

It Is To Your Advantage That I Go Away

Introduction

Review decision to retire/what it means.

Last weeks challenge- read a couple examples.

Build on last weeks word- free CD/online.

Song last week ...

I am no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God

What releases me from fear and enables me to walk in faith, is the reality that I am a child of God.

What sets me apart from the world/my culture is that I am a child of God.

What enables me to be hopeful when so much around me is increasingly “anti-Christ”, is that I am a child of God.

I see life from a larger perspective- heavenly.

Eph 2:6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

I have allowed God to renew my mind and He has given me both eyes to see/ears to hear.

Review

We live in a culture that has given up on ...

-God

-supernatural

-absolute truth as a fixed moral reference point outside of ourselves.

When a culture turns from God/absolutes it embraces absurdities- decisions/policies ...

>that are irrational,

>that are beyond reason itself,

>ungodly at their very core.

Christians- believe in- Creator, our thinking and actions- bound by realities beyond ourselves. In a culture that believes in evolution by chance- there is no moral reference- nothing is absurd. We need an absolute reference point for life and that reference point is God/His Word.

We must know not only the written Word of God but be able to hear the voice of God for today.

The God of the Word still speaks to us today, and His Holy Spirit provides ongoing direction for our lives.

We need the current, ongoing, what is God saying to us today word as well/written word It is the current, ongoing, what is God saying to us today Word- shows how to apply truth.

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John 14:16-17

16“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Jn 16:13 “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

This speaks of proceeding, ongoing, supernatural revelation from above. (Mat 4.4)

Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Jesus- I must go so I can send you the HS-
reveal truth- revelation/power of God.

Christ opened the way for God to pour his Spirit upon all flesh- ushering in the words of Joel ...

Acts 2:17–18

¹⁷‘And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, ‘That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy.

We are called- be a prophetic voice in our culture.
John (baptist) summed up- Gospel in two parts ...

1. the Gospel of pardon for the sinner

Jn 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

2. the Gospel of power for the believer

Mat 3:11 “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

We are familiar w/gospel of pardon but often neglect the gospel of power.

Jn 14:12 “Truly, truly, 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 the Father.

The supernatural power of God and heavenly divine revelation are to be a part of our lives. Joseph/Daniel- both captives, but the Spirit of God gave them greater wisdom than all the wisemen of their day.

They walked in incredible divine revelation and the power of God’s Spirit that was upon them.

1 Cor 2:12-13

¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, (revelation)

¹³which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

Supernatural revelation- available- every believer.

Heb 7:16 who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

We are called to walk in the supernatural, indestructible, resurrection life of Jesus Christ. The HS opens up for us new realms of living in faith and unimaginable possibilities.

We serve a God that knows no impossibilities.

Pr 29:18 (The Message) If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

As believers, we have been given eyes to see.

As a culture that has turned away from God, we cannot see what God is doing. Consequently we are stumbling all over ourselves and embracing moral and ethical absurdities.

We view our present circumstances through the eyes of God to know how to live in our culture.

Jesus speaking to Nicodemus ...

Jn 3:12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

It has been given to us to know heavenly things- what God is saying/doing in the earth today.

As we receive revelation from God we can come into agreement with heaven in our prayers, words, and actions. This agreement with heaven will release the power of God to move in the earth today.

As we live/speak under- supernatural revelation and power- God- it brings heaven to earth.

Mat 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

We must see what has been bound in heaven, so we can bind/forbid it here on earth.

We must see what freely functions in heaven so we can release that here on earth through faith

Mk 16:17-18

17“These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

18they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Mat 10:7-8

7“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

8“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

You/I are a door for the free flow of the realities of heaven to be released/realized here on earth.

Jacobs vision ...

Gen 28.12-17

Jacob- saw angels- and God blessed Jacob.

v17- we, the church, are the house of God and we should be a gateway to heavenly realities.

God is always releasing truth to His people that is backed by/in alignment w/written Word of God.

How do we walk in this reality/relationship?

Mat 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

We must cultivate in our hearts a hunger for God.

Look at Jacob again ...

Gen 32.24-29

Jacob wrestled with the angel of the Lord all night long and would not let go without a blessing.

We want blessings from God but are we ready to persevere, to endure a long time under adverse circumstances- to see God's purposes release in our lives/earth today.

Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

God is looking for men/women who will run after Him to pour out His revelation/power upon.

The mysteries of God are only unlocked and revealed to those who hunger for them.

Jesus said He concealed truth in parables so it remained a mystery to some, open to others.

Pr 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

We must search out the mysteries of heaven and the truths God has for our generation.

Living in the Moment with God

Jesus always lived in the moment w/Father ...

>listening for that moments word,

>leaning on that moments grace.

Jesus life was an ongoing conversation w/Father.

Heavenly revelation and the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to carry out our earthly assignments with greater precision, wisdom, and effectiveness.

Conclusion

Psa 24:6 This is the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face— even Jacob. Selah.

I want to be part of a generation that seeks God and walks in- supernatural revelation/power. The same way that Jesus became flesh, the Holy Spirit brings the Words of God alive in us.

Jn 6:63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

When we receive revelation- in that revelation there is room for our faith to expand/grow. It is here that we embrace greater truth and walk in a deeper reality of God’s indestructible life. It is in this that we become fountains of living water and a blessing to those around us.

Challenge