

I believe the Body of Christ is on the edge of the greatest revival ever

If we are going to be a part of this revival we must have a desire for "more" and an understanding of the culture that will usher it in and maintain it

Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

- Was this a “wish upon a star” intended for billions to pray, but only a few will experience in some distant eternity?
- No! Jesus expected us to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and bring heaven to earth!

Mark 16:16–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

- Jesus never meant for miracles to be an end in themselves
- He meant for them to be an invitation into a The Kingdom of Heaven

In many of our churches we find people that can identify with one or both of the brothers in the story of the Prodigal found in **Luke 15**

The younger son wastes his inheritance and returns home begging to be made like a servant

His father throws a party and clothes his son with

- His robe of identity
- His ring of authority
- Sandals of purity

Others of us are more like the older brother

- We've forgotten how to celebrate
- We've lost sight of our inheritance
- We've replaced son-ship with sacrifice and servanthood

Sacrifice and servanthood are important Kingdom attributes, meant to embrace, not replace family values

We must identify and put an end to old religious paradigms that are hindering the Kingdom from coming

1 Corinthians 4:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Jesus taught us to pray, “Our Father Who is in heaven...” not “Our God Who is in heaven”

- The Kingdom is a family affair
- God is our Father
- His Son is our Savior
- We are the “Bride” of Christ
- To mirror heaven the Church must be built on family values and relational connections

Kingdom Minded Churches create covenantal family relationships because people are attached through fathers, mothers and family not doctrine

- This promotes freedom for people to think creatively, dream and envision with God to experience new depths of the Holy Spirit
- This environment attracts revelation, deeper insights into God’s word, and supernatural encounters with the Kingdom of God

Revelation has always come through relationship, not intense study

John 5:39–40 (NKJV)

³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

The Goal of the Bible has always been to bring us into an encounter and relationship with God

John 17:3 (NKJV)

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

“Someone might argue that if you base your relationship with God on an experience, you could be deceived. That is so true. But on the other hand, if you study the Bible and it does not lead you into an encounter with the Almighty, then you are already deceived.” – Kris Vallotton

The moment we abandon a relationship with God, and make it our mission to understand the Bible, we are on the road to deception

2 Timothy 3:5 (NKJV)

⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

What’s the purpose to memorize the whole Bible yet never come into a relationship with the One who wrote the manual?

John 15:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

- Relating to God as a slave keeps us in the dark ages when it comes to understanding the Father's business
- Friendship with God unlocks His secrets and treasures

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ “The secret *things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we may do all the words of this law.*

- When God reveals His secrets to us it becomes something that is passed down from generation to generation
- Like a family business or piece of property

Romans 8:14–17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

We are heirs with Christ to the throne of God

– Revelation 3:21

- We are no longer slaves
- We are adopted as sons
- God is our “Daddy”

Our position is not determined by our personal achievements, seminary or degrees

- It is based on our relationship with God and His calling
- We don't get promoted because we outperform the leader

Our authority is not based on what we know, but rather whom we know

Galatians 1:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

- This doesn't mean that there is no value in personal growth or education
- It only means a person is not put into leadership because of their pedigree or qualifications
- When God calls a person to lead He releases His favor on them

Joshua received wisdom from fatherly impartation when Moses laid hands on him

Deuteronomy 34:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 27:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And the LORD said to Moses: “Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom *is* the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; ¹⁹ set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. ²⁰ And you shall give *some* of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

- Even though Joshua had served Moses for years God doesn't mention that in His qualifications
- God reminded Moses that His Spirit was upon Joshua
- God then instructed Moses to lay hands on him and give him some of his authority

When God commissions leaders He releases mantles over them

- These mantles give them supernatural ability to complete their mission
- We all have natural and spiritual gifts released in our lives to minister to others
- A mantle is about a God given position or mission
- God enhances a persons ability to carry out their mission

Mission and mantles are transferred through relationship not education or study

- We need to recognize how to align ourselves under true spiritual authority
- We can build bigger armies and develop better strategies but if we don't do this, we lose
- If we support (honor) our leaders, we will inherit their victories

The honor between leaders and those who follow them creates a relationship in which the leaders' ceiling becomes the followers' floor

- Mantles enhance a persons ability to carry out his or her mission

Before Joshua ever received his own mantle, he had a chance to experience the effects of the mantle that rested on the shoulders of Moses

Exodus 17:8–13 (NKJV)

⁸ Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹ And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." ¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹ And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

¹² But Moses' hands *became* heavy; so they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³ So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

When Moses raised his arms on the top of the mountain, Joshua defeated the enemy

- What actually made him successful that day?
- I believe angels were the reason
- They were released that day because Joshua honored his leader
- Angels are released where there is honor, spiritual covering and true spiritual authority
- This is what mandates and mantles are all about
 - Authority
- Kingdom Minded Churches have angels assigned to them
- They are commissioned to help carry out the leaders mandate

New Testament:

The Holy Spirit Commissioned the apostle Paul

- The apostles at Jerusalem sent him out – **Acts 15:22-25**
- His ministry witnessed the effectiveness of being under (submitted to) the covering of true spiritual authority
- Power and authority is released in this way

Acts 19:11–16 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. ¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” ¹⁴ Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. ¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

- Paul’s hanky had more anointing the seven sons of Sceva using Jesus name
- Demons recognize true spiritual authority
- They recognized Jesus and Paul but not the seven sons

When we are in submission to true spiritual authority we are known in heaven and feared in hell

- Angels help us, and demons respect our influence

Luke 7:6–9 (NKJV) The Centurion’s servant

⁶ Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.” ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”

- This gentile was under authority and understood how that worked
- Jesus said He had never seen such great faith

We come into submission to the Father’s mission and we get commissioned

Legitimate, anointed leaders carry and apostolic mission and are responsible to commission the body of Christ

John 6:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 5:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

This is how Apostles (Sent Ones) receive authority

- They yield to the will of God
- They allow Him to carry out His plan through their lives and the lives of those over whom they have authority
- Like the disciples and apostles we need to be sent, not just go

When we submit to Gods authority in this way, angels are commissioned on our behalf

Hebrews 1:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Psalms 103:20–22 (NKJV)

²⁰ Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. ²¹ Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts, *You* ministers of His, who do His pleasure. ²² Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

- The angels heed the voice of His word
- The Church is His voice which declares His word

When we are under authority, pray and prophesy in the name of the Lord, the angels hear and perform it!