC is our response to this call. We are looking for those with hungry hearts who are unsatisfied with the status quo of Christianity. We are looking for those who don't want religion. They just want God. They want to know Him. They want to be with Him. They want to walk with Him. If this describes you then maybe you are called to KLIBC.

To stay abreast of current information or if you are interested in attending the school, please contact Brandon Burden at 214-649-0623 or brandonburden@kingdomlife.org.

launch into our field we become very comfortable and even stagnant after many years. As we move into spiritual adulthood, we may start to recognize that there are some pieces to our puzzle that are still missing. The realization that some of our training hasn't prepared us for the magnitude of problems we are up against starts to set in, and we become dissatisfied with our spiritual growth. This generally leads us toward the search for more revelation. This is the point, I believe, where Christians come face to face with the reality of the kingdom. They discover that there is something beyond their current level of understanding, and they begin a quest for more. It is this point where their present reality ends, and the kingdom begins.

Moving into a deeper understanding of the kingdom is a process that is initiated, overseen, and catalyzed by the Holy Spirit. At KingdomLife, we like to call this the Slavery to Sonship process. It is a concept that moves believers from a place of basic kingdom understanding to a place of taking dominion. This process teaches people the progression of the gospel of salvation to the gospel of the kingdom. From this central foundation, we teach believers that there is a difference between kings and priests, and the believer's ministry versus kingdom ministry, and that they are to operate in both. With a solid grasp of this theology comes the next level of revelation, which includes understanding the mountains of culture and the dominion mandate found in Genesis 1:28. We then tie everything off with a healthy dose of victorious eschatology so they know that we win in the end, and finally we challenge them to deal with their orphan heart and soul issues so they can successfully take their seat in culture without caving into the dysfunctions on the mountain. We utilize many tools throughout this process to help believers achieve true sonship, and we believe that when the process is complete, a mature son or daughter will know how to take dominion.

Toward this end, we are launching an official school in September called KingdomLife International Bible College. Our mission is to use the Slavery to Sonship model to train people how to progress into true sonship. The first course will teach the ten steps to mature sonship, and will kick off on September 3, 2015. Classes will be held Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Kingdom-Life Center in Frisco, and will also be made available online for long-distance students. We are looking for students for our fall class, and we have created a CD and a school brochure that gives more information. Prospective students can obtain a copy of the CD and brochure by emailing brandonburden@kingdomlife.org. We believe that sonship is high up on God's priority list in this hour, and we want to help as many people as possible truly learn how to walk in it. The day of earth's liberation is quickly approaching, and the sons of God are arising!

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My grandmother made dish soap out of the little piece of bath soap that was too small to hold on to when bathing. She put that little piece in a jar of water and sat it on the sink and gave it time to melt, then washed her dishes with it. She also saved every piece of string she came across and made a fascinating, multicolored ball out of it. Every piece of aluminum foil and every scrap of cloth were also carefully placed away for safekeeping. My grandmother had developed a certain poverty mentality because she had experienced the Great Depression of 1929. She had to deal with shortages and doing without numerous items and conveniences that people are accustomed to having that make everyday living bearable. A time period of her life brought certain circumstances that left her thinking and making decisions from an acquired mindset. Forty years later she was still making decisions as though the same set of circumstances existed.

Looking in the Bible and looking at the decisions and actions of its victorious characters, it is obvious that the possibility exists for us to have a Kingdom mentality and act victoriously out of that mentality regardless of the pressure of overwhelming circumstances and insurmountable opposition. When we pray "Thy Kingdom come" we are praying: Thy will come, Thy authority come, Thy power come, Thy rule come, Thy order come, Thy sovereign activity come, Thy heavenly culture come (cf."Kingdom of heaven; as it is in heaven"; also Acts17:6). If we truly

pray "Thy Kingdom come" we will not be of the mentality that dismisses the extraordinary of God Who is able to "do the undoable, change the unchangeable and provide the impossible". If we are of a Kingdom mentality when it comes time to break loaves and fishes, we will not be thinking, "Oh, swell, now I will simply have two pieces of fish and two pieces of bread." Rather we will be set up for the extraordinary of God since we know that, in our lifetime, we have only *seen a fraction* of the manylayered, many-sided wisdom (Eph.3:10) of God that can feed 5,000 with a sack lunch (Jn.6:9).

The church is not the Kingdom of God but a model and stewarding entity within the Kingdom. The purpose of the church in the Kingdom of God: "[The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known..." (Eph.3:10, Amp). That wisdom is made known through redemptive acts of power (Lk.10:9;11:20;1Cor.2:4;4:20; 1Thess.1:5). That redemptive wisdom is the foundation and body of our thinking and mindsets when we have gotten it out of the Word of God and into our hearts and minds and decisions and actions. Theology formed from the poverty of human experience leaves minds severely limited and disoriented with no true compass. We must adjust our focus from matters and things that people say are impossible to focusing on Him Whose Kingdom, Whose rule and authority, comes in the moment and brings with it the power and resources of heaven. "Poverty" basically means "insufficiency" and the human experience is far too insufficient to form anything to stand on, let alone anything that will bring hope or any viable form of solution.

We are not praying for just *any* kingdom to come nor for *a* kingdom to come but for "THY" Kingdom to come (Matt.6:10). To have a Kingdom mentality, it is a necessity to know the "THY" of that unshakeable Kingdom (Heb.12:28). I heard a preacher say that he was taken up to heaven and an angel gave him a tour. After awhile they walked up to a room from which was shining a great brightness. He looked in and saw a great, bright Being on a throne. Above the Being were angels circling the throne. With each revolution around the throne they would begin shouting and praising all over again. The man asked the angel why they did that. The angel said that those angels had been circling the throne like that forever and that each time they made a new revolution around the throne they would see some aspect of God that they had not ever seen before and it would start them praising all over again. He is the God of the wisdom that has "innumerable aspects and infinite variety". We have not seen everything.

We must let go of theology that has been formed from human experience and man's reasoning and look to the Word of God that shows us the limitless God Whose Kingdom comes and comes and comes (Isa.9:7). That Kingdom comes right through time, right on through opposition, right through the shouts of dissenting mobs and even through walls (Lk.24:36). The Bible and worship bring us a picture of God and His Kingdom that is a great deal larger than the picture that the poverty-of-the-human-experience paints. In Acts 12:7-10, an angel walked

Peter out of chains and prison like they were going for a stroll in the park. In Jn.2, Jesus turned plain water into the best wine that the host had tasted. The chemical composition of the water was so changed that it became wine. In His human body, that had typical density, Jesus defied gravity and the density of water and walked atop it with ease. Human reasoning tried sorely to deny the disciples of the extraordinary of God when it reasoned that what the disciples saw was only a ghost (Matt.14:26). Our King and His authority and His purposes will not be so easily dismissed. Peter joined Jesus and also walked on water (Matt.14:29). Therefore, the sons of the Kingdom are candidates to participate in what their King has set up.

There are experiences and Kingdom participation that offer themselves in day-to-day living. When my grandfather was a nine year old boy, a large farm wagon full of rocks ran over his leg between his knee and hip. The big wheel crushed the leg bone the width of the wheel. There was no doctor available. That old Methodist family laid him on his bed, washed him and all nine brothers and sisters and both parents stood around his bed and prayed for him. The next morning when his sisters woke up they could not believe their ears for they heard him in the yard yelling and chasing his brother. There is nothing in the Bible that says God can't or won't do anything like that today. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb.13:8). Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations. (Ps.145:13) Our God and King, you have ruled since ancient times; you have won victories everywhere on this earth. (Ps.74:12, CEV) Only a denying or a divorcing of a Kingdom mentality can remove us from the display of the wisdom of God Almighty. Atoms, molecules and cells respond to the voice of God in an instant and cooperate with His purposes in the moment and in time to come (2K.13:21). The tangible and the intangible both respond to the authority of God (Matt.8:16; 10:8; 12:28; Mk.3:15; 4:39; 5:15; Jn.9:32).

"...the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (Dan.11:32) To know the "THY" of the Kingdom, to know His Word, to worship Him for Who He is, is to be available to "do things that have an effect" (Heb.: "do exploits") according to v.32. It is possible to do exploits through the enablements of the Spirit, with money, with political power, with influence (Esther), talent and skills. If we will take what is at hand into our hand (and not limit it with the poverty of human experience), God will enable its effect beyond our abilities. Samson took the jawbone of an ass into his hand and slew 1,000 of the Philistines. Mere reason would reckon that an animal jawbone nor Samson could hold up long enough to slay a fraction of that number. But. . . the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits" Don't become so welladjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. (Rom.12:2, Msg) For there is nothing to prevent the Lord from saving by many or by few. (1Sam.14:6, Amp) Whatever He says to you, do it. (Jn.2:5)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Our calendar has been filling up After the magazine goes out. Please check Marty's FaceBook Page and martygabler.com for dates. We also serve on presbyteries, councils and prayer groups during the week that we don't post. Thank you for your prayers as we travel. - Marty & Kathy

April 5 * Resurrection Sunday Springtime is that delightful time of the year when seedlings break through the ground and flowers blossom and we celebrate Resurrection Sunday when our Lord was risen from the dead. "Jesus said to her, I am [Myself] the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on) Me, although he may die, yet he shall live;" (Jn. 11:25, Amp) April 9 * Granbury, TX **Federation of Ministers and Churches Regional Reformation Institute** With Apostle Jim Hodges Marty on prophetic team Melissa leading worship Registration Info: www.fmci.org April 10 * Granbury, TX **Federation of Ministers and Churches Regional Reformation Institute** April 26 * Bellville, TX **Christian Faith Church** Marty & Kathy-10am & 6pm Pastors Lynn & Linda Burling 979-865-5464

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If such an outcome were not possible, we would not be instructed by our Lord to pray this way:

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.

(2) for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. (1Timothy 2:1-2, NKJV)